

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors:, Mr P Osborne (PO) Chairman, Mr T Lenihan (TL) Vice Chairman, Mr A. Dickinson (AD).

East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier

Rother District Councillor: Cllr Lizzy Hacking

Members of the Public: 1

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: David Stone.	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: AD declared a non pecuniary interest in Tideview House as he had acted for the applicants before their purchase.	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6th May 2021: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier. Keith reported that the County Council had started face to face meetings but only essential business is being dealt with until the Covid restrictions are lifted further. There are several sets of roadworks in progress in the Rye and Winchelsea Beach areas. The Council are reviewing their pothole mending process to ensure this is the most efficient way of dealing with the problem. Currently each pothole is considered and mended in isolation but consideration is being given to a whole area of road being resurfaced if there are several potholes together. The state of the road with continuously emerging potholes in Deadmans Lane leading into Rye was raised and also the recent blocking of the same for the building earthworks being carried out. KG to inform Highways. The vaccination program is continuing to progress well with a good take-up rate amongst those eligible. Rother District Councillor: Lizzy Hacking the new Rother District Councillor for Playden introduced herself. She had nothing immediate to report due to her limited period in this role.	

	PO reported that Rother DC had just had their first face to face cabinet meeting.	
5	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Report</p> <p>Orla had sent an incident list for the last quarter which the Clerk had forwarded to the Councillors. The Councillors agreed that a monthly list would be better as more up to date and it would be useful to be informed of any trend in crime as it happens.</p> <p>TL also reported that in late afternoons there had been boys riding up and down Rye Hill on mopeds/motorbikes. One boy would ride on his back wheel only while another would follow weaving back and forward across the road behind keeping cars away from the front bike. This is of danger both to the boys and other road users.</p> <p>The Clerk to make Orla aware.</p>	Clerk
6	<p>Annual Return and Audit : The councillors unanimously approved the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Certificate of Exemption. b) Standing Orders. c) Financial Regulations d) Risk Assessment e) Review list of fixed assets f) Annual return for year ended 31 March 2021 for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 (Section 1 of annual return) ii) Accounting Statements 2020/21 (Section 2 of annual return) <p>All documents had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting and the accounts internally audited.</p>	
7	<p>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and raise any pertinent issues at this point.</i></p> <p>A member of the public had attended to raise concerns regarding the field between High Bank and Houghton Lea. The Clerk had also received notification of concerns from another Playden resident regarding the same field. There are now several caravans parked in the field, in addition piles of brick rubble, builders materials, tin sheds, old farm machinery and ride on mowers, old tyres etc. In addition a JCB has been excavating what appears to be a road into the field. This has been done at the weekend creating noise. The field is within the High Weald AONB designation. AD had taken photos from the road/field entrance and sent these to the other councillors prior to the council meeting. The Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the planning enforcement team and ask them to investigate as they have powers of entry which the Parish Council does not possess. It was noted that the enforcement team are only dealing with major cases. PO will separately contact them.</p>	Clerk

8	<p>Matters arising from last minutes not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>Houghton Green. AD, his sister and the Clerk have been monitoring the new trees and had watered these through the earlier dry period. There is already a range of native plants to be seen such as Wild Garlic, Forget Me Nots, Dead Nettles, Red Campions, Thistles, buttercups.</p> <p>Following the concerns raised at the last council meeting regarding land near Houghton Green having been sold to a property developer the Clerk researched and paid for Land Registry extracts regarding the current ownership of the land in that area. A section of land had been sold 12 years ago to a local development company but no recent land transactions had taken place.</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence: The Clerk had received an email from Rother DC regarding the Public Spaces Protection Order which expires in November 2021. This relates to nuisance behaviour. It was agreed that this should still apply to Playden. The Clerk to confirm to Rother DC.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>Planning.</p> <p><u>Applications.</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Outcomes.</u></p> <p>None.</p> <p><u>Ongoing:</u></p> <p>RR/2021/708/T Pottons Cottage, Rectory Lane, Playden TN31 7UJ Lime (T1) prune back branches by no more than 3 metres. Undecided.</p> <p>RR/2020/2532/P Tide View, New England lane, Playden, TN31 7NT Demolish entrance porch and replace with new single storey side extension. Construction of new single storey studio building. Proposed alterations to main house including extending lower ground floor to house new garage: and cladding existing elevations Undecided</p> <p>RR/2021/357/O Tide View, New England lane, Playden, TN31 7NT Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey garage extension at lower ground level and erection of a single storey detached studio building. Undecided.</p>	

	<p>RR/2021/281/P. White Willows, Houghton Green Lane, Playden, TN31 7PJ Detached 4 bay garage & attic games room/office and enlargement of existing parking hardstanding. Undecided</p> <p><u>Appeals</u></p> <p>W/4001557 Shellfield : Planning In Principle for 9 houses. Comments made to Inspectorate. Awaiting decision</p>	
10	<p>Accounts Expenditure: a) Clerks wages and expenses – carried forward. b) ‘Parish Protect’ Liability Insurance renewal 1st June 2021: £127.68 ALCC subscription 2020/21: £40.00 All approved.</p> <p>c) Income. None</p>	
11	<p>Parish Councillors reports. TL reported that the hedges at Shellfield are encroaching onto the footpath. The Clerk to write to the owner reminding them of their responsibility to keep perimeter hedges trimmed. AD reported the death of Neil Davenport who had been a past Councillor and Chairman of Playden Parish Council. The Clerk to send a card on behalf of the council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 2nd September 2021.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: