

Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at Playford Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th January 2023

Present: Joan Metcalfe – Chairman
Steve Hicks – Councillor
Keith Carson – Councillor
Martin Hill – Councillor

In attendance: Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Apologies for Absence:

Ben Evans –retrospective apologies received

1. Declarations of Members’ Interests in any items on this Agenda

None

2. Planning Application: ref: DC/22/4902/FUL

Applicant: Paul & Ruth Goudy

Address: Land & Buildings at Kiln Farm Nursery, Main Road, Playford, IP5 1BJ.

Proposed: Erection of a building to provide new sales area together with new car park. Widening of access and associated landscaping.

Chairman Joan Metcalfe opened the meeting at 7.00pm, the plans were displayed on the large screen TV and a discussion ensued. The applicants were not present.

The entrance onto the A1214 is to be widened to provide a better splay and two-way traffic. The incoming traffic will be diverted off to a car park on the left, then directed round to an exit at the back of the car park to rejoin the original track to take it back to the exit onto the main road.

The new building will be timber-clad and will provide a new sales area with more room for displays and an improved area for the tills. A canopied seating area will be provided on the left of the main building and at the back, part of which will be used to serve coffee and refreshments and better toilet facilities will also be provided.

The frontage will be landscaped and will include “chatting benches” and raised beds. The new car park will have 60 car parking spaces including 5 for disabled people. SCC Highways’ report has commented that a minimum of 15% of the car parking spaces should have electric charging points installed with a further 15% prepared for the future provision of charging points – this will need to be addressed.

JM proposed acceptance of the plans - this was agreed unanimously by all councillors.

The Clerk will convey this acceptance to the Planning Team at East Suffolk Council via their website.

Signed

3. AOB

JM has looked into a new website for the Neighbourhood Plan and received two quotes which were discussed – a decision will be confirmed at the next scheduled meeting.

There has been no further progress on the bottle bank repairs as amended quotes have not been forthcoming. The clerk will enquire whether Sam Webber has any ideas or could possibly enlist help from the Rapid Relief Team.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7pm.

Signed