

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 18th December 2013**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe - Chairman
Mrs Veronica Bunbury - Councillor
Mr Bob Coppillie - Councillor
Mr Tim Llewellyn - Councillor

In attendance:
Ms Marian Rosling - Clerk

Also present: Mr Ted Herrington
Mrs Sally Herrington
Mr Brian Seward
Mr Eric Metcalfe
Mrs Emma Singleton – part-owner of Sonnet House
Mr Simon Hanson – came to view plans then left before meeting commenced
Mrs Tracy Hanson– came to view plans then left before meeting commenced
Mr Kevin Bennett– came to view plans then left before meeting commenced

Apologies for Absence:
Mr Stephen Hicks - Councillor

- 1. Welcome & Introduction**
Joan Metcalfe opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the public attending.
- 2. Declarations of Members' Interests in any items on this Agenda.**
No members of the council declared any interests.
- 3. Planning Application: ref: DC/13/3369/FUL**
Proposed: Two storey and one-storey extensions, internal alterations.
Address: Sonnet House, Butts Road, Playford, IP6 9DR.

Mrs Emma Singleton explained the plans and said she welcomed comments and suggestions on the proposed alterations.

Although the completed alterations to the dwelling would result in a substantially bigger house, much of the 2-storey extension will replace existing outbuildings which were in need of repair/renovation.

Concerns were voiced over the positioning of the new driveway in Church Lane. Veronica Bunbury thought the proposed entrance was too near the corner of Butts Road and Church Lane and that visibility is poor there anyway. Also school children wait on that corner for their school bus in the mornings and a new driveway would add another hazard for them.

Drainage is not good in Church Lane and there are longstanding problems with run-off from excess rainwater. Joan Metcalfe said that the new drive would need proper drainage provision with adequate soakaways, preferably at both ends of the drive. In very cold weather, the run-off in Church Lane often freezes and becomes even more hazardous.

Emma Singleton undertook to look at possible drainage problems and to talk to the builders/planners and see what could be done to address the matter.

Tim Llewellyn raised concerns about the proposed parking area and asked whether parked cars would be visible from the road. He was assured by Emma Singleton that there would only be two cars parked there on a regular basis and that they would be tucked away behind the hedging.

Ted Herrington queried the possibility of sharing a drive with Copyhold, the house next door, but this was not thought practical. Ted Herrington also pointed out that the council own the land outside the boundary hedge of Sonnet House. This strip of land was bought to ensure better visibility at the junction of Butts Road and Church Lane and the new drive would cross over it. It was decided that SCC Highways ought to be consulted over this.

Joan Metcalfe proposed acceptance of the plans as they stand, with the proviso that the positioning of the new driveway should be as far as possible from the junction of Butts Road and Church Lane and that the drainage of the driveway should be carefully looked at.

The council voted 3:1 in favour of this.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm

4. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 7pm

Signed