

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Clerk: Mrs Lesley Voice, C/O 1 The Grove, Rye, TN31 7ND. Tel: 07767 221704

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st December 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: 3 plus speaker

	Item	Action
1	<p>To accept apologies for absence: Lizzy Hacking was unable to attend due to attending another meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None</p>	
3	<p>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 3rd November 2022: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.</p>	
4	<p>Reports from visiting Councillors:</p> <p>East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier:</p> <p>KG had prior to the meeting sent through the monthly report to the council.</p> <p>KG in addition reported that ESCC are awaiting how much new money would be put into Social Care and Education. This should be known in late December. There can be a 2.99% Adult Social Care increase within the council tax and a 4.99% total increase. The Council cannot roll over any money into the next fiscal year.</p> <p>KG reported that East Sussex has the highest number of over 85's in the country which results in more care costs.</p> <p>PO mentioned there appeared to be a forthcoming road closure of Readers Lane but it was unclear what diversions were in place. KG to ask for any information to be passed onto the Clerk</p> <p>In LH absence PO reported that there will be a 3% increase in Rother District Council (RDC) council tax.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Committee had discussed the closure of the Rye swimming pool. Freedom Leisure's running costs have increased from £8million to £20million across all their sites in Rother. The Rye pool had had usage of</p>	

	<p>80-85% of pre-covid usage. Before and after work opening hours had been restricted since reopening and this may have had an impact on numbers. There is a £80,000 shortfall with the pool closed. The facilities at Bexhill used to subsidise Rye.</p> <p>There is a Rother District Council Leisure Provision consultation until the 20th December. There is Government assistance to businesses across the whole sector but has not been targeted to those most in need.</p> <p>£600,000 of RDC Community Infrastructure Levy has been allocated to green upgrades to village halls. The Clerk confirmed the the Playden WI hall has been contacted.</p>	
5	<p>Hot food and warm space: Barry Nealon (BN) (Rye, Winchelsea and District Memorial Hospital) presented on what the HUB on Rye Hill can provide for Playden Parish and also provided updates on the Hospital.</p> <p>Following on from the reports above BN reported that the hospital had spent £700 on solar panels which has saved £45,000 per year.</p> <p>The HUB as a community centre is reaching out into the local community and will provide a free cup of tea and coffee and a warm place to sit for people in need. They are also providing vouchers for one adult and up to three children for a meal. He asked that if any of the councillors know of anyone in need they should contact the HUB for vouchers.</p> <p>BN also informed the meeting that the Hospital had been struggling to recruit nurses and had been seriously in danger of having to close. Most of their staff are not local and there is a lack of affordable rented accommodation within easy access of the Hospital. In the Rye area accommodation is used for more lucrative holiday lets during the summer and they are in need of accommodation from the end of March. He asked if anyone knew of suitable accommodation to contact him.</p> <p>BN reported that there had been delays in the building of the care home on the site but if hopeful that work will start in the spring.</p>	
6	<p>Neighbourhood Watch.</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>	
7	<p>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>The period allocated to this is a maximum of 15 minutes.</i></p> <p>It was mentioned that a couple of bags of rubbish had been dumped but these had now been removed.</p>	

12	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure Clerks salary : carried forward.</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>None</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 5th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: