

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday, 5 May, 2010 commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Dr J Day	-	Chairman
Mrs T Hanson	-	Vice Chairman
Dr R Coppillie	-	Councillor
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
Mr Steven Hudson	-	District Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr E Metcalfe
Mr P Gardiner
Mrs D Gardiner
Mrs A Day
Mrs S Williams
Mrs S Herrington
PCSO Justin Moss

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Trish Laws.

At the commencement of the meeting Dr Day 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. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATED 6 MAY, 2009

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 6 May, 2009 were approved and signed. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Mrs Tessa Innes. The Minutes had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Signed
Chairman

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Firstly the Chairman asked us to take time to reflect on the sad death of Mr David Heard. He paid tribute to the enormous contribution Mr Herd had played in village life and in particular the Parish Hall.

The Chairman produced a written report of the years activities. This can be viewed on the web site www.playford.org.uk. His report covered the resignation of Dr David Lewis. Replacing him was not easy however we are pleased that Mr Robert Coppillie has agreed to join the Parish Council. The Chairman's report concentrated on the Parish Plan and the enormous amount of work the AMG has done. This has been led by Mr Phil Holmes with the support of Mrs Carol Ramsden and two representatives from each village. The Chairman himself was Playford's representative. The Chairman also reported that there had been a number of planning applications received and news that the burial site at Tuddenham was refused had been a welcome development. He also reported that the Parish Hall continues to be very well used and thanked the Parish Hall Committee and all those who help to make the functions so successful. Finally, the Chairman reported on the village environment and some of the problems we have had to face this year, namely:- damage to roadside kerbs, mud on the roads, failure to restore footpaths after ploughing and failure of notice of crop spraying. He thanked Councillors for their hard work over the year.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD'S REPORT

County Councillor Peter Bellfield said how nice it was to see so many members of the public. He had produced a written report which he gave to the Clerk for submission on to the web site. His report covered: 1) The election in 2009. 2) The Local Government Review. 3) The bad winter weather. 4) Council Performance. 5) Pension Fund and 6) 2010/11 Council Tax Rise. To view this report go to www.playford.org.uk.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVEN HUDSON'S REPORT

District Councillor Steven Hudson introduced himself and reported that the District Council has had the same sort of problems as the County Council. The LGR has been a disaster although the District Council and County Council had not had the same views on Unitary Council. The LDF has taken up a lot of his time. This document has been approved by SCDC and the main objections are from people in Martlesham where there is the possibility of large development. Councillor Steven Hudson reported that he was pleased with the outcome of the Tuddenham Burial Ground and he reported what might happen next is that they might modify the plans and put an application in again. The financial situation of the District Council is pretty dire. Cost cutting and efficiency saving procedures are being put in place. He asked if there were any questions which he will be pleased to answer. There were none.

Signed

Chairman

6. MR PHIL HOLMES

Mr Phil Holmes introduced himself and reported on the Parish Plan:- If anyone would like a copy of the Parish Plan he still has a number of them at home. Mr Phil Holmes went on to explain that the Parish Plan had been a bit different from the “norm” since three villages have been involved. Because of this, one single Parish Council has not been able to progress with it therefore an “Action Monitoring Group” has been invented. This consisted of two people from each Parish. This Group has been very successful at actioning the points brought to light from the Parish Plan consultation which happened back in April 2007. These action points were prioritised in order of importance which also fulfilled the criteria of keeping Suffolk ACRE happy (they had funded some of the Parish Plan) and the AMG slowly and meticulously worked their way through them all. They are now coming to the end of considering what can be done on the action points. Details of the action points and the specifics can be viewed on the web. Mr Phil Holmes asked if there were any questions? There were none. The Chairman thanked Phil for doing such a great job.

7. PCSO JUSTIN MOSS

PCSO Justin Moss reported that there has been 4 crimes in the past year; a theft, a cause of harassment/alarm/distress and a burglary other building x 2. In comparison, the same period the year before saw 6 crimes recorded. PCSO Justin Moss also reported that since the NHW scheme is no longer running the signage will have to be taken down at some stage. Dr John Day asked if there had been any activity on assessing speeding in the village. PCSO Justin Moss reported that a SID was due to come to Playford. Mrs Tessa Innes and Mrs June Gosling both reported that the SID had been seen in the village last week. Mr Ted Herrington asked about incident report cards? PCSO Moss reported that these are given to people who are victims of crime. Mr Eric Metcalfe suggested to PCSO Moss – regarding NHW – that since the villagers paid for the NHW signs could they not just stay where they are thus saving police time and money in taking them down. PCSO Moss said he would enquire.

6. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Sally Herrington asked if the footpath that runs from Church Road through to Butts Road could be reinstated. Historically it has always been there only it seems to have been ploughed over and not used for many years. The Chairman said he would explore. The land is Mr Parkins. Mr Ted Herrington reported that a form had been filled in some years ago which indicated the footpaths used/needed. This form should be in the possession of the County Council. This form might be of help when asking for the path to be reinstated.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30 PM.

Signed
Chairman