

# 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> July 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

### Present:

**Councillors:**, Mr P Osborne (PO) Chairman, Mr T Lenihan (TL) Vice Chairman, Mr David Stone (DS) Mr A. Dickinson (AD).

**East Sussex County Council (ESCC)** Not present

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

**Members of the Public: 0**

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Lizzy Hacking (Rother District Council Councillor) (LH). Cllr Keith Glazier (East Sussex County Councillor) (KG).	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> None	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025.</b>  DS reported that he had been left off those attending. The minutes were amended and then unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	<b>Reports from visiting Councillors:</b>  <b>East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor:</b> Not present  <b>Rother District Councillor:</b> Not present . PO reported that the devolution plan is required to be completed and sent	
5	<b>Neighbourhood Watch.</b>  No report. There is a generic email address to contact the local PCSO's:rother@sussex.police.uk	
6	<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> No matters raised.	
7	<b>Matters arising from minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and not covered elsewhere.</b>	

	<p>The Clerk has received a letter from East Sussex Rights of Way team in response to the Clerks email regarding the blocked footpath and unusable bridleway on the border of Playden of Iden and Playden, footpath Playden 14 and bridleway Iden 30b. This stated that the bridleway had been blocked for a long time (30 years) but has been kept cleared enough for use as a footpath (last landslip cleared in January 2024). Footpath 14 has been blocked by the same gate for some time (picture provided in 2018). Because of this there is unlikely be a quick resolution. There are three landowners involved who may dispute the footpath Playden 14. The team will approach the landowners and will investigate once the officer for the area returns to work after breaking a leg. An update should be given to the parish council by September.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had received information regarding proposed changes to planning appeals. To make the appeals process quicker the planning inspector will decide the appeal on the same basis and information as the planning application was decided. The main parties will not submit new evidence for the appeal. This means that for the majority of cases there will be no opportunity for statutory consultees such as parish councils to submit additional evidence. Expected to take effect from the end of 2025.</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New Applications</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>Ongoing:</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2025/498/O Corner House, Rye Road, Playden TN31 7UL</b> Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as residential garden land falling within the curtilage of Corner House.</p> <p><b>Undecided</b></p> <p><b><u>Outcomes.</u></b></p> <p>None</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 carried forward</p> <p>b) <b>Income.</b></p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p><b>Parish Councillors reports.</b></p> <p>AD reported that he had been asked to give an illustrated talk about Playden to the WI to support the WI Hall..</p>	

	TL reported that the WI would like to dispose of the piano in the hall and asked if the other councillors knew of anyone who would like it. He also reported the footpaths becoming overgrown but due to it still being the bird nesting season hedge cutting can not be done.	
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19pm

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: