

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th November 2018**

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

In attendance: Mrs Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Also present:
Mrs Sara Blake
Mr John Eaton
Mr Martin Hill
Mr Matthew Hammond

Apologies for Absence.
Mr Adrian Melrose - Councillor
Mr Steve Hicks – Vice-Chairman

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 of DC/18/4598/FUL. This information was duly recorded.

2. **Planning Application: ref: DC/18/4598/FUL**
Proposed: Removal of existing boundary wall and rail fence to the north and replace with new garden wall at 1.85m high. To be constructed sympathetically to the character of the village.
Applicant: Mr Matthew Hammond
Address: The Old Post Office, Hill Farm Road, Playford, IP6 9DU

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 that alterations to the original plans were as discussed at the previous meeting and that the new wall would be built to the same specification in Essex Red bricks similar to that of the house, the effect to be softened by planting shrubs at intervals. No pre-application advice has been sought but the applicant has spoken to Joe Blackmore of SCC Planning dept informally who commented that the effect of urbanisation in this project was to be avoided. Ted Herrington commented that the new wall was higher than he deemed necessary and he expressed doubts about its suitability for blending in with the rest of the village.

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Joan Metcalfe proposed a vote in favour of accepting these amended plans and this was passed 2:1 in favour with the suggestion that planting shrubs in front of the new wall as a relief to the “newness” of the bricks should be included.

3. **Planning Application: ref: DC/18/4209/FUL**

Proposed: Erection of a building for agricultural storage purposes and a residential; annexe.

Applicant: Mr Simon Blake

Address: Mill Cottage, Butts Road, Playford, IP6 9DX

The plans were on view for public inspection before the meeting - these were looked at closely and considered carefully.

Sara Blake, wife of applicant explained the plans and their reasons for requiring the agricultural store with residential annexe above. She added that a covenant would be included to tie the annexe to the main building so that it could not be sold separately.

Joan Metcalfe commented that she thought SCDC would turn down the plans as the proposed annexe would be too far from the main building and would be seen as a separate dwelling (this is supported by policies DM3 and DM6 in the Local Plan). A covenant against selling the dwelling separately was not of much significance as it could be waived.

The ground on which it is to be built, has been registered as an agricultural holding and building here would also contravene the Local Plan. There was also a dispute as to whether such a building would be visible from the highway and from the local footpath.

Keith Carson commented that the application was not in the spirit of Playford’s forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan which did not support building in the countryside – he suggested the applicants should seek advice from the planning team at SCDC.

Tim Llewellyn thought that SCDC planners would claim an extra dwelling would be seen as unsustainable as there would not be sufficient infrastructure in that location.

Joan Metcalfe proposed a vote against acceptance of this application, recommending that advice be sought from SCDC planners - this was passed unanimously.

4. **Spare funds from Defibrillator project**

Further to discussion at meeting held on 7th November it was suggested that these funds should be set aside for future capital spending on projects to benefit the community i.e. purchase of cycle stands for the village hall, possibly new grit bins if funding for these cannot be obtained elsewhere and tree planting.

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5. **AOB**
Joan Metcalfe announced that District Councillor Robert Whiting had applied on Playford PC's behalf for a £2000 grant for the History Book project.

6. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

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