

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at Playford Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27th April 2022**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe – Chairman
Mr Stephen Hicks – Vice-Chairman
Mr Ted Herrington – Councillor
Mr Keith Carson – Councillor
Mr Martin Hill – Councillor
Mr Ben Evans – Councillor

In attendance: Mrs Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Also present:

Mr Jasper Dormer
Mrs Tricia Laws
Mrs Tracy Hanson
Mrs Ursula Richards

Apologies for Absence:

Mr Colin Hedgley

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

None

2. Planning Application: ref: DC/22/1156/FUL

Applicant: Mr Jasper Dormer

Address: Archway Piggeries, Butts Road, Playford, IP6 9DP.

Proposed: Conversion and extension of an existing agricultural building to form a dwelling (alternative scheme to DC/20/1732/FUL) and erection of new cart lodge.

Chairman Joan Metcalfe opened the meeting at 7pm. The applicant explained his current plans and that he is seeking planning permission for extensions to the original Piggeries renovation, outside of the Part Q criteria on which the previous plans had been based, claiming this is a separate new application which should be treated independently of the old criteria. The plans also include a new cart lodge on ground not previously used by any other farm buildings and for new gates at the end of the drive. He has not sought pre-planning advice for any of this as his agent had advised there should be no problem.

Questions were asked as to why these two projects were not applied for as separate issues, and why was there a need for a dormer window in the upper storey of the cart lodge if it was only going to be used for storage? Also it was felt that the height of the cart lodge (5.86m) would be out of keeping with the nearby piggeries height and with the landscape in general. Concerns were also raised about the extensions to the NW and to the SE of the building as the previous permission was limited to only using the exact footprint of the original piggeries.

If the Part Q aspect was removed in order to be able to extend the building, the

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application would be subject to current “Building in the Countryside” regulations and should not be permitted. Also it would not accord with AECOM ideals as laid down in the parish Neighbourhood Plan which is nearing completion.

The walls would be of a cement board, mimicking the current wooden panelling and the roof would be finished in a zinc material, thought to be in keeping with what was there originally. There is no mention of solar panels, provision for re-using grey water or any other green issues in the plans.

Questions from the public included:

- If the new application is passed so that no Part Q restrictions applied to the piggeries, what are the implications for the rest of the site i.e. the additional buildings that would have been subject to Part Q restrictions?
- The future of the cart lodge was queried – could this be earmarked for development as a future dwelling?

The applicant stated he had no plans for developing the cart lodge into a dwelling.

A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed not to support these plans as they go against the East Suffolk Local Plan rules for Building in the Countryside, SCLP5.2, SCLP5.3 and SCLP5.5. Also the height of the cart lodge would be out of keeping with the nearby roof levels and the landscape in general. The whole scheme also goes against the AECOM ideals as laid out in Playford’s future Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk will convey this to the Planning Team at East Suffolk Council via their website.

3. Re letter to Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy

Various town and parish councils in the vicinity of Sizewell C have been asked to sign a letter to Kwasi Kwarteng in response to his alleged prejudicial and inconsistent remarks made by him on Sizewell C with regard to community consent.

A discussion ensued and the parish council resolved to support this letter. The Clerk will convey this to Anglian Energy Planning Alliance, Suffolk.

4. AOB

The Village Hall Committee’s plans for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations were divulged by JM. These include an event on the playing field (to be held indoors if wet) on Saturday 4th June 2022 commencing at 3.30pm. Free wine, tea and cakes will be available and the use of BBQ will be available to those who bring their own food to cook. Tables will be laid out on the football pitch and games for children will be organised in the car park. Music is to be provided and a free souvenir will be given to each child attending.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th May 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting to commence at 6.30pm followed immediately by Annual Parish Council Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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