

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 February 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors:, Mr T Lenihan (TL) Vice Chairman, Mr A. Dickinson (AD), Mr D Stone (DS)
East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Cllr Keith Glazier.
Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor: Not present
Members of the Public: 2

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Mr P Osborne (PO) Chairman Cllr Lizzy Hacking (Rother District Council Councillor) (LH).	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4th January 2024 The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by TL.	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier reported that a highways officer had visited and identified 16 defects which will be attended to and Rother District Council will be contacted to clear the loose gravel. There will be another Highways Steward appointed following the promotion of the current steward. ESCC council have been working on the 2024/5 budget and this is to be brought for approval next Tuesday. Some other County Councils are cutting staff to reduce costs. The Government is giving an extra £600 million to be distributed across England and ESCC will get a share. Costs relating to children now exceed the support of elderly residents. The annual cost of an individual support package for a child can be up to £1 million. Fostering is being encouraged and promoted. There is between 6 to 7 hundred children in care costing about £200 million a year (a £25 million overspend). Though the cost of living wage increase does not directly affect ESCC as no directly paid staff is on this level there will be an increase in the outsourced social care costs where staff are the minimum wage.	

	Rother District Councillor: Cllr Lizzy Hacking could not attend.	
5	Neighbourhood Watch. No communication received.	
6	Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>The period allocated to this is a maximum of 15 minutes.</i> The field near High Bank remains in the same condition.	
7	Matters arising from minutes of 4th January 2024 and not covered elsewhere. None.	
8	Correspondence: The Clerk had received an email from a mother whose children attend Playden Primary School. She reports that cars are speeding past the school and she has put in a request (with the support with other mothers and the school) to have the speed limit reduced from unrestricted (60mph) to 30mph on the approach and past the school. She also had reported that the yellow signs on the road had faded and needed repainting. The councillors noted that a reduced speed limit has been raised before and ESCC Highways had given reasons for this not to be possible including non enforcement. The Councillors agreed that the Council would support this request and KG agreed to pass the parish council's comments on if sent to him. The Clerk to draft wording in support for the councillors to approve and then send to KG. The Clerk had also been sent a photo of a dog user who regularly uses the churchyard for exercising his dog off the lead throwing balls amongst the gravestones. There are notices in the graveyard stating dogs should be on leads. It was also reported that the same man let his dog run loose in the Butt Field when sheep are grazing there. The correspondent asked if the Parish Council could help with preventing him from doing this. The man was recognised and TL said that he would speak to him when he next saw him dog walking.	Clerk
9	Planning <u>New Applications</u> None <u>Ongoing:</u> RR/2023/2484/P 62 Military Road, Swiss Cottage, Rye, TN31 7NY Erection of Dwelling. Resubmission with additional reports including geotechnical report. Undecided	

	<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>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 marques in the grounds on an occasional basis, in addition to guest accommodation and use as a bed and breakfast, with residential accommodation (Sui Generis). 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: Clerks wages and expenses – carried forward Rother District Council - Cost of uncontested election : £139.97</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 7th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: