

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd July 2019**

Present: Mrs Joan Metcalfe - Chairman
Mr Ted Herrington - Councillor
Mr Keith Carson – Councillor
Mr Mike Brewer - Councillor
Mr Robin Vickery – County Councillor
Mr Colin Hedgley – District Councillor

In attendance:
Mrs Marian Hedgley - Clerk

Also present:
Mrs Sally Herrington
Mr Bill Johnston
Mrs Elizabeth Mansfield

Apologies for Absence:
Mr Steve Hicks
Mr Adrian Melrose
Mr Tim Llewellyn - resigned

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

Joan Metcalfe declared an interest as Treasurer of Playford Village Hall Committee and as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall. This information was duly recorded.

2. To approve the Minutes from meeting held 8th May 2019 and matters arising/Action Point review.

Minutes proposed by Ted Herrington, seconded by Joan Metcalfe and signed by her.

Matters arising.

- a) Clerk pointed out that the annual insurance arrangements had been changed from the 5 year contract with Zurich to a new 3 year contract with Royal Sun Alliance (advised by CAS as being more appropriate) with a slightly reduced annual premium of £186.73 - this had been unanimously agreed by councillors via email.
- b) Thanks to be extended to Sam Webber for installing more verge marker posts around the village. A donation of £50 to the Rapid Relief Team in respect of this was proposed by Joan Metcalfe and seconded by Keith Carson.

Action Point Review:

- ✘ **AP 115 – Build up of silt on C324** – Silt was cleared on 8th May but the drains have not been unblocked satisfactorily so it is likely to flood again. Robin Vickery is liaising with Community Engineer Paul Gant to tie up a visit when he is in the area to sort out all the problems here. Meanwhile Clerk will ask Norse yet again to clear this on a regular basis.

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- ⊠ **AP131 – Water constantly trickling down FP7 making it hazardous.** Still no satisfactory update here. Robin Vickery will get Paul Gant to look at this when he visits. Meanwhile Clerk will phone Highways to report that people have slipped and fallen over on this path.
- ⊠ **AP 135 – Ongoing issues with FP’s 1 & 3.** Extensive drainage work has improved FP1 and work has also been done to improve the drainage on FP3, the fence has been temporarily removed on FP3 to allow people to walk further out on the field. Both paths still wet in places and need more levelling. Clerk to contact Debbie Adams to ensure both these paths are on the regular cutting list. This situation still needs monitoring.
- ⊠ **AP141 – Sign at top of FP7 (Church Lane end) is still down –** This is in hand and will be dealt with when engineer next in the area
- ⊠ **AP144 – Can size of vehicles using Church Lane be restricted?** Robin Vickery will put this question to Paul Gant when he visits.

For more details see Action Log appended at end of the Minutes.

3. **Planning Application DC/19/1979/CLE** - Certificate of Lawfulness re 1 Hill Farm Cottages, Hill Farm Road. Support for this application was submitted on 14.6.19 having been agreed by email. Retrospective confirmation of the response was proposed by Joan Metcalfe and seconded by Keith Carson.
4. **Planning Application DC/19/2217/FUL** Heath Cottage, Playford Road, IP5 1DA Proposed: Demolition of existing house and garage and erection of one detached dwelling and garage.

Elizabeth Mansfield, owner of the property explained the reasons for wanting to demolish the existing buildings (built 1820-1830), they were of poor quality construction in an isolated location and had bad drainage being at the bottom of a valley. There was little historic interest in them and her builder and architect both agreed there was little to recommend in trying to renovate them.

Pre-planning advice had been sought by ESC Planning dept. who confirmed there were no issues with historic value. Conditions imposed were that the new driveway would need an In and an Out access, also a survey needs to be done re bats.

A discussion ensued during which concerns were raised regarding the efficacy of demolishing an existing building to erect a new one.

Joan Metcalfe proposed support for the application and councillors voted in favour of acceptance with one abstention.

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5. Address by East Suffolk Co. Communities Officer Andy Joliffe

Andy Joliffe introduced himself and explained that his role as Communities Officer was to build communities and to link them together. His area covers Kesgrave, Martlesham, Playford and Rushmere and it is hoped that this will be extended to include both Bealings, Grundisburgh and Otley to create and sustain resilient communities to help each other out with problems.

There will be 6 community officers across the district serving different areas. They will be asking young people what they want, developing new community groups, providing access to funding and finding links, spotting isolation and dealing with it, and helping all ages from Early Years through to older people. They hope to link various organisations together and to direct people to the right organisations. They will help with initiating Neighbourhood Plans, promoting Community Health and well-being and will explain procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour. They will liaise regularly with SNT and also base a representative outside Tesco in Martlesham on Mondays, asking people for feedback on what they are doing.

There were no questions from councillors so Joan Metcalfe thanked Andy for his visit and he said he would keep us in touch.

6. County Councillor's report

Robin Vickery asked whether the parish council had agreed locations for the new grit bins as this had to be sanctioned by Highways before funds could be released for the purchase of these bins. Joan Metcalfe has this in hand – see para 9.

Proposals for the Ipswich Northern Bypass have recently been put forward by SCC, consultations start on 5th July and continue until 13th September 2019. There are 3 main routes put forward for consideration and opportunities to view details and to ask questions at several locations. Views can also be expressed online via the website:

www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk

People are being urged to get involved and to have their say. Further details, maps of the proposed routes etc can also be obtained from the website. Parish Councils will need to send representatives to the consultations then get together to consolidate their views and form their response.

Robin has been asked to help with progressing solutions to the problems with local footpaths, including FP1 across the water meadow, FP3 towards Culpho and FP 7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow. He was also asked whether restrictions could be placed on the size of vehicles using Church Lane (whether or not this is used as a diversion route) as large vehicles are churning up residents' front gardens. He is in discussions with other parishes and trying to agree a date for Community Engineer Paul Gant to make a date to view the Church Lane area and on the same visit, to view the problems with C324 silt build-up and subsequent drainage problems, also the problems with inadequate priority signage on that road.

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7. District Councillor's report

Colin Hedgley's District Council report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and is appended at the end of these minutes.

Colin continued the discussion on the Northern Bypass routes and possible alternative solutions, also where the funding was to be obtained from. He posed the question as to whether there was a hidden agenda as there are plans afoot to build 15,000 houses to the north of Ipswich. It has been alleged that the CIL payments from these houses could be used to provide the necessary 20% of total cost of the proposed bypass and then the government would fund the rest. He thought it could be 4 years before the final choice of route is finalised.

He stressed that a concerted effort needs to be made to make all parishioners aware of this project and of the consultations going on in the area so that they may make their views known. To this end, it was agreed that each councillor would take a section of the parish and deliver leaflets showing a map of the proposed routes and details of the website for Ipswich Northern Routes Bypass. The clerk will circulate maps and necessary details for each councillor to print and deliver. Councillors will each try to attend one of the local consultations - a consolidated approach to this issue is needed (to be discussed at a future PC meeting) before a response is made.

8. FinanceReporting & authorisation of cheques/online payments:

- Clerk's salary for May & June - as agreed in the budget
- HMRC Q1 tax on clerk's salary £286.00
- Signing D/D mandate for annual ICO payment £35.00

Above payments proposed by Joan Metcalfe and seconded by Keith Carson

Increased payment for grey wheelie bin in car park at Village Hall:

This was formerly £25.00+VAT pa but has been increased to £107.00+VAT pa which seems rather steep. Dist Cllr Colin Hedgley will write a letter to Norse Ltd requesting a rebate as the bin is not solely used by Playford residents - it mainly provides a service for the general public using the bottle bank and the Fynn Valley walks.

Bank Balances:

Current a/c	£6491.81
NS&I	£3376.13

Joan Metcalfe reconciled the budget figures with the Bank statement.

A copy of the budget was circulated in advance of the meeting - the clerk stated that Budget for 2019-2020 was on track and this was unanimously agreed.

New signatories to the bank account: These are required following Tim Llewellyn's resignation – Joan proposed Keith Carson and Mike Brewer and this was unanimously agreed. The Clerk will obtain and complete the necessary forms ready for signing.

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9. Highways

- Grit bins –update on progress
Joan Metcalfe has obtained written agreement from residents near whose properties the bins will be placed and application forms can now be submitted to Highways dept. ready for their sanctioning.

- SAVID update
Ted Herrington attended the SAVID meeting on 21st June and reported back that the group would be willing for Playford PC to share their equipment on a regular monthly basis. Locations for a pole to place the apparatus on, need to be agreed and then Ted will complete the forms. Highways will then check this and install the pole free of charge.

10. Neighbourhood Plan – update

Funds have been pledged for the ecology and landscape survey of Playford Mere – Clerk to ask SWT to go ahead with this. Grant from Groundwork UK has been agreed in order to pay the final one third of Planning Direct’s fees and final printing costs etc. It is hoped that the final draft will be ready for circulation to residents soon.

11. Footpaths update

See Action Log

12. Problems with motorcyclists

Two youths on motorcycles have been seen recently riding irresponsibly along FP23 and FP20 – they should not be using these footpaths at all. It is difficult to take this further unless registration no.s can be obtained but the incident has been reported to Communities Office Andy Joliffe.

13. Correspondence – received up to 3rd July 2019

- a) **SCC - Democratic Services.** Confirmation of grant of £100.00 for purchase of oak tree to commemorate 100 yrs since end of WW1
- b) **East Suffolk Co.** re Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO): ASB, Crime & Policing Act 2014 – PSPO for **Latitude festival** at Henham Park re use of Psychoactive Substances in a public space.
- c) **IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE:** Announcing commencement of a public consultation beginning 5th July and details of venue(s)
- d) Tim Llewellyn; resignation

Signed

- a) Grateful thanks were extended to Tim Llewellyn for his dedicated services as councillor to Playford Parish Council for 5 years, following his resignation as he has now moved out of the area.
- b) Nil returns for councillor's election expenses are required – councillors all reminded that this should have been done by 12th June 2019
- c) Development of the piggeries site in Butts Road. It has been noted that surveyors were taking measurements at the junction of the piggeries lane with Butts Road.
- d) Keith Carson enquired about the proceeds of Playford's recent fête. This was thought to be in the region of £5000 but official figures have not yet been finalised.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

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