

# PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

### **Present:**

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

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

**Rother District Councillor:** Not present

**Members of the Public:** 2

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Lizzy Hacking was unable to attend due to attending another meeting.	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> None	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022:</b> The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	<b>Reports from visiting Councillors:</b>  <b>East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier:</b>  KG reported that Balfour Beatty has been appointed contractor for ESCC Highway works for a period of seven years (cost £297m) with an option to extend for a further seven years (total cost £730m). It is expected that many staff will be TUPEd over to the new employer. Locally a crossing at the end of Military Road will not be possible due to the location but the 'Slow' signs will be renewed.  In LH absence PO reported that Rother DC had put the Town Hall (Bexhill) refurbishment on hold as planning permission had been refused. Closure of the swimming pool at Rye. There had been a public meeting at the pool but no feedback had been given to Rother DC councillors. There is currently a review of Leisure Facilities for the whole of the Rother area which will be sent out for public consultation soon. KG confirmed that ESCC own the land and Freedom Leisure run the Rye Sports Centre including the swimming pool. The running costs had increased considerably due to the increase in fuel prices and made continuing unviable. DS questioned if the costs of 'mothballing' the pool had been taken into account as there would need to be ongoing maintenance to prevent the facility from deteriorating.	

5	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch.</b></p> <p>There has been no update received since the area PCSO left. The Clerk is awaiting details of meetings to be set up by Matthew Champion to talk to parish council representatives. The councillors had not heard of any recent crimes in the parish.</p>	
6	<p><b>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>The period allocated to this is a maximum of 15 minutes.</i></b></p> <p>The lack of a footpath or lighting from the main road to the school was raised by a member of the public. Over the winter months it is dangerous for children walking to school and a deterrent to people going out in the evening by foot.</p> <p>KG reported that ESCC has no statutory requirement to provide lighting in rural areas and roads. There had not been any serious pedestrian injuries or deaths on the road.</p> <p>AD reported that this had been investigated in the past and the road is not wide enough to provide a footpath so land would need to be purchased from the neighbouring landowners. It was also noted that the road is flanked by ditches in many places.</p> <p>PO reported that if street lighting and footpaths were to be provided the installation, maintenance and running costs would need to be paid for by Playden Parish residents and would result in a much higher parish precept.</p> <p>It was remarked that many rural homeowners appreciated the lack of lighting and dark skies.</p> <p>It was also mentioned by another public attendee that there was a school bus available to take school children to and from the primary school and most were taken by car as many children attending were not local.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters arising from last minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> October and not covered elsewhere.</b></p> <p>PO reported that his contact can not trim along the footpath hedges along the main Rye road as their equipment is too large. See also correspondence below.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received a letter from the owner of Sandrock House following a visit by the Clerk of Rye Foreign Parish Council who had requested that the owner trim back the hedge/vegetation bordering the footpath along the main road to Rye. Though he has paid for a gardener to do this he disputes that this strip of land is his to maintain and states that it is outside his boundary and is owned by ESCC. The owner has requested Playden Parish Council confirm that this is correct.</p> <p>KG asked the Clerk to pass on the details and he would request James Kelly (the ESCC highways officer for the Playden area) to visit.</p>	Clerk

9	<p><b><u>Planning.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New applications.</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Ongoing:</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2022/1944/P</b>  <b>Aldie House, Saltbarn Lane, Playden TN31 7PH</b>  Extension to and conversion of an existing barn (outbuilding) into a 2 bedroom dwelling for holiday accommodation.  <b>Undecided</b></p> <p><b><u>Outcomes.</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2022/1833/P</b>  <b>Fuggles, Houghton Green Lane, Playden TM31 7PL</b>  Erection of agricultural storage barn.  <b>Refused</b></p> <p><b>RR/2022/1945/P</b>  <b>Orchard House, New England Lane. Playden TN31 7NT</b>  Demolition of existing semi-dilapidated outbuilding inc. double garage and ancillary stores to replace with a new two-storey outbuilding.  <b>Refused</b></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>b) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p><b>Parish Councillors reports.</b></p> <p>None</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: