

# PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

### **Present:**

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

**East Sussex County Councillor:** Cllr Keith Glazier (KG)

**Rother District Councillor:** Not present

**Members of the Public:** 0

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Mr D Stone was unable to attend. Rother DC Cllr Lizzy Hacking was unable to attend.	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> PO in respect of the application for Aldie House.	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022:</b> The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	<b>Reports from visiting Councillors:</b>  <b>East Sussex County Councillor:</b> KG reported the that there is a national scheme to register with to house Ukrainian refugees. There are 2 schemes: One for people hosting non families members – the host gets a payment for 6 months and the County Council gets additional funding per refugee to provide support like school places etc. DBS checks are required – a coordinator at ESCC has been put in place. There are some concerns regarding what will happen after 6 months if host families wish refugees to move on – potential additional costs for the District Council to house people. The second scheme is for refugees who are coming to live with family members. There is no payment to the hosts and no additional funding to CC for support. If people want to support Ukrainians it is best to donate money to the national appeal as this can be targeted to the resources most in need.  KG had attended a virtual international conference on decarbonisation of bus transport. The worldwide delegates reported that this is not easy or cheap due to the high cost of electricity and green hydrogen as well as the conversion of vehicles.	

	<p>ESCC had put in a bid for £100m and received £41m to put in bus lanes and has now been given 3 weeks to produce plans.</p> <p><b>Rother District Councillor:</b> Cllr Lizzy Hacking was not at the meeting. PO reported the launch of the Rother DC community lottery and gave out leaflets. Supporters of local organisations buy tickets and the organisations keeps 50% of the ticket sales. Players can win prizes up to £25,000.</p>	
5	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch.</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received an update from Sussex Police. Of specific local interest, a man has been arrested in connection with a series of 17 offences in the Rye area (burglaries and attempted burglaries at businesses and allotments).</p>	
6	<p><b>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></b></p> <p>There were no public members in attendance.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters arising from last minutes not covered elsewhere.</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received confirmation that ESCC Highways are going to repair the potholes in Houghton Lane which had been reported by the Council within the next 5 days.</p> <p>The Clerk has spoken to Care Signs regarding the footpath board and is awaiting a quote for this.</p> <p>The Clerk has been informed that the fallen and lodged tree outside Beacon Oak reported to ESCC Highways by the Council is going to be cut down and removed by UK Power Networks.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>No additional correspondence to that already distributed to the Councillors.</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Planning.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New applications.</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2022/356/P</b>  Firs Orchard, Playden Lane, Playden, TN31 7EZ  Addition of balcony leading from the front bedroom at first floor level.  The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p><b><u>Outcomes.</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	Clerk

	<p><b><u>Ongoing:</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2021/2857/P</b>  Aldie House, Saltbarn Lane, Playden, TN31 7PH  Extension to and conversion of existing barn (outbuilding) into a 2 bedroom dwelling.  Undecided</p> <p><b><u>Appeals</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
10	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure  Clerks salary : carried forward.</p> <p>Reimburse Clerk for the following payments:  Diligence Digital (Website hosting):£120.  123 Reg: Domain name renewal:£19.99  <b>Total: £139.99</b></p> <p>SLCC subscription: <b>£80.00</b>  ESALC (£63.89) and NALC (16.55) subscriptions: <b>£80.44</b>  East Sussex County Council for additional grass cuts: <b>£195.60</b></p> <p>b) Income.  First instalment of parish precept due this month: £2,500.</p> <p>The Councillors discussed and agreed the following expenditure for payment next month:</p> <p>Playden WI: A contribution towards the running costs (affected over the last 2 years by Covid restrictions, and which acts as the Playden Village Hall): Agreed Payment of £200. In addition PO suggested that the Clerk informs the WI that they can apply to Rother DC for a grant towards needed repairs.</p> <p>A Contribution towards the maintenance of the churchyard of St Michael’s Church as this is also the Playden Civil Parish burial ground: Agreed payment of £600 as before.</p> <p>A contribution to the Rother Rural Trust which supports people in the local Rother rural area. The Clerk to write to RRT to request their current situation and demand for assistance before a contribution is decided.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11	<p><b>Parish Councillors reports.</b>  There were no additional reports.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.17pm

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: