

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 7th May 2008 commencing at 9.05 pm

### PRESENT

Dr John Day	-	Chairman
Mrs Tracy Hanson	-	Vice Chairman
Mrs June Gosling	-	Councillor
Dr David Lewis	-	Councillor
Mr C Lofts	-	Councillor
Mrs T Innes	-	Councillor
Mr R Herrington	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr P Gardiner  
Mrs D Gardiner  
Mr T Lofts  
Mrs A Day

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No Apologies were received.

#### **1. To receive Councillor's declarations of interest in any item on this Agenda.**

Dr David Lewis stated that he has an interest in the matter of the Boules Piste. Mrs June Gosling declared an interest as a member of the Parish Hall Committee. This was written in the "Declarations of Interest" book and signed.

#### **2. Election of Officers:-**

The posts were to remain the same for this new financial year. I.e:-

Chairman	-	Dr John Day
Vice Chairman	-	Mrs Tracy Hanson
Clerk/RFO	-	Mrs Sarah Cartwright
Internal Auditor	-	Mr Paul Gardiner

Signed .....  
Chairman

**3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 3 March 2008**

Mrs June Gosling had been left off under “Present”. Subject to the above amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes (not covered in Agenda items listed below)**

4b. A Special Meeting had been held on the LDF and as requested the conclusions from this meeting had been forwarded to Suffolk Coastal District Council, namely that Area 2 was the least suitable for housing development and should if possible not be used for the following reasons:- 1) It is the smallest. 2) It has been agreed in the past that any significant development north of the A1214 should be avoided, described as it was by the Bypass enquiry as the “Lung of Kesgrave”, and should remain as countryside. 3) It can be observed from the Special Landscape area. 4) It has no local infrastructure. In comparison the most appropriate area would appear to be Area 3. However there are houses within Playford with large curtilages and areas of no agricultural value upon which it would be reasonable to allow developments. Indeed some growth within the village would be of benefit. Our conclusion on the LDF had been forwarded to Suffolk Coastal District Council.

6. Boules Piste. Dr David Lewis reported that two games had been played of which Playford had lost one and drawn the other. He presented the clerk with a cheque for £250 which is the players contribution towards the Boules Piste being widened. The work had been carried out and Dr Lewis gave the clerk the invoice for payment. This had cost a total of £998.75. The VAT element is reclaimable (£148.75).

7. Footpaths/byways. The possibility of joining footpath 13 and 9 was still being pursued. The Council were awaiting a letter from Mrs Eileen Stennett.

12. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Ben Welham’s telephone number was to be given to PC Wheddon as a parishioner interested in re-igniting the scheme.

**5. Parish Councillors Responsibilities.**

Dr David Lewis	-	Footpaths, Deputy Officer
Mrs June Gosling	-	Dustbins and recycling
Mr Ted Herrington	-	Highways and trees
Mrs Tracy Hanson	-	Footpaths, Play area monitor, Parish Plan rep.
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	-	Neighbourhood Watch rep, SALC rep
Dr John Day	-	SALC rep, Parish Plan rep.

It was agreed to circulate more freely correspondence and invitations to seminars, events, etc on the meetings when they occur re: the Boundary Committee and LDF and see who is available to attend as and when.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**6. Parish Plan**

This was to be put on the agenda as a major item for discussion at our next meeting in June. It was felt that Playford Parish Council should be formulating some suggestions of their own.

**7. Risk Assessment**

See attached sheet.

**8. Finance**

i) The following cheques were reported:-

Cheque No. 100629	£96.00	Playford Parish Hall
Cheque No. 100630	£25.03	Sarah Cartwright – expenses
Cheque No. 100631	CANCELLED	
Cheque No. 100632	£20.00	Paul Gardiner

ii) The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2007/08 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. These had been internally audited by Mr Paul Gardiner. A bottle of whisky and cheque for £20 was given to him in recognition of his hard work. The Annual Return will be sent off the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> July. This gives parishioners 5 weeks in which they can inspect the parish councils “books” at the Clerk’s home.

**9. Correspondence**

The Chairman had received correspondence from Mr David Heard, co-signed by three other people complaining about the damage to Church Road’s verges. A solution would be to take 2 foot off those verges and put a proper curb along the area in question. This would be a clean solution. Dr John Day would approach SCC Highways department.

Dr John Day asked if noise pollution was a problem in Playford? All agreed that although bird scarers do go off sometimes early in the morning or with increasing intensity it was not a problem sufficient to warrant a complaint. The farmer concerned has agreed to keep them to the minimum.

**10. Any Other Business**

Mr Paul Gardiner mentioned about the recycling credits. When the new bins come in will the village recycling bin keep going?

**11. Date of next Meeting** - Wednesday, 25 June 2008

Signed .....  
Chairman