

**Minutes of Playford's Annual Parish Meeting held at Playford
Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 1st May 2013**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe, Mrs Veronica Bunbury, Mr Bob Coppillie & Mr Steve Hicks

Also present for part of the meeting: Mr Peter Bellfield, SCC Councillor, Mr Steven Hudson, District Councillor, PCSO Sally Thomas, Mr Eric Metcalfe, Mr Tim Llewellyn, Mrs Astrid Llewellyn, Mr Ted Herrington, Mrs Sally Herrington, Mr James Jary, Mr Richard Lister and Mrs Julia Hicks.

In attendance: Ms Marian Rosling, Clerk to the Council

It was agreed that the chair be taken by Joan Metcalfe in Simon Hanson's absence. Refreshments had been served to residents before the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr Simon Hanson, Mrs June Gosling and Mrs Juannette Pettit

2. To approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 2nd May 2012

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd May 2012 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. Chairman's Report

This was read by Joan Metcalfe in Simon Hanson's absence. Simon Hanson apologised for his absence and thanked Joan Metcalfe for ably stepping in to deputise.

Thanks were conveyed to everyone concerned with the Jubilee celebrations, enjoyed by the whole village, especially to Charles Lofts for his generosity, to Judith Dunnett and the Parish Hall committee and the WI for their efforts.

The Village Review achieved by the Parish Council, resulted in a complete reassessment of the finances for the village and the maintenance of open spaces. A £500 per annum increase in the Precept (raising Council Tax very slightly) will cover extra costs of maintaining the appearance of the village and the budget is now being reviewed at each council meeting. Annual donations were also reviewed.

During the year, new councillors Steve Hicks and Juannette Pettitt were welcomed and Marian Rosling superceded Sarah Cartwright as Parish Clerk.

Signed

Playford is working alongside neighbouring parishes to monitor and influence decisions regarding the controversial topic of the Windfarm cable corridor.

Finally thanks to County Councillor Peter Bellfield and District Councillor Steven Hudson for their advice and support during the year and to all those on the Parish Council for their hard work. Thanks also to the various supporters of the Council, the Chairperson and committee of the Village Hall and to record the contribution made by the new clerk, Marian Rosling and to thank Sarah Cartwright, the outgoing clerk for her great amount of work.

A full copy of his report can be viewed on the website:- www.playford.org.uk

5. County Councillor Peter Bellfield's Report

Peter Bellfield's report covered the new leaders of the County Council, the Budget, Council Tax, libraries, education, Broadband, energy from waste, the Fire and Rescue service, future back office requirements, Records & Heritage functions and major construction sites proposed.

A full copy of his report can be viewed on the website:- www.playford.org.uk

6. District Councillor Steven Hudson's report

Finance. Steven Hudson reported zero increase in Council Tax and that the external auditors still regarded SCDC's services as good value for money.
Planning. The Core Strategy is still being worked on and keeps being challenged. Core policy framework is changing and SCDC hope that it will be finished soon.

Windfarms. The cable route goes through every parish on Steven's ward and in each one, insufficient explanation has been given regarding traffic disruption.

Electoral Review. Boundaries are being revised so that each candidate looks after the same number of constituents (within 10%) SCDC will also review the number of councillors; there are at present 55 District Councillors but it is proposed to reduce this to 43.

Northern Fringe development. It is thought that this will not affect Playford greatly.

7. PCSO Sally Thomas' report

Sally Thomas reported on SNT staff changes, recorded crimes and the overall crime pattern for Suffolk. She also urged us to contact Kesgrave SNT on any issues that we thought the police should be involved in.

A full copy of her report can be viewed on the website:- www.playford.org.uk

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed
Chairman