

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Monday 25th July 2016**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe - Chairman
Mr Steve Hicks - Vice-Chairman
Mr Tim Llewellyn - Councillor
Mr Ted Herrington – Councillor
Mr Neil Tibble – Councillor

In attendance: Ms Marian Rosling – Clerk

Also present:

Charles & Veronica Bunbury
Judith Shelley
Janet Lillywhite
M. Trepte
Tim James

Apologies for Absence.

Adrian Melrose – Councillor

Welcome & Introduction

Joan Metcalfe opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

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

None

2. Planning Application: ref: DC/16/2698/FUL

Proposed: Retrospective application regarding landscaping of the above property.

Applicant: Mr Richard Sutherland

Agent: Mr Paul Watson, Watson Architectural, The Street, Eyke, IP13 2QN.

Address: Airys, Church Lane, Playford, IP6 9DS.

The plans were on view for public inspection prior to the meeting. Neither the applicant nor his agent was present to explain the details of the application. It was unclear from the plans as to the exact state of the previous terrain and the proposed final effect upon completion of the work as the plans mainly depicted heights above sea level. The unauthorised vehicular access is shown on drawing 050/18 as being still open although this should be bricked up in the final stages. Also "Tarmac" is mentioned in the application as being the existing access hardstanding but there is no tarmac there at present, nor has there been previously.

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A very large area of soil has been removed from the site – this was done in the early stages, before an agent or architect was engaged and so anything of historical interest which may have been in the soil, will have been lost. This large quantity of soil would have acted as a retainer for rainfall during a downpour and also for reasonable quantities of run-off water from the Highways or from fields above the property. Flooding via the unauthorised access is known to be a problem as the ground level is now lower than the highway outside.

Ted Herrington commented that the red lines on the plans do not represent the reality of the finished work. Tim Llewellyn said that the elevation drawings do not make sense. No clear landscape proposals have been made and the material of the finished surface has not been specified. Drainage arrangements are not mentioned – there are too many unanswered questions. Also, the address on the application is wrongly listed as coming under Woodbridge, when it should be Ipswich.

Questions from the floor:

- i) Tim James asked whether the earth moving issues were relevant to the application and why an engineer’s report/drawing was not available.
- ii) Veronica Bunbury asked why the SCDC notice of the application quotes “Listed Building”. Airys is not listed – did this refer to the Church/curtilage?

Joan Metcalfe proposed rejecting the application through lack of information and this was seconded by Tim Llewellyn.

Reasons for refusal:

1. Insufficient/incorrect information on the plans and neither the applicant nor an agent was available to explain any details or discrepancies.
2. There are serious concerns about the effect on the structural integrity of both the neighbouring property and to the main house (Airys).
3. Lack of information about drainage and how this will be addressed.
4. The proposed landscape scheme is not made clear, nor whether the finished result will include paving/tarmac or any other type of impervious hardstanding.
5. Drawing no. 050/18 shows the unauthorised access left open (post excavation) This should be closed up by the final stages. A deadline for this closure has been requested by Playford PC and a date for this needs to be specified.
6. No provision has been made for the increased run-off water from the enlarged roof area of the proposed alterations to the extension.
7. The sectional views do not give an accurate picture of either pre-excavation work or post-excavation work.

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8. Address of property is wrongly listed as coming under Woodbridge but in fact should be Ipswich.
9. Landscape excavations started sometime early in 2015, long before an architect or designer was called upon the scene.
10. Landscape work is still in progress despite the applicants being told to cease all operations until planning permission is received.

3. **AOB**

Carol Ramsden, clerk to Lt Bealings PC has contacted Playford PC reporting that Kesgrave Town Council was also encroaching on Lt Bealings' boundary with their Neighbourhood Plan and a meeting was proposed to discuss this. The deadline for objections to Kesgrave's proposals is 2nd Sept 2016. Clerk to get provisional dates for a meeting with Lt Bealings parish council.

Joan Metcalfe reported on the problems with the basketball backboard on the playing field. She has sent a photo of the set up and sent it to Hexasport Ltd who will supply a new component to be fitted.

Tim Llewellyn reported a wasps' nest on the playing field near the childrens' play area. Joan Metcalfe proposed that SCDC should be contacted and that Sam Williams' (caretaker) mobile no. should be given so that the officer could contact him to be shown the location. Clerk to arrange.

Ted Herrington asked if Mr Parken could be approached to cut the brambles overhanging the C324. Clerk to organise.

Steve Hicks said that FP20 (school path to Lt Bealings school) would need cutting back before the new school term starts in September. Clerk to report to Highways.

4. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

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