

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

### Present:

**Councillors:**, Mr P Osborne (PO) Chairman, 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	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Lizzy Hacking (Rother District Council Councillor) (LH).	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> None	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b> The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	<b>Reports from visiting Councillors:</b>  <b>East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor:</b> Cllr Keith Glazier reported that a new Highway Steward for the area has been appointed. KG to send their details to the Clerk. KG has passed his monthly newsletter to the Clerk who distributed it at the meeting. There was discussion regarding the closure at the Rye end of Military Road due to the recent landslips. The earth had been removed from the highway but barriers still closed off the road though it was noted that some drivers had been moving these to drive past on the pavement opposite. The owners of the land have been given seven days to come up with a plan to stabilise their site but have not yet done so. Emergency vehicles are able to remove the barriers. It was also noted that the Environment Agency vehicles cannot divert via Appledore as there is a weak bridge. The road is currently listed as being closed to the end of May but should hopefully be open soon. There have been several landslips in the Rye area due to the very wet winter. ESCC have 30 road gangs out mending potholes. If a repair is temporary this will have a seal round the top edge. A permanent repair will have a vertical seal and not a noticeable top edge seal.	

	<p><b>Rother District Councillor:</b> Cllr Lizzy Hacking could not attend. PO mentioned that RDC shall be bringing in collection of food waste separately. This is anticipated to start in late 2025.</p>	
5	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch.</b></p> <p>No communication received.</p>	
6	<p><b>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>The period allocated to this is a maximum of 15 minutes.</i></b></p> <p>The Rye Foreign Clerk reported that a lorry had damaged the telecoms cover at the Iden Road junction. She has reported this.</p> <p>A member of the public mentioned that there were continuing problems with the outfall of a field adjoining Houghton Lane which has been reported in the past. The water from this is contributing to the damage and holing of the lane. A cone has been put in the road to warn users of the Lane.</p> <p>It was noted that a stream is overflowing near Broomhill, Bowler Town. DS reported that he has a small stream through his land which he is keeping flowing.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters arising from minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and not covered elsewhere.</b></p> <p>TL had seen the man with the dog discussed at the last meeting and reminded him that dogs should be kept on a lead in the churchyard and in the Butt Field when there are sheep grazing.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received an further email from the parent requesting more speed safety measures for Playden Primary School. The yellow warning signs on the road have been repainted and some additional ones have been added.</p> <p>The Clerk had been contacted by a resident who lives near the WI Hall complaining that users of the hall have been parking in the parking areas that the residents use rather than in the WI Hall car park. The Clerk had responded that the parish council did not run the hall and offered to send her concerns onto the WI.</p> <p>The same resident mentioned having trouble with the planning department at RDC. The Clerk had responded that no planning application had come onto the weekly lists for the councillors to discuss.</p> <p>The Clerk had requested and received a quote for cutting the grass at the Houghton Green triangle. The cost for Tony Heritage to do the usual cut will be the same as last year £420. The councillors agreed to this. The Clerk to confirm acceptance.</p> <p>It had been decided at the recent Butt Field Trustee meeting to ask if the Council would be willing to assist them by paying a contribution towards the liability insurance cost. The cost of the Insurance cover for 2023/4 was £182. The only regular source of income is the grazing licence which has been put up to £120 from £100 this year (the market rate). This leaves a shortfall of at least £60 depending on the Insurance cost for 2024/5. It was noted by the councillors that the field is used as an amenity space for Playden residents and benches have been provided for sitting. The</p>	Clerk

	councillors agreed that the Parish Council would pay the shortfall up to a maximum of £100.	
9	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b><u>New Applications</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>Ongoing:</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2023/2484/P</b>  <b>62 Military Road, Swiss Cottage, Rye, TN31 7NY</b>  Erection of Dwelling.  Resubmission with additional reports including geotechnical report.  In Rye Town Council area but beneath Playden residents housing in New England Lane.  <b>Undecided</b></p> <p><b>RR/2022/1611/P</b>  <b>115 Military Road, Rye tennis Club, Playden. TN31 7NY</b>  Outline application for the erection of a new covered structure to provide 3 new indoor tennis courts.  <b>Undecided</b></p> <p><b>RR/2023/2215/O</b>  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).  <b>Undecided</b></p> <p><b><u>Outcomes.</u></b></p> <p><b>None</b></p> <p><b><u>Appeals</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
10	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>a) <b>Expenditure</b> – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024: £1,537.50.  Donated to the Rye Food Bank</p> <p>Clerks expenses for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 £297.00</p> <p>SLCC Subscription for 2024-5: £ 76.00</p> <p>Diligence Digital – Hosting of website £130.00. Reimbursement of Clerk</p>	

	<b>b) Income.</b>  None	
11	<b>Parish Councillors reports.</b>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: