

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor: Not present

Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor: Cllr Lizzy Hacking (LH)

Members of the Public: 2

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier (KG)	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 2nd February 2023: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Councillor: Not present Rother District Councillor: LH mentioned the launch of the 'debate not hate' campaign to promote better behaviour at meetings. The pay rise offered to Rother District Council staff has been turned down.	
5	Neighbourhood Watch. There has been no update received since the Area PCSO left. The Clerk is still awaiting details of meetings to be set up to talk to parish council representatives. The councillors had not heard of any recent crimes in the parish.	
6	Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>The period allocated to this is a maximum of 15 minutes.</i> A public attendee raised the deselection of Sally-Ann Hart (MP for Hasting and Rye) by the local Conservative committee. PO reported that the wider local Conservative membership will now have a vote on her selection to represent them at the next general election. The same member of public also raised the amount of money being spent on the continuing maintenance of the De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill	

	<p>when other areas required funding. PO responded that there had been a grant application under the Levelling Up government initiative. This had initially been turned down. A further application had been made combined with the deprived area of Sidley. This has resulted in a grant of £19.3 million of which £17million will be put towards a major refurbishment programme. Rother District Council hope that after the planned refurbishment they will be able to reduce the funding allocated to maintenance of the building</p> <p>It had been noted that the large oak tree adjoining Beacon Oak which had been awaiting felling by the power network had now been removed from the house boundary and the smaller branches taken away. However, the thick main trunk had been left on the grass between the public footpath and the road. It is expected that some will be taken away for logs.</p> <p>TL reported that a tree with Ash die back had dropped a branch onto the public footpath/highway on the main road opposite Point Hill (Rye Town Council). PO to report.</p> <p>DS reported that the Rye -Peasmarsh road would be closed temporarily next to his house for the removal of a dangerous tree on 20th March.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 6th January 2023 and not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>None.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence: The Clerk had received information regarding commemorative mugs and other items for the Coronation and she asked the councillors if the Council had considered giving mugs to the pupils of Playden Primary School. The Council agreed in principle to do this subject to the Clerk obtaining information from the school regarding pupil numbers and the cost of the mugs. The Clerk to report back to the Councillors before the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><u>Planning.</u></p> <p><u>New Applications.</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Ongoing:</u></p> <p>RR/2022/1611/P 115 Military Road, Rye tennis Club, Playden. TN31 7NY Outline application for the erection of a new covered structure to provide 3 new indoor tennis courts. Parish Council comments submitted Undecided</p>	

	<p><u>Outcomes.</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Appeals.</u></p> <p>None</p>	
12	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – To approve the following expenditure: Clerks wages for 1st March 2022 to 28 February 2023: £1,657.50. The Clerk requested that she wished to waive her salary and that this amount should be sent to the Rye Food Bank instead. This was agreed by the Councillors.</p> <p>Clerks expenses for 1st March 2022 to 28 February 2023: £297.00</p> <p>a) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>None</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 6th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: