

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 5th June 2025 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) Not present

Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor: Not present

Members of the Public: 1

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Lizzy Hacking (Rother District Council Councillor) (LH). Cllr Keith Glazier (East Sussex County Councillor) (KG).	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 1st May 2025. The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor: Not present Rother District Councillor: Not present . PO reported that the 2 nd homes Council Tax had now come into effect at a 100% premium. Changes to Council Tax for holiday lets will be introduced later.	
5	Neighbourhood Watch. There is a generic email address to contact the local PCSO's:rother@sussex.police.uk	
6	Annual Return and Audit : To approve the following : a) Certificate of Exemption. b) Standing Orders. c) Financial Regulations d) Risk Assessment e) Review list of fixed assets f) Annual return for year ended 31 March 2025 for approval:	

	<p>i) Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 (Section 1 of annual return)</p> <p>ii) Accounting Statements 2024/25 (Section 2 of annual return)</p> <p>All documents had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>All documents were approved unanimously.</p>	
7	<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>The Rye Foreign parish clerk had spoken to police at the hub. They are working on the increase in scams.</p> <p>It was noted that the hedgerows were becoming a problem again but can not be cut due to the bird nesting season.</p>	
8	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 1st May 2025 and not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>None</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Rother District Council have asked for views on the proposed council devolution. The proposal put forward by East Sussex County Council is to have a single unitary authority on the existing boundaries of East Sussex County Council and the five boroughs/districts of Eastbourne, Hastings, Lewes, Rother and Wealden. The unitary council would serve a population of about 550,000 and would operate the services that the six councils currently provide.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should respond and support the suggested devolution proposal.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p><u>New Applications</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Ongoing:</u></p> <p>RR/2025/498/O Corner House, Rye Road, Playden TN31 7UL Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as residential garden land falling within the curtilage of Corner House.</p> <p>Undecided</p> <p><u>Outcomes.</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Appeals</u></p> <p>None</p>	
11	Accounts	

	<p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages carried forward ESCC invoice for additional 4 grass cuts :£336.80 Ken Heritage Agricultural Contractor for annual cutting of Houghton Green £504.00</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
12	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>AD reported that the new trees at Houghton Green were looking healthy. It had been reported that a footpath/bridleway had been blocked at Boomshill Lane. PO mentioned that this had been raised at Iden Parish Council meeting but believed this was not being reported. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate and report if necessary. TL reported that cameras were being installed at the car park for Poppyfield to monitor that cars that use the car park</p>	Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.04pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 3rd July 2025 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: