

**Minutes of Playford's Annual Parish Meeting held at Playford
Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 2nd May 2012**

Present: Mrs Veronica Bunbury, Mrs June Gosling, Mr Simon Hanson and Mrs Joan Metcalfe.

Also present for part of the meeting: Mr Peter Bellfield, SCC Councillor, Mr Steven Hudson, Mr Eric Metcalfe, Mrs Juennette Pettitt, PC Richard Wright, Mrs Wendy Wilson, Mrs Trish Laws, Mr Ted Herrington.

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council

At the commencement of the meeting Mr Simon Hanson welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time to attend. Refreshments had been served to residents before the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr Bob Coppilliie

2. To approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 2nd March 2011

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2011 were approved and signed. The Minutes had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

No matters arising

4. PC Richard Wright's Report

PC Wright reported that there had been four crimes in the last year. Three of them were from the same incident. He reported that the Police have crime prevention items for sale which are inexpensive however the best prevention is to not become complacent about locking cars etc and remain vigilant.

On to speeding he said the Police were trying to encourage neighbouring parishes to do "Community Speeding". This involves self nominated residents taking to the roads with hand held radar equipment. Once trained PC Richard Wright said that this method of slowing traffic was quite effective and gives a lot more coverage on speeding in the village. Those cars "clocked" will generally receive a letter from the police. PC Wright suggested that Councillors have a look on the police website for further information. He repeated that the emphasis was on the village to administer. The cost of the equipment is £2,000 approx however it may be possible to join up with other parishes and share the cost. Mr Bellfield also said that some of the cost might be able to come out of his Quality of Life budget.

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He also reported that in Clopton where he lives his wife has joined the scheme and although at first she was concerned you might get aggravation there has yet to have been a case reported. On this topic Mr Eric Metcalfe said that he disagreed very strongly with parishioners waving radars in the village. Mrs Joan Metcalfe also mentioned that perhaps it is something we could ask residents about in a review of the Parish Plan. She reported that in the survey previously done all three of the villages – Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford were strongly opposed to such a scheme. However things might have changed in the 5 years since the Parish Plan was completed. Mrs Juennette Pettitt asked about putting an “S” bend to slow drivers down - a “chicane?”

There were no questions and the Chairman thanked PC Richard Wright.

5. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman produced a detailed report of the last 12 months activities in the village. He read from this. He reported that we were looking forward to the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations. His report covered planning applications - both small and large (the proposed cable corridor for the Offshore Windfarm at Felixstowe), the Draft National Planning Framework, the LDF and the possibility of exploring a Neighbourhood Plan as a way to ensure that the quality of life for Playford residents is protected and enhanced. He thanked Mr William Stennett and Mr Charles Lofts for keeping the roadside hedges cut back and the WI for their efforts to keep the village free of litter and for planting daffodil bulbs. He thanked fellow Councillors and all those who have contributed to the maintenance of the quality of life in the Parish. A full copy of his report can be viewed on the website:-

www.playford.org.uk .

6. County Councillor Peter Bellfield’s report

Mr Peter Bellfield had emailed the Clerk his report before the meeting and this had been circulated to Councillors. Mr Bellfield read from his report covering:- the new leaders of the County Council, the budget, Council Tax, libraries, property rationalisation, the fire and rescue service, country parks, local government “Oscar” and broadband. A full copy of his report will be available on the website:- www.playford.org.uk . The Chairman asked if there were any questions for Mr Bellfield? Mr Eric Metcalfe asked if throwing £10,000 into this Broadband Scheme would have any effect? He felt that it was unlikely that we would ever get fibre optic technology here. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that there was a greater chance of getting it in Playford than in some of the more rural areas. The total cost is expected to be £45 million of which the provider will pay approximately ½.

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7. District Councillor Steven Hudson's report

Mr Steven Hudson had also emailed his report which had been circulated to Councillors. He reported on the Windfarm cable route, the LDF, budget restraints and cost cutting. The 59% recycling rate shows that the District Council are doing well with recycling and with any luck this percentage will continue to improve. He reported that they have received lottery funding for the sea front gardens in Felixstowe.

No questions were asked.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed
Chairman