

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at Playford Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28th July 2021**

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 (arrived 7.25pm)

In attendance: Mrs Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Also present:

Mr D Fulcher
Mr Peter Keen

Apologies for Absence:

Mr Colin Hedgley - District Councillor
Mr Adrian Melrose – no apologies received

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

SH declared an interest as a neighbour to the property 2 Hill Farm Cottages – this information was duly recorded.

2. Planning Application: ref: DC/21/3265/FUL

Applicant: Mr Dean Fulcher

Address: 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Hill Farm Road, Playford, IP6 9DT

Proposed: Erection of cart lodge garage with office space over.

Chairman Joan Metcalfe opened the meeting at 7pm. The applicant, Dean Fulcher and his agent Peter Keen explained the plans which were shown on the large TV screen, in more detail. The cart lodge is to be dual purpose, serving both the applicant's personal use and to house his business vehicles. The plain tile roof is to be similar to that of the main building and two dormers (which are sympathetic to those on the adjacent house) are to provide extra light.

TH suggested an alternative roof design and this may be borne in mind but is not in the application to be considered. JM stated that the windows needed to be at the front to be effective but the size of these dormer windows was queried.

Questions were raised regarding the services to be provided:

- Electricity will be connected and metered from the main house
- Drainage – the mains drain runs nearby and can easily be connected to

Stability of the high embankment on the RH side of the property was queried – this has a sturdy retaining wall and the composition of the terrain was thought to be sufficiently conglomerate to hold together, aided by tree roots and vegetation.

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No objections were raised to any of the proposals. JM proposed the PC should support the application and this was agreed unanimously by those present. The Clerk will convey this to the Planning Team at East Suffolk Council via their website.

3. Any other Planning issues:

Planning Application DC/21/3084/FUL

Applicant: Mr Tony Rooke

Address: 2 Hill Farm Road, Playford, IP6 1DU.

Proposed: Detached garage and store (existing to be removed).

These plans had been previously discussed on 14th July when the PC had voted not to support the application due to insufficient detail on both dimensions and materials to be used. Case Officer Nick Clow has now provided extra information from the applicant to clarify some of the missing details and a discussion ensued:

KC stated that he still felt that footprint was excessive and was unhappy about the material for the roof which has still not been specified in detail. Also the design was not sympathetic to Playford's Neighbourhood Plan which will soon be completed.

BE said that there was merit in keeping the height of the roof low so that the building would not be noticeable from neighbouring properties however, it would be visible from the road if the front gates were removed.

The mock black weatherboarding was chosen to complement another similar building nearby and this was now accepted by councillors as appropriate. The lack of windows was not considered to be environmentally friendly as artificial light would need to be employed inside, even in broad daylight. Sympathy regarding security of the building was acknowledged but toughened opaque glass could be used to address the security issues.

JM asked for a vote on whether to change Playford PC's stance and support the application in the light of the new information but it was unanimously decided not to change the original decision. The Clerk will convey this via email direct to the Planning Team at East Suffolk Council.

4. AOB

A query on the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 14.7.21 regarding when the SIDs equipment was in use, was cleared up and the minutes will be amended.

KC stated that the bench on the village green needed cleaning up. JM suggested a working party for this. Clerk will put the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7pm

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