

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm

### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

PC Dan Wheddon  
Len  
Mrs Pascoe  
Mr P Gardiner  
Mrs D Gardiner  
Mrs S Herrington

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs June Gosling and Mr Peter Bellfield

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

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

No declarations of interest were recorded.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

It was pointed out that Mrs Tracy Hanson had been left off the "Present" list when she had been present at the last meeting. Mr Ted Herrington suggested that under item 4 Planning Application C06/0898 "Permission had been granted by SCDC" be changed to read "The appeal against refusal, by SCDC, for the proposed development at Sevenoaks, Butts Road, has been allowed by the Inspectorate following an informal hearing which was held at SCDC Offices in Melton on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007".

Signed .....  
Chairman

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007, subject to the above amendment, were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

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

- (i) Apparently Mr John Williams of SCDC had done a preliminary tree report that Mr Ted Herrington asked if he could have. The Clerk informed Mr Ted Herrington that she would endeavour to get hold of a copy.
- (ii) Sand Bins. Mr Ted Herrington has arranged (with the Highways Department at Saxmundham) for hazard warning posts to be placed by the sand bins alongside Butts Road
- (iii) It was pointed out that the March meeting had been changed from 5/3/08 to Monday, 3/3/08 and everyone was to note this in their diaries.
- (iiii) Mrs Tracy Hanson had placed the order for the goal posts in mid November and they were due to be installed next week.
- (v) Boules piste and proposed extension to court. Dr David Lewis pointed out that the width of it would have to accommodate the grass cutter from SCDC which cuts the field.

**4. PC Dan Wheddon's Report**

PC Dan Wheddon was asked to give his report since he would be leaving the meeting early. (A copy of this report will be circulated and put on the Parish Council website). Dr John Day asked about re-activating "neighbourhood watch". PC Wheddon said he supports this 100% and will look into what he can do to help.

Information on Community Speedwatch had been circulated to everyone – where volunteers go out with a speed gun. PC Wheddon stressed that a fairly long stretch of straight road was necessary to use the speed gun and the safety of the user was of paramount importance. Training would be necessary for volunteers and stopping and checking cars would involve considerable procedure. Dr David Lewis suggested writing to all Councils to ask if they are interested in joining forces. Great Bealings and Little Bealings had already been approached and a further meeting with these two Councils was to be arranged. The cost of £2,200 (for a speed gun) split between 3 Councils would considerably reduce the expense. The idea of paying by how often the gun was used was also discussed. Considerable and careful planning was needed.

**5. Planning**

- (a) Parish Envelope.  
Papers had been received from SCDC demonstrating that a letter went from the Parish saying it had approved recommendation and consideration of expansion of the Envelope. Dr John Day gave out a photocopied plan of the Envelope detailing these changes. Various options were discussed: . 1. Leave as it is. 2. Change it. 3. Await a change/decision about it as Parish Plan goes through. It was unanimously agreed that the Council write to SCDC to revoke this expansion of the Envelope. This matter was resolved as all agreed that the recommendations had never been approved.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**C07/2122 Spindleberry, Church Lane, Playford.** Erection of garage, carport and lean-to covered area, insertion of dormer windows into roof slopes in association with loft conversion, erection of lobby and conversion of garage into kitchen. Permission had been granted by SCDC.

**C07/1944 Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH.** Reconstruction and refurbishment of existing conservatory. Permission had been granted by SCDC.

**6. Footpaths/Byways**

Mrs Tessa Innes declared an interest. A letter had been received from Mr Innes over his concerns that byway 7 may be upgraded to make it commuter friendly. He was to have a site meeting with SCDC. Mrs Tessa Innes was asked to keep the Parish Council informed. The Parish Council may make an application to have it down graded as a bridleway.

**7. Hedge/Grass Cutting**

A letter had been received from Mr Eric Metcalfe over his concerns about the hedges. The Highways department confirmed that the keeping of the hedges was the landowners responsibility. The Parish Council will take it upon themselves to inform anybody who is not keeping their hedges cut back and write to them. It was felt that a formal letter from the Highways Department to the Landowners was not necessary.

SCDC were to do more cuts on the playing field. Whilst previously 7 cuts per year had been carried out now 12 cuts were to take place.

**8. Communications**

The issue of planning applications being circulated in the cumbersome “brown envelopes” was raised and the trouble we have in adhering to the councils deadline broached. After some discussion it was agreed that when a new planning application comes in the Clerk will keep this copy at her house and those interested can view it within a specified time limit. Upon receipt of the application the Clerk will e-mail councillors all details of the application including the application number so that the councillor may also look on SCDC’s web page.

**9. Suffolk Roadsafe & Community Speed Watch**

This had been dealt with earlier under item 4.

**10. Welcome Leaflet**

It was agreed to include the activity of recreational boules in the Welcome Leaflet. Another additional facility was the John Belstead playing field. Also to be added to the leaflet.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**11. Neighbourhood Watch**

This had been dealt with earlier under item 4.

**12. Parish Plan Update**

A questionnaire in draft format had been completed as part of the residents consultation process. When everyone is happy with that the Steering Committee will be sending out a test questionnaire. The final questionnaire will go out March/April. A similar process will take place for the stakeholders.

**13. Budget**

The Chairman thanked everybody for their help and advise on this. A donation of £250 for the village hall was ring fenced for them to spend as they wish. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Dr David Lewis. An additional £20 was to be ring fenced for Audit Fees – payment of the internal auditor. It was agreed that the Precept should drop to £3,500 for the financial year April 08 to April 09. This will be received as two lump sums in April and October. The Budget was approved by Mrs Tracy Hanson and seconded by Dr David Lewis. Please see Appendix 1 for budget. The Precept was approved by Mrs Tracy Hanson and seconded by Dr David Lewis.

**14. Correspondence**

Mr Peter Bellfield’s report was to be circulated and put on the website. Items on the report were:-

Schools reorganisation - consultation with parents, governors and staff is continuing in the first two areas to change to the two-tier system.

Waste incineration - the County Council will shortly be told which were the sites considered for the plant, which one has been selected, and why.

The Budget – the County Council was pleasantly surprised by the Central Government grant for the coming year. £155 was received which is £10m (7.3%) more than last year compared with their expectations of less than £4m. This will help to reduce the adverse effect of some of the £16m savings, which they were having to make.

Unitary Status – At the very last minute a U turn was taken and Ipswich was not granted unitary status. While the three tier system (ie. County, District and Parish) is not dead, it does appear that some form of Unitary is still likely.

A letter had been received from Mrs Anne Day informing the Parish Council that a village pub evening was being held in the Village Hall and support for this would be welcomed.

**15. Any Other Business**

Footpath 20 is in need of attention – letter to be written to SCDC.

The Meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Signed .....  
Chairman