

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council meeting at Playford Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st September 2021**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe - Chairman
Mr Steve Hicks - Vice-Chairman
Mr Ted Herrington - Councillor
Mr Keith Carson - Councillor
Mr Martin Hill - Councillor
Mr Ben Evans - Councillor
Mr Colin Hedgley - District Councillor

Also present:
Mrs Veronica Bunbury
Mr Ben Wale
Mr Kevin Bennett

In attendance:
Mrs Marian Hedgley - Clerk

Absent:
Mrs Elaine Bryce – County Councillor
Mr Adrian Melrose – no apologies received

1. Welcome and Introduction

The chairman opened the meeting at 7pm

2. 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. This information was duly recorded.

3. To approve minutes of previous meetings

Meeting held:	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
14.7.21	KC	BE
28.7.21	KC	BE
24.8.21	KC	BE

The minutes of meeting held 5.5.21 were also signed, having been amended and approved at the meeting held 14.7.21.

Matters arising – TH queried why the amount of the clerk's salary was not quoted in the minutes of meeting held 14.7.21 – this is agreed in the annual budget and does not need to be made public.

Signed

Action Point Review:

- ⊗ **AP135 – Ongoing problems with FPs 1,3 & 20.** These paths are becoming quite overgrown (notably FP3 and FP20) but have been cut twice this year and Highways will not undertake another. The larger “No Cycling on Footpaths” signs have yet to appear despite being chased by the clerk.
- ⊗ **AP144 – Query to Highways - size of vehicles using Church Lane.** Highways has undertaken not to use Church Lane in future as a diversion route – it remains to be seen whether this will deter large vehicles from using it but placing signs at each end of the Lane to discourage its use has been put on hold for the time being.
- ⊗ **AP147 – Culvert on LH side of entrance to Village Hall car park.** Sam Webber has drilled out the clogged drainage holes in the drain cover and discovered that cleaning out the enclosed area under the cover is not necessary as the pipe exit is clear. He will replace a couple of missing screws from the lid.
- ⊗ **AP158 - Fallen willow trees across R Fynn at bridge on Butts Road.** The Environment Agency who have stated they will clear the river, have yet to do despite being chased.
- ⊗ **AP160 - Mud , debris etc on Church Lane washed down by heavy rainfall.** SC Highways said they would deal with this in due course. It has still not been done despite being chased by the clerk.
- ⊗ **AP162 – FP8 school path to Lt Bealings school needs cutting back.** This has been reported twice by the clerk recently and also by members of the public but no action so far. Co.Cllr Elaine Bryce has pushed for this to be done. Cllr BE has offered to clear some of the nettles with the help of a gardener loaned by a resident.
- ⊗ **AP-165- FP9 still closed following renovations to railway crossing in Feb.** This was reported in August, the stile has been replaced but the wooden staircase leading up to the rack was found to be defective at the same time. Works have been ordered and a contractor appointed but the staircase may have to be re-built. Meanwhile the FP remains closed.

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

4. County Councillor’s report:

Cllr Elaine Bryce was unfortunately unable to attend but sent in her report (appended at the end of these minutes) which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Signed

5. District Councillor's report

Colin Hedgley's report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended at the end of these minutes where it can be read in full.

Colin also stated that:

- There is a bid for this area to become a "City of Culture 2025" the bid aims to showcase multi-layered culture, diversity etc of people and their creativity.
- Grandpads are still available free of charge for those who qualify.
- Older people are being invited to attend cookery classes for the elderly.
- Waste/Flytipping – a warning that you can get fined even if someone else takes your waste away for you, if they don't dispose of it responsibly. Make sure you have their contact details and that they are reliable if you agree to have this done.
- Accommodating Afghan refugees (mentioned in Elaine's County Co. report) - East Suffolk is practised at this after housing homeless Suffolk people during the pandemic.

JM thanked Colin for his report.

6. Finance:-Reporting & authorisation of cheques/online payments:

Already paid:

Cheque no.	Payable to	Reason for payment	Amount £
D/D	ICO	Annual renewal fee	35.00
Online	M J Hedgley	July salary	agreed in budget
Online	M J Hedgley	August salary	agreed in budget
Online	K Carson	N/Plan expenses	23.59

All of above payments were proposed by JM and seconded by SH

To be paid:

Online	M J Hedgley	Clerk's expenses– Ink cartridge	33.12
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All of the above payments were proposed by KC and seconded by JM.

Bank Balances:

Current a/c	£4860.57
Reserve account	£8427.83

Bank reconciliation:

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

Budget 2020-21 – it was unanimously confirmed the current budget was on track.

Signed

7. Highways

- Ongoing Maintenance of drain at entrance to Village Hall car park - this has been covered in para 3, Action Points review, AP-147.
- Footpath issues - this has been partly covered in para 3, Action Points review, AP135, AP162 & AP165. In addition, FP2 which leads to Tuddenham has a locked gate at the Brook Lane end, which cannot be accessed by a mobility scooter and this is causing some consternation. Chairman JM will liaise with the land owners for a solution.
- SIDs equipment - the SID sign is now up and running in its new location outside the Village Hall. Playford has the equipment for all of September and it will be moved around the four available locations.
- Traffic issues on C324 – Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce will be asked for an update on her contact with David Chenery re the traffic issues and any progress made. Owner of Playford Grange has agreed to trim back foliage which is obscuring the traffic warning sign where the “Single File Traffic” begins.

8. Neighbourhood Plan - update

KC recapped on the situation and has sent a letter to the Fynn Lark News by way of an update to residents.

Funding from AECOM via Locality is agreed in principle but awaits the appointment of a new consultant. Ian Poole has been approached and will meet with KC next week for a discussion. AECOM will sort out the Design Code for free. The NP document as it stands will not be used in its present form but the information it contains will remain the same. JM will send a letter to Planning Direct requesting a refund for services not carried out as agreed.

9. Cleaning up the Bench on the Green

A working party has been agreed and a date of Sat 18th September has been set for tidying up the area around the Green and cleaning the bench.

10. ICO publications scheme

JM has looked at this and we appear to be well within guidelines for reporting and displaying the correct information on the Village website. The situation should be reviewed annually.

11. Clothing Bank funds

The present arrangement with the proceeds from the Clothing Bank is that 50% goes to the Salvation Army and 50% goes to EAAA. The clerk has been approached by EAAA who are intending to take over all the proceeds from the clothing bank in Playford and are appointing a new company to oversee this for them. A discussion ensued and the clerk will contact EAAA for more information regarding this decision and also to confirm that the Salvation Army is in agreement with their proposal.

Signed

12. Planning Issues

It was noted that DC/21/3084/FUL - Proposed detached garage and store at 2 Hill Farm Road, has been passed by ESC planners

13. Correspondence – received up to 1st September 2021

	Date	From	Subject	Ref
1	28.7.21	Ipswich Boro Council	Notice of Consultation: Ipswich Local Plan Review 2018-2036 Proposed Main Modifications	Felicia Blake
2	2.8.21	Sizewell C	Planning Inspectorate Ref.EN010012 Notice of proposed changes Consultation 3 Aug –midday 27 Aug	Carly Vince Chief Planning Officer
3	31.8.21	Theberton & Eastbridge PC	Results of Planning Protocol Survey	Sharon Smith Clerk

14. AOB

TH commented on the fact that £1.5m of the County Council budget for last year had not been spent and queried what would happen to it.

A suggestion was received for floodlighting the Boules Piste so that it could be used in the evenings when daylight has faded.

A resident has queried the syndicate being formed for joint ownership of the Mere, saying this was not in accordance with the previous owner's wishes as certain local people had not been included. JM to enquire about the situation.

JM has had a quote of £1300 to renew the fence between the playing field and the car park at the village hall. A resident has put forward a plan to plant Bee Bombs around the village and has suggested doing this along either side of this fence – this was not thought to be a good idea if the fence was to be replaced but the hedge opposite the fence could possibly be used for this instead.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.00pm

Signed