

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council meeting held at Playford Village Hall  
7.00pm on Wednesday 1st November 2023**

**Present:** Ben Evans – Chairman  
Joan Metcalfe – Vice-Chairman  
Steve Hicks - Councillor  
Martin Hill – Councillor  
Ursula Richards - Councillor  
Colin Hedgley - District Councillor  
Dan Clery - District Councillor

**Also present:**  
Tracy Herrington  
Michael Sarbutts

**In attendance:**  
Marian Hedgley – Clerk

**Apologies for Absence:**  
Elaine Bryce – County Councillor

Chairman Ben Evans opened the meeting at 7.01pm and welcomed everyone. He announced as an Emergency Item that “ Public Forum” should follow the County and District Councillors’ reports as this had been omitted from the Agenda– see para 6.

**1. Declarations of Members’ Interests in any items on this Agenda.**

JM declared an interest as Treasurer of Playford Village Hall Committee and as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall which was duly recorded.

**2. To approve the Minutes of the meetings held:**

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	JM	MH

The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Review of actions arising – none

**Action Point Review:**

- ❖ **AP93 - Unregistered FP from C330 to C3311 needs reinstating.** No further progress – still awaiting results of appeal by landowner.
- ❖ **AP155 - C324 traffic priority/drainage problems:** Blocked drains reported to Highways again early in October and works were scheduled for mid November but recent bad weather has probably put the schedule back.

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- ❖ **AP174 - “Unsuitable for Heavy Traffic” signs for Church Lane** – New signs have been delivered - it is hoped that installation work on this will be commenced shortly.
- ❖ **AP178 - Boules Piste repairs** – See para 12 for details
- ❖ **AP181/182 – two fallen trees blocking FP23 following recent floods** – These have been reported and subsequently cleared.
- ❖ **AP183 Fallen tree near wooden bridge in the Alder Carr on FP20** – this was reported on 24.10.23
- ❖ **AP184 – Drainage ditch beside Butts Road in front of Village Hall needs digging out after heavy rainfall.** East Suffolk Services to be approached to carry this out.
- ❖ **AP185 – Blocked drain in Spring Meadow** – to be reported to Highways

For more details see Action Log appended at end of the Minutes.

**3. County Councillor’s report:**

Elaine Bryce sent her apologies for non attendance. Her report is appended at the end of these minutes.

**4. District Councillor Colin Hedgley’s report:**

Cllr Colin Hedgley’s report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended at the end of these minutes.

Further to Colin’s main report he stated that:

- The Bottle Bank repairs were now complete and looking good
- Some rubbish (broken car parts) had been left behind the bottle bank and would need to be disposed of ....this was later reported to have disappeared.
- The District Council is working on the issue of mitigating flood risks locally in any future storms and there is a meeting at Bealings village hall on 8<sup>th</sup> November to discuss these issues together with help for flood victims.
- The annexe at East Suffolk House is to be rented out to SCC as it is not currently needed.
- Improvements at Foxhall Amenities Tip are progressing well.
- Colin is happy to help constituents with any problems within his scope.

**5. District Councillor Dan Clery’s report:**

Cllr Dan Clery’s report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended at the end of these minutes.

Chairman BE welcomed Cllr Dan Clery to his first meeting with Playford PC.

Dan reported that the new Green Party council was still finding its feet and that they are drawing up new strategies – comments from the public on this may be made on their website. He further stated that:

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- A motion was passed by the District Council in September regarding large infrastructure imaging products. The Green Party is not in favour of the Sizewell C development and wants certain modifications agreed on several aspects of the project.
- It would also like to see an offshore hub to collect power from wind farms etc.
- Flooding help is at hand for those affected by the recent bad weather.

BE thanked Cllr Dan Clery for his report.

## 6. Public Forum

- Tracy Herrington enquired about help for flood victims for damage suffered to properties. Cllr CH replied that MP Dan Poulter has put this to the Prime Minister in the House of Commons and the Government will give an immediate £500 to households who qualify.
- A large amount of sand/silt has been deposited in Church Road by the floodwater especially near Airys Cottage. Clerk to contact Mr Parken to ask if he could help with clearing it.
- The WI has been awarded a large consignment of daffodil bulbs to be planted in Playford – they would like to start this soon at various locations in Butts Road, at the junction of Church Road and Church Lane and opposite the Lych Gate at the Church.

## 7. Finance

### Reporting and authorisation of cheques/online payments

Already paid:

<b>Date/Chq no.</b>	<b>Payable to</b>	<b>Reason for payment</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
15.9.23	M Hedgley	Clerks exp: Ink cartr + stationery	66.91
22.9.23 Online	M Hedgley	Clerk - Sept salary	agreed in budget
28.9.23 Online	SSP Direct	Road signs, posts, clamps etc	437.52
23.10.23 Online	M Hedgley	Clerk - October salary	agreed in budget

To be Paid:

17.7.23 833	HMRC	Tax Q1 (Clerk's salary)	agreed in budget
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All of above payments were proposed by BE and seconded by SH

Credits received since last meeting:

4.9.23 Interest on Business Premium account £27.70  
29.9.23 Balance of Precept paid £5250.00

Bank balances /Bank reconciliation

Current a/c **£2387.06**  
Business Premium **£12865.54**

SH confirmed the reconciliation from the Budget sheet with the latest Bank statement.

Budget 2023-24 – The budget was found to be on track and was unanimously agreed.

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**8. Highways**

- Traffic priority problems on C324 - Elaine Bryce revealed that the new Suffolk Highways maintenance contractor Milestone has given a greater priority to the drainage and works on the C324 and this may be carried out sooner than previously promised. She will keep us informed on the likely start date.... see also Action Point AP155.
- Road signs in Church Lane to deter use by unsuitably large vehicles. See Action Point AP174. Work will be commenced as soon as practicable.
- Possibility of Church Road being designated as a Quiet Lane. This was discussed at the previous meeting and is still being investigated.
- Fallen Trees – 3 x trees reported to Highways PROW – see AP181,182 & 183
- Drainage ditch bordering Butts Road (outside Village Hall) needs clearing – see AP184.
- SIDS update –Tracy Herrington’s SIDs report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting – it shows that figures from October this year are slightly up again having dipped in August (presumably due to less traffic during school holidays) although both sets figures for the C324 were down due to the heavy flooding around 20<sup>th</sup> October caused by Storm Babet.
  - ✘ SAVID’s AGM will be held at Martlesham Community Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm
  - ✘ Road Safety week will be from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26th November 2023
  - ✘ SAVID has been approached to see if there is any mileage in reducing local speed limits to 20mph with regard to the 20’s Plenty campaign
  - ✘ An advert will be placed in the December edition of FLN to encourage volunteers to come forward as help is required to man a Playford Speedwatch team. Mike Sarbutts is willing to talk to possible candidates to explain how the scheme works.
  - ✘ The SIDs equipment will next be in Playford in December

**9. Emergency Plan**

It has become apparent from the recent storms and heavy rainfall that an Emergency Plan for Playford might be very useful. Prior to this meeting, a copy of Gt Bealings PC’s Emergency Plan was circulated as an example. UR undertook to look at it in regard to adapting it for Playford’s use.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan – update**

It is hoped that the Plan will be submitted to East Suffolk Council at the end of this week for them to commence their Regulation 16 consultation. This should take place between Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.

**11. Bottle Bank repairs.**

This is now complete and the area is now looking much better. We await the final invoice for materials etc.

- 12. Boules Piste repairs** – It has not been possible to get the anticipated team of volunteers to carry out these repairs. Costs of materials were discussed and it was resolved to defer this to the next PC meeting (January 2024). Playford Village Hall committee has offered to contribute half of the final cost, up to a certain maximum and it may also be possible to use existing funds left over from repair work of

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previous projects to fund this. JM to enquire of people helping to clear the stream in Brook Lane in the near future, whether anyone is also willing to help with the Boules Piste repairs.

**13. Planning Issues:**

None at present and no enforcement issues

**14. PC Vacancies** – A possible new candidate will be attending our next meeting in January 2024

**15. Dates for meetings in 2024**

These were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and acceptance was voted on unanimously. These will appear on the website in due course.

**16. Correspondence** – received up to 1st November 2023

	Date	From	Subject	Ref
1	12.9.23	Ipswich Boro Council	Notice of Public Consultation for the Draft IBC statement of Community Involvement Review 2	Felicia Blake
2	18.9.23	East Suffolk Planning Policy Team ESC	New guidance for development at the coast	Planning Policy Team ESC
3	26.9.23	Barclays Bank Business banking Team	Thanking us for confirming business details (i.e. date business started 1895!!)	Business Banking Team
4	28.9.23	East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA)	First Newsletter - Sept 2023 House of Lords Amendment	ESPA team
5	12.10.23	SALC	Advertising Local Council Conference 2023 on 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 at The Hold, Ipswich from 9.30am – 3.30pm	Anthony Taylor Senior Planner (Policy and Delivery) ESC
6	25.10.23	Suffolk County Council	Information following Storm Babet for help for people affected by floods etc	Mat Hullis
7	27.10.23	EP Passenger Interest Group	Joining instructions for Teams meeting etc from Simon Barnett, Passenger Transport, SCC Endeavour House, Ipswich ..... They have £1.8m to spend on passenger transport improvements over the next 2 years	Richard Walker

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**17. Items for next agenda**

- Repairs to Boules Piste.
- Quiet Lane status for Church Road

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7pm

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