

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday, 16 May, 2007 commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Dr D Lewis	-	Chairman
Mrs T Hanson	-	Vice Chairman
Mr C Lofts	-	Councillor
Mrs J Gosling	-	Councillor
Mrs T Innes	-	Councillor
Mr R Herrington	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO
Mr P Bellfield	-	County Councillor (7.50 pm – 8.20 pm)
Mrs Kate Waddell	-	District Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr E Metcalfe
Mrs J Metcalfe
Mr P Gardiner
Mrs D Gardiner
Mrs G Corani
Mrs E Stennett
Mrs A Llewellyn
Mr T Norfolk
Mrs T Laws

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Dr John Day and WPC Gilmore (whose yearly report would be available from the Clerk). Apologies were also received from Mr Tim Llewellyn and Mr Chris Cocksedge.

At the commencement of the meeting Dr Lewis welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time to attend. Prior to the commencement of the meeting everyone had been offered a glass of wine and nibbles.

1. ELECTIONS

There had been 8 nominations for 7 places. Mr Tom Norfolk withdrew and thereby saved the Parish Council the expense of having an election. Mr R Herrington is the new Councillor.

Signed

Chairman

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATED 3rd MAY, 2006

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd May, 2006 were approved and signed. The Minutes had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr Lewis read out a report which he had prepared. It gave a brief resume of the matters that had been dealt with during the past year; namely – 1. Role of the Parish Council. 2. Council Matters. 3. Parish Website. 4. John Belstead Playing Field. 5. Speed Indicator Display. 6. Abolition of the Slave Trade and 7. Parish Plan. A typed copy of this report is available from the Clerk. All Councillors were given a copy for their records.

4. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD

Mr Peter Bellfield read out a report which he had prepared. Once again the County Council reported the need to cut costs. Council tax was increased by 4 1/2 % and this was despite savings of £22 million on top of the £24 million saved in 2006/07. Also covered in his report was the school reorganisation which had seen the three tier system changed to two tier.

5. PARISH PLAN

This was talked about in detail. Who was on the steering group; why it is necessary to go ahead with a Parish Plan; and when the next meeting is. The three parishioners put forward to form part of the Steering Group were Mr Tom Norfolk, Mrs Joan Metcalfe and Mrs Anne Seward. The two parish councillors who will be steering group reps are Dr John Day and Mrs Tracy Hanson. The "Substitutes" (to fill in when the named cannot go) are:- Mrs Tricia Laws and Mrs Eileen Stennett. The Parish Plan is to be documented and collated by the steering group however the Parish Council will be kept informed of how the Plan is progressing and feed back will be given at the PC meetings from the assigned Councillors.

6. OPEN FORUM

The fact that the bottle bank never seemed to be emptied was commented on. Mr Peter Bellfield said that it was down to the individual to call the number on the label on the bottle bank and request a collection. Mrs June Gosling had taken it upon herself to contact the clerk who had in turn spoken to the County Council. It should be emptied within days. In future it was agreed that perhaps a bottle bank representative from the Parish Council was called for.

It has been pointed out that the waste bin on the triangle of grass next to the telephone and post box is an eye sore. Something should be done about getting a more attractive waste paper bin.

Signed
Chairman

A representative from the Parochial Church Council asked what was going to happen about the Welcome Pack? The Clerk agreed to work on this with the help of the Parochial Church Council. Copies will then be available in the Village Hall for new residents.

After looking at the “Summary of Cash Book Accounts” Mr Eric Metcalfe asked if the Precept was going to keep going up and up and up. Dr David Lewis pointed out that it was likely to drop back as we had made cuts in that the grass was now being trimmed by the Probation Team and we are due back over £700 from VAT.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 PM.

Signed
Chairman