

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th January 2020**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe – Chairman
Mr Steve Hicks - Vice Chairman
Mr Ted Herrington – Councillor
Mr Keith Carson – Councillor
Mr Colin Hedgley – District Councillor

In attendance: Mrs Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Apologies for Absence:

Mr Adrian Melrose – no apologies received
Mr Mike Brewer - no apologies received

1. **Declarations of Members’ Interests in any items on this Agenda.**
Joan Metcalfe declared an interest as Treasurer of Playford Village Hall Committee and as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall. This information was duly recorded.
2. **Planning Application: ref: DC/20/0005/FUL**
Address: The Old House, Bransons Lane, Playford, IP6 9DN
Proposed: Alterations to existing roof structure and provision of 2 (no.) dormer windows.

The meeting started at 7.00pm. Neither the applicant nor the agent were in attendance to explain the background reasoning for the alterations. A discussion ensued.

Joan Metcalfe proposed a vote that Playford PC was unable to support the plans as the proposed dormers are out of character for a building of that vintage and out of proportion with the size of the house. Also it is in a Special Landscape Area (SLA). It was further agreed to endorse the sentiments of ESC planners in that this proposal would have a negative impact on the character of this historic building.

This was agreed unanimously by the council. Clerk will convey the above to the Planning Team at East Suffolk Council by email.

3. **AOB**
Joan Metcalfe has contacted someone to quote for work clearing the blockage in the drainage pipe under the entrance to the village hall car park, thought to be mainly caused by tree roots. It is possible the pipe will need replacing. He has inspected the site and will come back with figures. Meanwhile clerk to phone Highways (who have yet to send a warden to inspect) to highlight the situation that if the water overflows across the road and freezes it would be potentially dangerous.

Signed

Ted Herrington reported a dead oak tree on C324 at Playford Mount which has formerly been lopped but now looks dangerous and could fall across the road. Clerk to report this to ESC Arboriculturalist Nick Newton with photo if possible.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.00pm

Signed