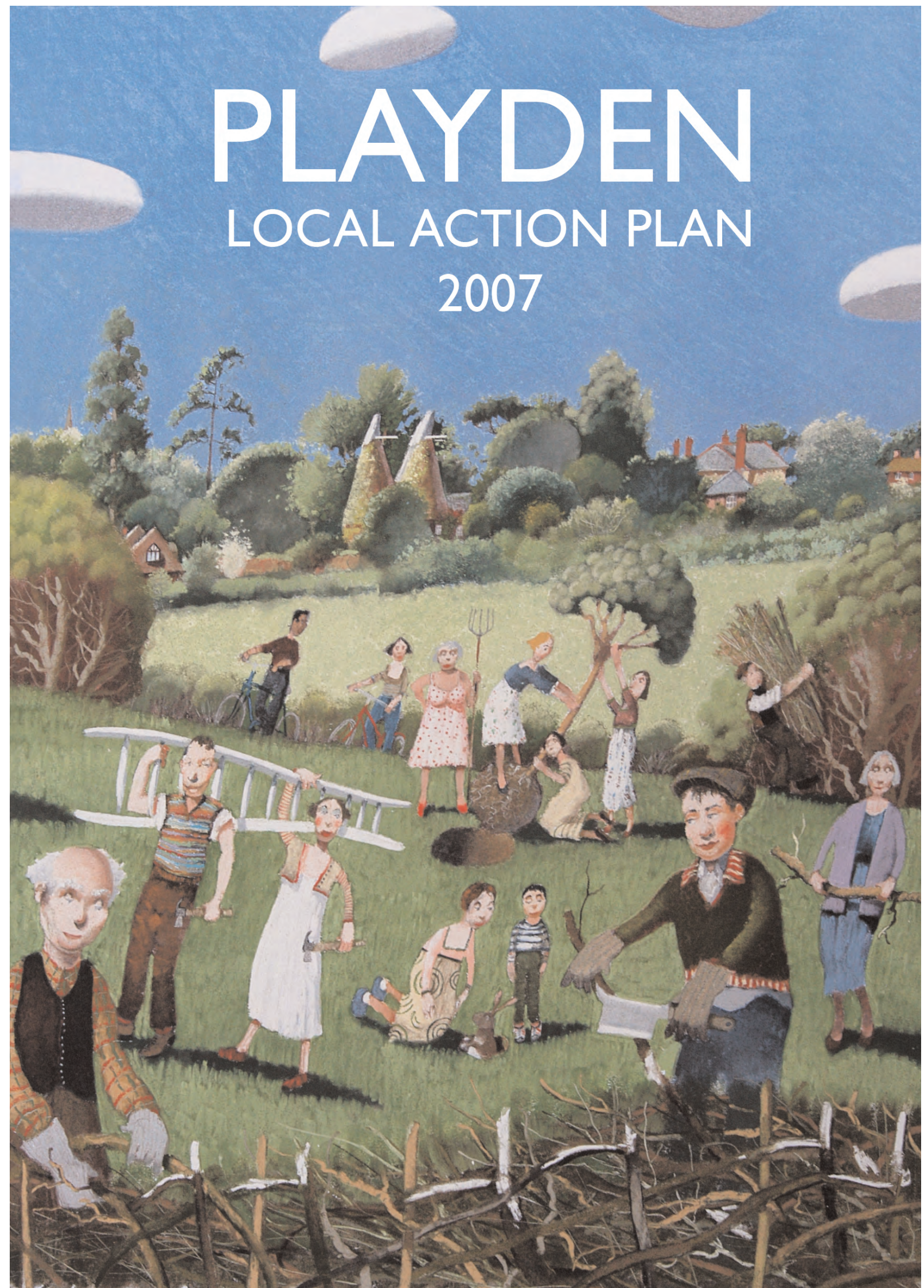


PLAYDEN

LOCAL ACTION PLAN

2007



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The Playden Local Action Plan is a document that has been produced by the Working Party on behalf of the residents of Playden. It is a live document intended to give an overall view of how Playden residents see the future of Playden, what they would like to see happen in the village, and generally the ways in which the objectives can be achieved.

The Plan therefore belongs to the residents of Playden. The content has been derived from input by the residents and it is intended that the residents will be the custodians and administrators of the Plan as it goes forward into implementation. Contributions from Playden residents are not only in the plan itself, but also in the presentation and format of the document. It is a window into Playden and its people, a view of the history and heritage of the village and a vision of how the future should develop for the benefit of all.

The published Local Action Plan is being presented to Rother District Council for inclusion in their own plans. Thus the Playden Local Action Plan really does have a key role to play in the shaping of our future. The essential elements now are to follow through the good work that has thus far been done, and then ensure the Playden Local Action Plan comes to fruition. To do this everyone will need to work together in the true community spirit which Playden and its people cherish.

about playden



planning and housing

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Statement

• This is considered to be a very important and sensitive issue. Whilst there is recognition of a lack of affordable housing there is also an overwhelming wish to protect the rural character and tranquillity of the village. There is concern about further ribbon developments or in fill housing.

Proposals

• Encourage Rother District Council to take more notice of the Parish Council's recommendations on planning and housing

ACTIONS/PROJECTS.

- Investigate the need for affordable housing within Playden. If there is a demand and need for affordable housing, this must be correctly located and must enhance the appearance of the village.
- Critically review every planning application at Parish Council Meetings.
- Investigate methods of publicising Parish Council Meetings to increase parish awareness and give more notice on agendas of what planning applications are being considered at Parish Council meetings.
- Discuss with RDC Planning Department how to improve communications between their planning officers and PPC and how to establish more effective working relationships.
- Look at the need for and the possibility of creating affordable business premises to encourage small businesses and stimulate economical sustainability.

children and young people, health

children and young people

Statement

- At the moment Playden has approximately 20 children, ranging from toddler to teenager. It was felt that it would be useful to improve communications with schools for the mutual benefit of all.

Proposals

- Set up a working party to consult with Parish Council, Schools and Residents as to methods and procedures that may establish better interaction and collaboration between all parties. Website could be used.

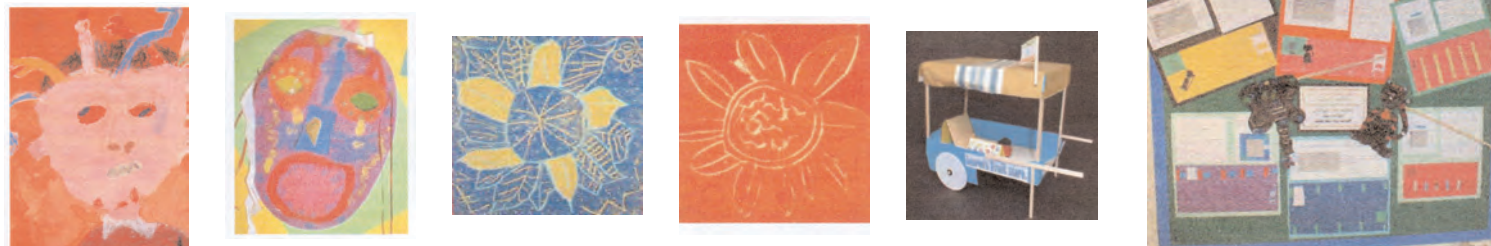
ACTIONS/PROJECTS.

- Find out how many children live in Playden, their ages and whether their needs are being met within the community. Canvas ideas for future projects they might like to see taking place or participate in.
- Investigate with the schools how the residents of Playden could participate in local schools, such as providing a spoken history archive, reading at schools etc.
- Consider if there is an opportunity to encourage cross Parish collaboration and foster local community spirits and relationships through existing or new group activities/clubs.

health

Statement

- Aside from national issues such as lack of NHS dentists and GP care, people were fairly content with health provisions and welcomed the new Surgery to be opened at the Care Centre.



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Playden is a small village situated in East Sussex, its settlement can be traced back 4000 years ago to the New Stone Age.

The village of Playden is mentioned in the Domesday book as Plaidenham. At this time it was a prosperous fish salting centre, supplementing its farming livelihood by sending fish around the country. The sea, which is now more than 2 miles away, lapped at the foot of the cliffs along the Military Rd. Present day Playden is mostly rural residential with a little sheep grazing.

It covers an area of 1307 acres, intersected by the River Rother. The houses are scattered over the rural landscape and there are no shops and no village centre. It begins 1 mile north of Rye running east of the A268 and stretches down to East Guldeford and up to the parish of Iden in the north. To the east the land is low lying and flat, being part of the Romney Marsh. To the west the land rises very steeply to the high land that makes up the remainder of the parish.

The oldest and most recognizable building in the village is the lovely hill-top Norman church of St Michaels. Standing on the site of a wooden Saxon church, it was built around 1190 and is an excellent example of early English church architecture. The tall slender, cedar shingled spire acts as a prominent land and sea mark, and can be seen from far across Romney Marsh and Rye Bay.

There are approximately 138 dwellings and approximately 271 people living in Playden. About 20 of these are children, approximately 35% of the inhabitants are under 45 years, 43% between 45 and 64 and 22% over 65.

There is a hotel, 2 bed and breakfasts, 2 village pubs, a WI hall which is used for local community events, St Michaels, a popular primary school achieving some of the best results in the county, it is used by all the children in the village and draws many others from surrounding areas and some small businesses. Most of the village lies within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and even now there are probably more sheep than people.

Info from Rother District Council
The Church of St Michael, Playden by Alan Dickinson.