

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 February 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors:, Mr Tony Lenihan Vice Chairman (TL), 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: 19

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Lizzy Hacking (Rother District Council Councillor) (LH). Cllr Keith Glazier (East Sussex County Council) (KG). Cllr Paul Osbourn (Chairman Playden Parish Council) (PO).	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4th December 2026. The minutes were unanimously agreed and signed by TL	
4	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Councillor: Not present. Rother District Councillor (LH): Not present .	
10	Rother Local Plan Consultation. 26th January 2026 to 23rd March 2026. Item 10 from the agenda was brought forward due to the public interest in this. The two allocations as proposed by Rother District Council were discussed by the Councillors, parish residents present, and the two land owners of one of the proposed sites. There were various objections raised to both sites. The local residents were encouraged to put in individual comments regarding the sites. The deadline for comments is 5pm on 23 rd March 2026. The Parish Councillors agreed that the clerk should draft a letter to go out to all residents highlighting the consultation. Also to draft	

	<p>comments of objection on behalf of the Parish Council on the following grounds: Highways, street lighting, surface water, settlement character, and listed buildings settings (both sites) and additionally WI Hall parking (PLA1) and surgery pressure (both sites) and archaeology (PLA2).After agreement by the councillors to submit to Rother District Council.</p>	Clerk
5	<p>Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>No report. 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. The period allocated to this is a maximum of 15 minutes.</p> <p>None</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from minutes of 4th December 2025 and not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>None.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>None</p>	
9	<p>Report by AD on a seminar for Town and Parish Councils on the draft new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</p> <p>AD informed the other councillors on the proposed changes relevant to Playden Parish Council including focus on intensification in settlements, limited infilling between groups of houses and presumption in favour of development within reasonable walking distance of railway stations (not defined and focused on areas closer to major employment centres).</p>	
11	<p>Parish Precept for 2026-7.</p> <p>The council decided to keep the precept unchanged.</p>	
12	<p><u>New Applications</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Ongoing:</u></p> <p>RR/2025/1849/FULL Land to the north of Saltcote Lane, Playden, East Sussex</p> <p>Proposed construction of a new build, single-storey family dwelling with associated landscaping.</p> <p>Extended decision date 21/3/2026.</p> <p><u>Outcomes.</u></p> <p>RR/2025/1856/FULL Saltcote Place, Saltcote Lane, Playden, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 7NR</p>	

	<p>Change of use of existing residential dwelling and B&B accommodation to a single holiday let comprising 11 x bedrooms.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p><u>Appeals</u></p> <p>None</p>	
10	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages and expenses – Carried forward</p> <p>RALC Subscription: £26.</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>None</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: