

# PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

### **Present:**

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

**East Sussex County Councillor:** Not present.

**Rother District Councillor:** Cllr Lizzy Hacking

**Members of the Public:** 1

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> East Sussex County Councillor Keith Glazier was unable to attend the meeting due to another meeting commitment.	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> PO in respect of the application for Aldie House.	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022:</b> The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	<b>Reports from visiting Councillors:</b>  <b>East Sussex County Councillor:</b> KG was not present but sent through a report prior to the meeting to the Councillors and Clerk. The Clerk gave a copy to the member of the public present. There are forthcoming roadworks planned for Rye High Street. The road in front of The George will be closed to allow gas main work to be undertaken and at the end of March into early April resurfacing in the High Street has been scheduled.  <b>Rother District Councillor:</b> Cllr Lizzy Hacking reported that the district had suffered damage due to 'Storm Eunice'. Taxi fares will be going up by 10%. Bexhill is due to get faster broadband speeds. This will eventually be rolled out to other areas.	
5	<b>Neighbourhood Watch.</b> Playden's PCSO Orla Lindsay is leaving as from 7 <sup>th</sup> March. Playden to be covered by other PCSO's whilst a replacement is organised.	
6	<b>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and raise any pertinent issues at this point.</i></b> No issues were raised.	

7	<p><b>Matters arising from last minutes not covered elsewhere.</b>  The Clerk reported that following the quote provided by Tony Heritage for the grass cutting at Houghton Green being accepted by the Councillors, Tony had cut the grass during the Playden Primary School's half term break when there were no children or additional cars parked.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had been contacted by Barry Nealon offering the tour of the new Hub building which had been postponed when the Covid pandemic started. The Clerk to reply with preferred day of the week and time.</p> <p>The Clerk raised the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of June. The Parish Council will not be organising any special events but will consider planting a tree in the Butt Field where an existing specimen has died. The Clerk to find out what tree species it was.</p> <p>The Councillors also discussed the erecting of a board showing the footpaths of Playden and Rye Foreign and considered the best position of this to be next to the public footpath near to the driveway down to the church. This had been discussed previously but as the reopening and mending of a footpath had been in discussion had been put on hold. The Councillors decided that this had still not been resolved after several years that the cost of the board should be investigated with the area being shown be that covered by an A3 sheet. The closed footpath being shown as that on the map. The Clerk to investigate costs with Care Signs.</p> <p>The Clerk had been alerted to a fallen tree (an oak) following the recent storm. This had fallen parallel to the public footpath and appears to be part of the boundary hedge of Beacon Oak and is currently propped up by another large tree. AD had visited and the main trunk is rotting. The Clerk to report.</p> <p>The Clerk will also report the potholes on the lower corner of Houghton Green Lane as these have worsened.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9	<p><b><u>Planning.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>New applications.</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>Outcomes.</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>Ongoing:</u></b></p> <p><b>RR/2021/2857/P</b>  Aldie House, Saltbarn Lane, Playden, TN31 7PH  Extension to and conversion of existing barn (outbuilding) into a 2 bedroom dwelling.</p> <p>Revised application forms had been submitted prompted by the Parish Council's earlier comments to the planning officer. The Councillors decided that they would object to this planning application on several</p>	

	<p>points. The Clerk to draft comments which following agreement by the Councillors would be submitted onto the Planning website.</p> <p><b><u>Appeals</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	Clerk
10	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to 28 February 2022: <b>£1,818.75.</b> The Clerk requested that she wished to waive her salary and that this amount should be sent to the Rye Food Bank instead. This was agreed by the Councillors.</p> <p>Clerks expenses for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to 28 February 2022: £410.68 Additional refund to Clerk of cost of canes, cane protectors etc for new trees on Houghton Green: £40.60. <b>Total Expenses: £451.28</b></p> <p>Ken Heritage Agricultural Contractor (for grass cut at Houghton Green: <b>£360 (inc VAT).</b></p> <p>b) Income. None.</p>	
11	<p><b>Parish Councillors reports.</b> No further reports.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: