

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council meeting at Playford Village Hall  
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12th January 2022**

**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  
Mrs Elaine Bryce – County Councillor  
Mr Colin Hedgley - District Councillor

**Also present:**  
Miss Tracy Herrington  
Mr Glen Thimblethorpe  
Mr & Mrs S Blake

**In attendance:**  
Mrs Marian Hedgley - Clerk

**Apologies for Absence:**  
None

- 1. Welcome and Introduction** - The chairman opened the meeting at 7.18pm
- 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 meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**  
Proposed by SH and seconded by BE - the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Matters arising – none

**Action Point Review:**

- ❖ **AP135 – Ongoing problems with FPs 1, 3 & 20.** The A4 size “No Cycling on Footpaths” signs have been received - SH to place these at beginning of appropriate footpaths. Netting on the bridge in the Alder Carr (FP20) has been replaced at last.
- ❖ **AP155 – Drains on C324 blocked by silt/leaves etc and traffic priority problems**  
Drains are functioning slightly better but will continue to be monitored. Highways' Traffic Manager David Chenery has some further suggestions on priority signage for this road and we await details of this.

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- ❖ **AP158 - Fallen willow trees across R Fynn at bridge on Butts Road.** Trees have now been removed without aid from the Environment Agency.
- ❖ **AP160 - Mud, debris etc on Church Lane washed down by heavy rainfall.** Clearance is still awaited by SC Highways despite being chased several times.
- ❖ **AP-165 - FP9 closed following renovations to railway crossing in Feb.** This crossing is now open again.
- ❖ **AP166- FP20 Three trees fallen across the path through the Alder Carr** –this was reported to the landowner and has now been sorted out.
- ❖ **AP167 – Disabled access to FP2/track to Tuddenham.** Gate across the beginning of the track is often locked and the path not accessible to a mobility scooter. A smaller side gate for this is to be supplied by Highways - delivery is awaited.
- ❖ **AP168 – Potholes in Church Lane** – these have been repaired at last.

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

4. **Planning Application: DC/21/5438/FUL** Single storey extension at Mill Cottage. Applicants Simon and Sara Blake were present and explained the details of the extension which will be on the east side of the house and not visible when approaching the house. Dimensions of the extension were discussed and found to be acceptable.

Questions were asked about the why the total ownership of the surrounding land was not shown on the plans by a blue line depicting the extent of this. Happy Acres Barn has not been included, nor has the adjacent field to the south of the property.

JM proposed acceptance of the plans and this was unanimously agreed by all councillors present. The decision is to be conveyed to East Suffolk Planning dept but concurrently querying the absence of a blue line drawn on the plans to depict the full extent of the ownership of the adjacent land.

5. **County Councillor's report:**

Cllr Elaine Bryce sent her full report which is appended at the end of these minutes. Because of the late start, Elaine was unable to give her report as she had to attend another meeting. In brief, it contains new budget plans for children's services and adult care, details of the extra £20m to be spent on Highways drainage and footpaths, and an annual public health report focusing on the mental health impact of Covid. A report by Matthew Hicks about the determination and resilience of Suffolk people during the pandemic, the investment of firefighting equipment to secure a safer future for Suffolk, a campaign about Social Care and details of over 10,000 new LED lights being installed across Suffolk. Finally, the announcement of a prestigious national architectural and building award for a new archive and heritage centre in Ipswich known as The Hold.

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**6. District Councillor's report**

Cllr Colin Hedgley's report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended at the end of these minutes but Colin was also unable to give his report as he had to attend another meeting. Briefly, Quiet Lanes were explained, the provision of additional help for those most in need during the economic recovery was clarified and an overview of Covid figures was given. The beach hut village project in Felixstowe is to be delayed and a survey of East Suffolk business is to take place, with a view to helping improve the vitality of town centres. Ways in which customers can access council services was detailed. Southwold's Neighbourhood Plan is ready to be voted on and the draft East Suffolk Walking and Cycling Strategy consultation is currently underway.

**7. Finance:-**

Reporting & authorisation of cheques/online payments:

Already paid:

Cheque no.	Payable to	Reason for payment	Amount £
Online	M J Hedgley	November salary	agreed in budget
Online	M J Hedgley	December salary	agreed in budget

To be paid:

826	HMRC	Tax Q3	agreed in budget
Online	M J Hedgley	Clerk's expenses -stationery	61.40

All of above payments were proposed by JM and seconded by KC.

Bank Balances:

Current a/c	£2766.61
Reserve account	£8428.04

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

Budget 2021-22 – It was unanimously agreed the current budget was on track.

Forecast Budget for 2022-23 - this was discussed at some length and accepted by all.

Precept – JM proposed the extra Precept required for 2022-23 should be £500.00 making a total of £10,000.00 for the next financial year. This was seconded by MH.

**8. Highways**

- SCC has allocated an extra £20m towards Highways drainage and footpaths over the next three years – Co Cllr Elaine Bryce is to be asked to clarify where this will be spent.
- Traffic priority problems on C324 – Elaine has further details of this which she will pass on to the Clerk.
- Footpath issues - this has been covered in para 3, Action Points review, AP135
- SIDs equipment - the new SIDs sign on Butts Road, near the entrance to Playford Hall does not appear to be set correctly and shows a grimacing face when approached at anything above 25mph. This will be investigated.

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**9. Neighbourhood Plan – update**

KC reported that the AECOM draft report had been received - this has been circulated to all councillors for their comments which must be received within 10 days.

KC and the Clerk will meet via Zoom with consultant Ian Poole on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 to finalise the submission of the Grant application to AECOM.

**10. Progress on replacement Oak tree for WW1 memorial**

Tracy Herrington confirmed she would order the Pin Oak (potted in a 10 litre tub) quoted at £68 last year. BE has a spare tree guard and stake and extra compost will be bought from surplus funds, leaving enough for a plaque to be added in due course.

**11. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

Playford Village Hall committee will meet next week to discuss their plans – enthusiasm for a street party is lacking but having tables on the playing field is a possibility, with residents bring their own food (as Covid rules may still be in force).

As an alternative, BE offered outdoor space at Hill Farm saying his north barn could be used as shelter if necessary. Portaloos would be needed and insurance will need to be considered. Provision of music, what type and whether a generator was required, will also need to be agreed.

JM will report back to the PC after the Village Hall meeting has taken place.

**12. Other Planning Issues**

- Archway Piggeries: Owner has appealed against ESC planners’ decision to refuse permission for application DC/21/2171/FUL – awaiting result.
- Enforcement Officer has made a visit to Happy Acres Barn to confirm compliance with conditions of DC/19/0300/FUL but no feedback has been received yet.

**13. PC Vacancy**

Placing of advert in the next edition of Fynn Lark News to be confirmed by the clerk to encourage possible candidates to come forward.

**14. Correspondence – received up to 12th January 2022**

	Date	From	Subject	Ref
1	Oct 2021	Aspire Together	Details of Suffolk based charity BESVC providing community transport, family carer support & later life community	Jenny Day Support Officer
2	5.11.21	Anglian Energy Planning Alliance	URGENT: Invitation to meet lead Gov official on Sizewell C on Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021	Graham Murray Chair
3	25.11.21	East Suffolk Council	Invitation to take part in Treebilee project (Playford PC’s interest has been registered)	James Mallinder ESC

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4	9.11.21	Woodbridge Town Council	Declaration of Climate Emergency – (responded saying Playford PC is happy to follow ESC’s guidelines/policies)	Jonathan Valentine
5	11.11.21	East Suffolk Council	Consultation on Draft East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy(CIL) Charging Schedule & Draft CIL Instalment Policy	Jim Selby
6	12.11.21	East Suffolk Council	Winter support in Suffolk & East Suffolk	Andy Jolliffe ESC
7	12.11.21	Stop Sizewell C Minsmere Levels Stakeholder Groups	Responding to SZC Deadline 10 submissions	Paul Collins
8	1.12.21	St Elizabeth Hospice	Request for a donation	Celia Joseph
9	10.12.21	Ipswich Borough Council	Adoption of the Ipswich Low Emissions SPD	Russell Williams Chief Exec. Ipswich Boro Co.

## 15. AOB

- KC queried what was happening to the former Admirals Head pub – a change of use was sanctioned recently by ESC planners but the future of the car park is still in the balance.
- TH queried priority signs for C324 – Elaine Bryce has details of this which will be forwarded soon.
- BE has an old piano on his premises, thought to belong to the village but it is too dilapidated to be of any use and he will dispose of it.
- GT enquired about possibly planting free trees alongside Playford footpaths – this was outside of the PC’s scope.
- GT asked what was happening about the proposed controversial sirens/whistles at the level crossing on FP13 – this was thought to be overblown as the noise of the passing trains would exceed this by far but so far these have not been installed.

The meeting ended at 8.56pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.00pm

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