

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 1st June 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: Cllr Keith Glazier (KG)

Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor: Not present

Members of the Public: 2

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Rother District Councillor: Cllr Lizzy Hacking (holiday).	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th May 2023: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor: Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier. The new Highways contractor, Balfour Beatty has now taken over the Highways maintenance role and has moved some previously outsourced services such grass cutting back in house. KG had walked round the local roads with James from the Highways team and showed him the areas of concern, potholes, stolen and damaged manhole covers including one that spurts water with rainfall, and where there is debris on the road from the potholes. ESCC has received £18.1 million extra for road repair and an extra £5 million per year going forward. The public should continue to report any potholes. PO mentioned that where one repair was made the repair looked good but debris had been left and not removed. Rother District Councillor: Cllr Lizzy Hacking was absent and an update was provided by PO. Following the recent local elections there are changes in roles within the council. There is now a 10 person cabinet. PO remains the Scrutiny Committee chairman. There have been slight changes in the Council's management structure. The council has to make savings of £2 million. How this is to achieved is currently unknown.	

	The recent water supply outage affecting part of Playden and areas to the west was discussed and the positioning of water bottle supplies.	
5	<p>Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>There had been a general communication regarding the structure of the PCSO's for the Rother area which the Clerk had passed onto the Councillors. The Clerk is still awaiting details of meetings to be set up to talk to Parish Council representatives for the Rye area.</p>	
6	<p>Annual Return and Audit :</p> <p>The following documents had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>They were approved unanimously by the council and signed appropriately:</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 2023 for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 (Section 1 of annual return) ii) Accounting Statements 2022/23 (Section 2 of annual return). 	
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>A member of the public had attended to ask about the state of the local roads and Highways plans for repair. This had already been covered in the ESCC Councillor's report above.</p> <p>The savings of 2 million by RDC was also commented on.</p> <p>The lack of grass cutting was remarked upon. KG said that the parish cut was due later in the month and would send the Clerk a link to check dates.</p>	
8	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 11th May 2023 and not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>None</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Clerk had been informed of a new on-demand bus transport service for rural areas which has been set up by ESCC and funded by the Department for Transport. This is called FlexiBus and operates in ten regional areas across East Sussex. It operates between 7am and 7pm Monday to Fridays. Fares are £2 for a single journey and £4 for a return. £5 for a day pass.</p>	
10	<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>RR/2023/659/P Starlock House – Land South West of, Military Road, Playden TN31 7PH Use of land for the stationing of 5 shepherds huts for tourism use and associated works. Undecided</p> <p><u>Outcomes.</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Appeals.</u></p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>i) Clerks wages and expenses – carried forward</p> <p>ii) ‘Parish Protect’ Liability insurance renewal 1st June 2022: £466.32</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
12	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>None</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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

Signed:

Chairman

Date: