

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 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):** Cllr Keith Glazier (KG)

**Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor:** Not present.

**Members of the Public:** 1

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Lizzy Hacking (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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.</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. KG confirmed that the ESCC element of the Council Tax would be increasing by 4.99%. £12 million has been taken out of reserves to assist in balancing the Council's budget but this still leaves a shortfall of £12 million which require a cut in services including the closure of day centres and reducing home care assistance. The budget has been called in for scrutiny but KG reported that no one has come up with any alternatives so far. KG is meeting the Secretary of State next week to discuss the proposed Council devolution  <b>Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor:</b> Cllr Lizzy Hacking was not present. PO reported that work on Council devolution is progressing.	
5	<b>Neighbourhood Watch.</b> No information received.	

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 Clerk of Rye Foreign Parish Council (attending) raised the ongoing problem with drivers going over the speed limits along the main road into Rye. Rye Foreign PC are going to write to ESCC regarding this and request a lower limit. The councillors agreed to support this but thought it was unlikely that Highways would make any changes without there being a serious accident. PO reported that Peasmarsh Parish Council had been monitoring the speed of motorists through their village and despite signage record up to 36,000 vehicles speeding a month.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters arising from minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 and not covered elsewhere.</b></p> <p>None</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Applications</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2024/1392/P Crabapple Cottage – Land at, Houghton Green Lane, Playden TN31 7PL</b>  Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of self-contained dwelling (alternative to planning permission RR/2024/1392/P)  The rapid change from car port and store to holiday let to full time accommodation was discussed. Comments to be put onto planning site</p> <p><b><u>Ongoing:</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>Outcomes.</u></b></p> <p><b>For Information only:</b>  <b>RR/2025/313/FN</b>  Proposed agricultural storage building  Land at Scots Float, Military Road, Playden. TN31 7PH  <b>The proposed storage building is considered permitted development and prior approval is not required</b></p> <p><b><u>Appeals</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	Clerk

10	<b>Accounts</b>  a) <b>Expenditure</b> – to approve the following expenditure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 123 Reg Renewal of domain name : Reimbursement of Clerk : £31.84</li> <li>• East Sussex Association of Local Councils (£69.96) and National Association of Local Councils (£20.18). Total £90.14. Subscription for 2025-26.</li> <li>• Balance of hire cost for WI Hall up to end August 2025 to take into account the increase in hire charges from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025: £48.00</li> </ul> b) <b>Income.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precept for half year due 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 : £2,500.</li> </ul>	
11	<b>Parish Councillors reports.</b> None. It was noted that the Shepherds Huts that had been approved as holiday accommodation had arrived at Starlock House in Military Road.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING and ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: