

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6th February 2019**

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

In attendance: Mrs Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Also present: Mr Simon Blake
Mr Simon Hanson
Mrs Tracy Hanson

Apologies for Absence.
Mr Adrian Melrose - Councillor

1. **Declarations of Members' Interests in any items on this Agenda.**
Joan Metcalfe declared an interest as Treasurer of Playford Village Hall and as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall, Tim Llewellyn declared an interest as a Trustee of Playford Village Hall. This information was duly recorded.
2. **Planning Application: ref: DC/19/0300/FUL**
Proposed: Erection of a building for the purpose of agricultural storage.
Applicant: Mr Simon Blake
Address: Happy Acres Barn, Butts Road, Playford

The plans were on view for public inspection before the meeting - these were looked at closely and considered carefully. The applicant, Mr Simon Blake was invited to expand on the plans. He explained that following the refusal of his former plans, they had been revised to omit the dwelling above the storage barn. The orientation of the building has been turned through 180 degrees so that there would be no windows facing the drive and the entrance will be via the field at the back, this being more appropriate for farm equipment. There will still be a first floor and this will be used for storage, access to the upstairs level will be via an outside staircase only. Water and electricity will be supplied from the main building. He has spoken to neighbours and to the Planning team at SCDC and all were happy with the new proposal.

It was observed that Qn 13 on the application form which related to Foul Sewage stated that the 'Package Treatment Plant' box had been ticked – the applicant replied that this was probably carried over from the previous application which included residential premises.

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It was also suggested that the size of the building was somewhat bigger than was justifiable for an agricultural store. The height of the ridge was estimated to be 8m but trees will be planted to (eventually) obscure the building from the drive.

Joan Metcalfe proposed a motion to support the application, the general view was that it would be acceptable as an agricultural storage unit but unease was expressed that it might in time be changed into a residential dwelling .

Voting was 4:0 in favour of the application with one abstention - the clerk will convey to SCDC Planning team the sentiments of the council regarding future use of the building.

3. **Planning Application: ref: DC/19/0307/FUL**

Proposed: Rear and side extension with minor internal and external alterations.

Applicant: Mr Simon Hanson

Address: Archway Cottage, Butts Road, Playford, IP6 9DP

These plans were also on view for public inspection before the meeting and were looked at closely and considered carefully.

Simon Hanson applicant, explained the plans, which involve filling in a square corner at the rear of the property to extend the kitchen and extending a current store room at the front of the property to create a dog room and a study. The new kitchen area will have a glazed lantern area fitted into a flat roof. The immediate neighbours have seen the plans and have no objections.

Joan Metcalfe proposed a vote to support this application, and this was agreed unanimously.

4. **AOB**

Keith Carson reported that the signpost in Church Lane for FP8 leading to Spring Meadow had been knocked down, Steve Hicks thought it had been reinstated, clerk will check and report to Highways if necessary. There is continued concern about the grass verge being churned up by vehicles parked outside properties on the right hand side at the top of Church Lane. Clerk to write to Flagship Housing to confirm how far their ownership of this verge extends and whether they can exert any influence over their tenant to curb this practice of parking on the grass verge.

The broken underground drain in the garden of no. 4 Church Lane continues to pose a problem by creating a stream of water trickling down the footpath to Spring Meadow. This is currently under investigation by a consultant engaged by the housing association but as yet, ownership of the pipe has not been confirmed. The clerk has recently chased up progress on this and will continue to do so.

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Favourite locations for the two grit bins which are to be provided from Co. Councillor Robin Vickery's location budget are:

- a) On the verge to the right looking uphill on the corner of Church Lane and Church Road
- b) At the junction of Hill Farm Road and Spring Meadow

This will be confirmed at the next meeting after various permissions have been sought.

It has emerged from Sizewell C public consultation proposals that there is a possibility of the railway crossings on two Playford footpaths (FP9 and FP13) being temporarily closed for an unspecified period during which the railway line is to be used to transport large quantities of heavy materials to the site in Sizewell. It may be decided that transporting these materials would be better achieved by road (these would need upgrading and a new link road being constructed) in which case the crossings would remain open but an objection sent to the consultation at an early stage should be considered. Clerk to write letter of objection.

- 5. **Date of next meeting** - Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.00pm

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

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