

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
at 5.00pm on Wednesday 10th October 2018**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe - Chairman
Mr Steve Hicks – Vice-Chairman
Mr Tim Llewellyn - Councillor
Mr Ted Herrington – Councillor
Mr Keith Carson – Councillor

In attendance: Mrs Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Also present:
Mr Matthew Hammond

Apologies for Absence.
None

- 1. Declarations of Members' Interests in any items on this Agenda.**
Joan Metcalfe declared an interest as Treasurer of Playford Village Hall and as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall, Tim Llewellyn declared an interest as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall and Keith Carson declared an interest as neighbour and relative of the applicant. This information was duly recorded.
- 2. Planning Application: ref: DC/18/2661/FUL**
Proposed: Construction of perimeter wall to the north and west boundaries at a height of 1.85m. Two openings to both west and north for existing driveway and path access. Hedgerow to be removed prior to construction.
Applicant: Mr Matthew Hammond
Address: The Old Post Office, Hill Farm Road, Playford, IP6 9DU
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The plans were on view for public inspection before the meeting - these were looked at closely and considered carefully.

The applicant, Mr Matthew Hammond explained the plans and what he intended them to achieve which was to create more privacy around the property with a red brick wall which would be visually pleasing. Choice of brick would be Essex Red which is similar to that of the house.

Joan Metcalfe stated that the plans have already been refused by SCC Highways as they do not conform with the recommended visibility splays required in both directions at the junction of Hill Farm Road and Butts Road. She further suggested that a wooden fence may be more in keeping as there isn't a similar brick wall of that height in the village.

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Ted Herrington commented that a high brick wall could encourage burglaries as it provided night-time cover from the road.

A discussion ensued and a compromise was reached whereby it was suggested that the building of the wall should be restricted to the side of the property, between the house gate and the entrance to the garage and that perhaps shrubs could be planted in front of it. This way, privacy could be achieved in the right place and the existing splays at the junction would not be affected. The existing hedge along Butts Road could then be retained so as to preserve the character of the village. The applicant agreed to rework the plans and to resubmit them to SCDC planning officers for approval.

Joan Metcalfe proposed a vote to reject the plans in their present form and this was carried unanimously. The council confirmed that if the applicant adjusted the plans as above, the revised plans would be looked upon favourably.

This was agreed by all councillors.

3. **Neighbourhood Plan - funding issues**

Suffolk Wildlife Trust's survey was carried out on Wednesday 3rd Oct and will need to be paid for after they have submitted their report (£1800.00 + VAT). Planning Direct are not likely to finish their work until after the end of the financial year – their second instalment will probably need to be paid before the end of the year but the final chunk of grant money allocated to them (£1320.00 + VAT) will not need to be paid until next year so this will be available, together with funds allocated to the Speedwatch project (£700.00) which may be used to cover the cost of SWT's invoice if other funding is not forthcoming. In the meantime, Keith Carson will ascertain from Gillian Benjamin SCDC Communities Officer whether grants can be obtained from any other means to fund the N/Plan.

This was agreed by all councillors present.

4. **Finance:**

A cheque to HMRC for tax due on the Clerk's salary in Q2 was signed.

5. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 5.55pm

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