

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 December 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mr P Osborne (PO) Chairman, Mr T Lenihan (TL) Vice Chairman, 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: 2

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Mr D Stone (DS)	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: AD in respect of Saltcote Place.	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5th October 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 Highway repairs were an ongoing burden on resources. There is a new hub at Ringmer using new technology to monitor problems. Links to the info will be rolled out. Money needs to be found for school transport. 75% of revenue is spent on services for children and the elderly. There is a meeting coming up between the representatives of the County Councils and central government (Michael Gove) regarding the shortfall of funding. Next year's County Council Council tax is due to increase by 4.99% (2.99% plus 2% for adult social care). The council has received £1.6 million for this and next year to mend potholes Rother District Councillor: Cllr Lizzy Hacking reported that Rother District Council (RDC) is due to have a budget overspend of 2.8 million this year and has estimated a budget shortfall of 3.8 million next year. RDC staff have rejected the latest pay plus bonus award offer. At Camber Pontins is being sold. RDC own the site which cannot be developed for housing due to the flood risk.	
5	Neighbourhood Watch. No communication received.	

6	<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 reported that there had been a theft of the metal (copper) cabling whilst new communication posts and generation were being installed.</p> <p>As reported last month there was now an accumulation of gravel and stones that had been washed down by recent rain to the corner at the southern end of Houghton Lane near to Stileman’s Well. This has been reported by a resident. KG to send details to the new Highway Steward.</p>	KG
7	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 5th October 2023 and not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>None.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Clerk had received notification of a road closure on Houghton Green Lane for 560m from the junction of Military Road to the junction of Houghton Lane. 4 days from 12th to 14th February 2024.</p>	
9	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>New Applications since last meeting:</u></p> <p>RR/2023/2089/P Aldie House, Saltbarn Lane, Playden TN31 7PH Raised timber deck to rear of house.</p> <p>Council supported approval.</p> <p>RR/2023/2215/O Saltcote Place, Saltcote Lane, Playden, TN31 7NR. (Retrospective) Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of the property, including the property’s grounds as a combination of uses comprising an events venue for various occasions, including but not limited to, weddings, anniversary celebrations and celebrations of life, also the erection of marquees in the grounds on an occasional basis, in addition to guest accommodation and use as a bed and breakfast, with residential accommodation (Sui Generis).</p> <p>The Parish Council could confirm that the business has been carried out as detailed for several years. Future use should be on the same basis for the consideration of neighbours.</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.</p>	

	<p>Undecided</p> <p><u>Outcomes.</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Appeals</u></p> <p>None</p>	
10	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages and expenses – carried forward</p> <p>RALC membership subscription and access to Parish Online mapping: £79.00</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>TL had noticed that the hedge at Playden Forge had grown out again. PO reported that he had a tree blown over.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 4th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: