

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall  
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19th February 2020**

**Present:** Mrs Joan Metcalfe – Chairman  
Mr Ted Herrington – Councillor  
Mr Adrian Melrose – Councillor  
Mr Mike Brewer – Councillor  
Mr Colin Hedgley – District Councillor

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

**Also present:**  
Mrs Emma Beckett

**Apologies for Absence:**  
Mr Steve Hicks  
Mr Keith Carson

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/20/0560/FUL**  
Address: Part land north of poultry units, Butts Road, Playford  
Proposed: Temporary access onto Butts Road

The meeting started at 7.00pm. The applicant Mrs Emma Beckett explained the reasoning for the temporary access was to allow concrete lorries on site to deliver foundations for the proposed stable block and haystore. The site has a right of way over adjacent land where an existing access on to Butts Road further downhill is situated but the track leading up to the proposed site for the stables is unsuitable, as part of it goes over rough ground. A discussion ensued.

There are serious misgivings about the safety of an entrance onto Butts Road where visibility is impeded in both directions and it was felt that SCC Highways may well deny access because of this. Details of the splay are not adequately shown on the plans so it is impossible to evaluate the line of vision in either direction. It was asked why the project could not be held over until drier weather came later in the year when lorries would be able to traverse the rough track from the present entrance.

The applicant responded that the components for the stable block had already been ordered and that heavy lorries could tip over on the existing rough track when heavily laden, though they could safely exit by existing track having shed their load.

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The applicant assured the council that the entrance would be closed up after the concrete had been delivered as there would be no further need for it, then the hedge would be reinstated with appropriate wild hedging plants. She further assured the council that any deliveries to the site would be carefully monitored and that someone would be on hand at all times to warn oncoming traffic of any lorries turning into the access road.

Joan Metcalfe proposed that Playford PC should support the plans with a caveat that the access is temporary and that the entrance will be permanently closed up after heavy materials have been delivered. A further condition was suggested that access should only be allowed for lorries entering the site and that they should exit via the existing access further downhill. This was agreed by 3:1

Clerk will convey the above to the Planning Team at East Suffolk Council by email.

3. **To discuss/agree remedies for drainage issues at entrance to village hall car park.**

Two quotes have been obtained for clearing the blocked pipe:

- Drains Doctor £1500+VAT
- Binder Ltd £123 for first hour and £80 for subsequent hours/part hour +VAT

Joan Metcalfe proposed that Binder Ltd should be asked to do the work but that a cap of 5 hours max should be imposed. This was seconded by Adrian Melrose. Clerk will contact Binder Ltd to agree a date.

4. **AOB**

Happy Acres Barn, Mill Cottage, Playford - concern has been expressed again as to whether this project is being built according to agreed plans. A portion of hard standing has been made where it was agreed trees should be planted to screen the building from the footpath – this may be temporary and for the use of building equipment.

It was agreed that Norse Ltd should be asked to trim the overgrown verges in Hill Farm Road and that the current tenant of Hill Farm would reimburse the cost of this to the parish council.

History Project – costs have been incurred through travel to and from the Records Office in Bury St Edmunds. It was agreed that these could be claimed by a request put in writing to the Clerk.

Clerk to arrange filling of new Grit Bins and to enquire about Highways supplying signs for Church Lane saying “Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles”

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm

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