

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 4th September 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) Cllr Keith Glaizer

Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor: Not present

Members of the Public: 2

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: 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 3rd July 2025. The minutes were unanimously agreed and signed by PO	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor: Cllr Keith Glaizer KG had driven down Houghton Green Lane and had made a note of the potholes. There had been some English and Union Jack flags attached to lamp posts in some areas of East Sussex and red crosses painted on some mini roundabouts and crossings. When council workers had gone out to repaint these some workers had been threatened and verbally abused and had subsequently been withdrawn due to this intimidation. Devolution: Work is continuing on the plans and is due for submission to the government on 26 th September 2025. Brighton and Hove city council are drawing up with a separate plan which is due to be released on 12 th September 2025, No consultation has been undertaken with East or West Sussex. Long term devolution should have cost savings but only to back office costs not front line. These savings are based on areas of approx. 500,000 people, if smaller cost savings will be less. Work has started on planning next year's budget. There are escalating costs in providing elderly and children care packages such as taxis to school (£28 million a year).	

	<p>Rother District Councillor: Not present .</p> <p>PO reported that it has been a quiet period. PO reported that repairs done to the potholes outside the WI Hall had been done properly and were of good quality.</p>	
5	<p>Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>There is a generic email address to contact the local PCSO's:rother@sussex.police.uk</p>	
6	<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>It was reported that there is now a broken edge of the pavement about a metre long between the Corner House and Hooks. KG to report to the highways officer.</p> <p>It was also reported that there were wooden posts which had rotted and fallen opposite the bus stop and these should be removed. KG to report to highways.</p> <p>The BID charge being applied to businesses in Rye was also raised and if it was enforceable.</p> <p>Congratulations were proposed by TL and seconded by AD in respect of the OBE awarded to KG recently for his services to local government.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 3rd July 2025 and not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>None.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>.</p>	
9	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p><u>New Applications</u></p> <p>RR/2025/1577/P Brookgate, Folkstone Road, East Guldford, Playden, TN31 7PB Variation of conditions 2 and 3 imposed on RR/2024/919/P</p> <p>The Council has no objection to these changes.</p> <p><u>Ongoing:</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Outcomes.</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. Lawful DC approved</p>	

	<u>Appeals</u> None	
10	Accounts a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure: Invoice for setting up new parish council website (delivered for checking and amending) from Parish Online £432.00. Invoice for Parish Online Mapping Service for year : £42.00. Clerks wages carried forward b) Income. Half year precept due 1 st September 2025: £2,500	
11	Parish Councillors reports. TL reported a damaged gate post on the footpath by Wren’s Cottage. Needs repair/ replacement. Clerk to report. TL also reported that the Lookout Hotel in Rye are providing a meal at no cost for isolated people.	Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.24pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 2nd October 2025 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: