PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st October 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors:, Mr Paul Osborne Chairman (PO), Mr Tony Lenihan Vice Chairman (TL), Mr D Stone (DS), Mr A. Dickinson (AD).
East Sussex County Council (ESCC): Cllr Daniel Bradley (DB)
Rother District Council (RDC) Councillor: Not present
Members of the Public: 4

	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 September 2026.** The minutes were unanimously agreed and signed by PO.	
4	**Reports from visiting Councillors:** DB confirmed that the council budget had been set at £693 million with a 4.99% rise in council tax. East Sussex County Council has a deficit of £55.6 million and will take a loan of £70million to cover this. The Iden road will have sections of road fully resurfaced. This should be done by the end October. People should continue to report problems with pavements and roads via the council's website, A public member raised the two water leaks near the school, These had been reported. DB to chase. PO gave an update on the progress of the revision of Rother District Council's Local Plan which has highlighted two potential development areas in Playden. The plan has been looked at by the scrutiny committee and will go to cabinet before being released. Sites are covered under 'Bexhill and Eastern Rother'. The Plan will be out for Section 19 consultation later in October before going to the inspector to be review next year. The Sussex reorganisation has now been put on hold by the government for further review and local elections for Rother District Council are now expected to go ahead in May 2027.	

	There was a general discussion regarding the lack of water supply for new houses being built and it was noted that the water companies were not a statutory consultee for planning. .	
5	**Neighbourhood Watch Report.** No update received. There are new police being allocated for liaison with the public. Meetings are due to be arranged. There is a generic email address to contact the local PCSO's: rother@sussex.police.uk	
6	**Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements.** ***The period allocated to this is a maximum of 15 minutes.*** It was brought to the council and public's attention that there had been Asian Hornets found in the area. Their rest area had been found and a specialist team had dealt with them. If anyone sees one please notify 'Asian Hornet Watch'	
7	**Matters arising from minutes of 3rd September 2026 and not covered elsewhere.** None	
8	**Correspondence:** **None**	
9	**<u>Planning</u>** **<u>New Applications</u>** **RR/2026/1013/LBC** **Flat 4, Saltcote Mews Saltcote Lane, Playden, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 7NR** Replace the existing timber framed patio doors (like for like), the removal of a non-load bearing internal partition and a new boiler flue through the roof on the south eastern roof pitch. **RR/2026/1068/FULL** **Corner House, Rye Road, Playden, TN31 7UL** Retrospective application for the retention of outbuilding and change of use of part of an agricultural field and outbuilding to a dog day care facility, including outside exercise areas. **RR/2026/0984/PTD** **PIP Technical Detail** **Randolph Lane - Land South Of, Playden** Technical Details Consent for the erection of a bungalow and associated landscaping pursuant to PIP RR/2025/1457/P. **RR/2026/1171/TPO** **POTTONS COTTAGE Rectory Lane, Playden, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 7UJ** Lime tree - Crown reduction of 30 ft due to instability.	

	Ongoing: **RR/2026/0611/FULL** **Rye Tennis Club, 115 Military Road, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 7NY** Construction of two indoor padel courts, two all-weather tennis courts, new car and cycle parking provision and a pavilion for changing rooms and toilets **Awaiting decision. Decision date extended to 21/8/26.** **Outcomes.** None **Appeals** None	
10	**Accounts** a) **Expenditure** – to approve the following expenditure: Clerks wages - carried forward **Income.** None	
11	**Parish Councillors reports.** AD reported on the progress of repair to the west gable end of Playden church. A lead tray had been approved. TL reported that the Playden Oasts had closed. PO mentioned that the gate post into the Butt Field was broken. PO and TL will investigate but it needs more rain to soften the ground before a repair can be done.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm

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

Signed: Chairman

Date: