

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 7th September 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: Cllr Lizzy Hacking (LH)

Members of the Public: 1

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: None	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6th July 2023: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier reported that there was a new Highways Steward for the area who had just been confirmed in position. KG to send details to the Clerk as she has not been notified. KG is due to have a meeting with them. There is only one school that has been confirmed as having RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete). Following the recent ESCC elections for two councillors the Conservatives have no overall control. As the split of committee members is in proportion to the council's split between different parties there will be some minor amendments. KG confirmed that Tilling Green will be used for autumn Covid booster vaccinations. Rother District Councillor: Cllr Lizzy Hacking reported that the main contentious issue is the housing of asylum seekers at Bexhill. This is now going to be a secure establishment which should be more acceptable for residents nearby. PO commented on the car parking charges for the central car park at Camber beach and reports that this has reduced visitor numbers. PO advised that not all	KG

	car parks at Camber are subject to the higher charges and that a period of cooler and wetter weather had also affected visitor numbers.	
5	Neighbourhood Watch. The Clerk is still awaiting details of meetings to be set up to talk to Parish Council representatives for the Rye area.	
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 parishioner asked about the recent meeting regarding the sale of the Bell at Iden. PO reported that there had been about 100 attendees at a public meeting. It has been granted the status of 'a Public Amenity' by Rother District Council. It is eligible for grants as a community owned building. However the village will need to raise the money to buy it. The same parishioner also commented that the intake numbers to Playden School has gone down and wondered if the price of property in the parish was preventing family's with younger children from living nearby.	
7	Matters arising from minutes of 6th July 2023 and not covered elsewhere. PO reported that he had emailed the Enforcement Team (Dan Bevan) regarding the continuing movement of hardcore into the field next to High Bank off Houghton Lane but has also not had a response. PO and Teresa Munro (Rye Foreign Parish councillor and ex vicar of St Michael's Church Playden) had presented the Coronation mugs to the Children of St Michael's CE Primary School Playden after the leavers service on behalf of the two parish councils. These had been appreciated by both pupils and parents.	
8	Correspondence: The Clerk had received an email from a parishioner today informing her that a highways school sign had been lying in the ditch at the Iden end of the green all summer and has not been re-erected prior to the start of the school year. KG said that he would report it to the new Highways Steward when he meets them.	KG
9	<u>Planning.</u> <u>New Applications.</u> RR/2023/1769/O Holly Cottage, Randolphs Lane, Playden TN31 7PR Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed installation of flooring and timber stud walls to existing garage: installation of new plasterboard to stud walls and existing ceiling joists to form a home/office study. For information, awaiting planning team decision RR/2023/1768/O Holly Cottage, Randolphs Lane, Playden TN31 7PR Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed works to a listed building including installation of flooring and timber stud walls to existing	

	<p>garage: installation of new plasterboard to stud walls and existing ceiling joists to form a home/office study For information, awaiting planning team decision</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. Undecided</p> <p><u>Outcomes.</u></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. Approved with conditions.</p> <p><u>Appeals</u></p> <p>None</p>	
10	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerks wages and expenses – carried forward ii) Contribution towards Churchyard maintenance at St Michael’s Church (used as Playden Parish burial ground) £600. iii) Rother Rural Trust £200. iv) WI Hall hire for year £100. <p>b) Income.</p> <p>Half year precept of £2,000 received.</p>	
11	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>PO reported that there had been an Environment Agency bulldozer working near the Tennis Court with clay being bought in for the new banks and the use of a vibrating roller.</p> <p>TL informed the council that he will not be able to attend the next council meeting as he will be on holiday.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.58pm

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

Signed:

Chairman

Date: