

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 22nd July 2015**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe - Chairman
Mr Tim Llewellyn - Councillor
Mr Ted Herrington - Councillor
Mr Adrian Melrose - Councillor

In attendance:
Ms Marian Rosling - Clerk

Also present: Mrs Veronica Bunbury
Mrs Sally Herrington
Mrs Jo Burrows
Mr Tim Burrows
Mr Kevin Bennett
Mrs Liz Bennett

Apologies for Absence.
Mr Steve Hicks - Vice-Chairman
Mr Bob Coppillie - Councillor
Mr Neil Tibble – Councillor

Welcome & Introduction

Joan Metcalfe opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1. **Declarations of Members' Interests in any items on this Agenda.**
No members of the council declared any interests.

2. **Planning Application: ref: DC/15/2695/FUL**
Proposed: To build a 3.5 bay cartlodge 2m from boundary, to replace existing 4 bay garage which needs to be taken down

Applicants: Mr & Mrs T Burrows

Agent: Mrs. Jo Burrows

Address: Sevenoaks, Butts Road, Playford, IP6 9DF

The plans were displayed before the meeting and viewed by councillors and members of the public. Mrs Jo Burrows explained the proposals in detail. The existing 4-bay garage is falling down and needs propping up so it was decided to replace it with a cartlodge. To build this on the same site would mean that two large beech trees would need to be felled and the slope of the land would be inappropriate to the new layout.

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The new position means that the cartlodge will not be visible from the road and the lowest roof option was chosen to ensure as little impact on the surroundings as possible. Neighbouring houses, Mole End and Badgers Bank have no windows on the side facing the proposed location and Copyhold sits well below that level, also being shielded from the view by Leylandii and four other trees at Badgers Bank. The cartlodge will not be floodlit at night but will have a security light which stays on for 20 seconds after it is triggered. A planning officer from SCDC has already indicated approval of the plans.

No questions were forthcoming from councillors or the floor and Joan Metcalfe proposed acceptance of the plans. This was seconded by Tim Llewellyn.

3. **AOB**

Joan Metcalfe submitted a bill of £38.69 for reimbursement of funds spent on the plaque for the late June Gosling, as discussed at the previous meeting.

Adrian Melrose stated that his summary of Charles Barrington's talk on Great Bealings' Neighbourhood Plan would be forthcoming soon.

Joan Metcalfe thanked all those involved in cleaning up the river bridge area during the working party held on 18th July and to Sally Herrington who helped with the refreshments. A date to continue with this work will be set at the next meeting in September. A great deal of activity involving tractors was witnessed during the afternoon of the 18th July as a nearby field was being harvested, whilst the working party was in progress. It was noted that the tractor drivers were proceeding much too fast through the village and not giving due care and consideration to people working on the bridge. Evidence of this was also seen by the number of skid marks afterwards on the nearby roads. Joan will word a formal letter of complaint to Mr Parken of Waldringfield as it is thought to be his contractors at fault, and the clerk will forward the letter to him.

The grass and hedges have at last been cut and the ditch at the front of the village hall has been cleared. However, weeds and cuttings appear to have been left in the ditch – this will inevitably cause blockage problems later on – clerk to chase this up.

Ted Herrington reported that he had recently encountered a former employee of Charles Lofts, who has in the past, used the unregistered footpath to the north of the parish and he would be prepared to give evidence of its usage.

4. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 7.45pm

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