

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council meeting of Playford was held in the Village Hall on
Thursday, 12th May 2011 commencing at 7.30 pm

PRESENT

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| Dr John Day | - | Chairman |
| Mr Simon Hanson | - | Councillor |
| Mr Tom Norfolk | - | Councillor |
| Mrs June Gosling | - | Councillor |
| Mrs Veronica Bunbury- | | Councillor |
| Mrs S Cartwright | - | Clerk/RFO |
| Mr Steven Hudson | - | District Councillor |
| Mr Peter Bellfield | - | County Councillor |
| PC Richard Wright | | |

In Attendance

Mr Paul Petit
Mr & Mrs R Herrington
Mr & Mrs T Lewellyn
Mr & Mrs Bennett
Mrs Tessa Innes

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Dr John Day asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Mrs Veronica Bunbury proposed that Dr John Day be nominated. This was seconded by Mrs June Gosling. Dr John Day signed the declaration of acceptance of office for Chairman which was witnessed by the Clerk. (Other Councillors also present signed their declaration of acceptance of office before the meeting continued)

2. ELECTION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Mr Simon Hanson said he was willing to stand as Vice Chairman. This was proposed by Mrs Veronica Bunbury and seconded by Mrs June Gosling. Mrs June Gosling said she was happy to carry on as Village Hall Rep. Mrs Veronica Bunbury said she would attend the 12PT/SNT meeting next week with the possibility of her being the Parish Council representative for these meetings.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Bob Coppillie and Mrs Joan Metcalfe

Signed

Chairman

4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS IN ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Mrs June Gosling declared an interest as a member of the Parish Hall Committee.
Mr Simon Hanson declared an interest in Item 11 (Fireworks) on the Agenda.
This was written in the "Declaration of Interest" book and signed by the Chairman.

5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 2ND MARCH, 15TH APRIL AND 26TH APRIL 2011

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting, and then signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (NOT COVERED IN AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW)

None

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD'S REPORT

Mr Peter Bellfield reported that the County Council was in political and administrative limbo. No strategic changes can be made until the new leader, Mr Mark Bee takes his place as the new leader at the end of May. He is also District Councillor for Waveney Council and Mr Bellfield reported that he has vastly improved the efficiency of this council. At the moment the Deputy Leader is running the County Council. £130 million still needs to be saved over the next 3 years. The Chief Executive Mrs Andrea Hill is on extended leave. At least two complaints have been made against her and it was decided not to ask her to return to office whilst investigations are on going. In addition two senior officers have resigned.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVEN HUDSON'S REPORT

The Chairman informed Councillors that District Councillor Steven Hudson will be arriving later and when we shall return to his report.

9. POLICE REPORT

PC Richard Wright reported that there has been 1 theft in the last year. Although crime levels are low he still asked the public to remain vigilant – scrap metal and theft of heating oil is popular. Should anyone suspect suspicious behaviour he asked them to telephone 999. In terms of crime prevention; timer switches for lamps, shed alarms, garage alarms etc are available to purchase from the police.

Signed
Chairman

PC Richard Wright reported that the last speed checks along Butts Road were carried out on the 4th May 2011 and he asked what our position was with regards to traffic calming in the village. The Chairman reported that we were waiting to hear what the police suggested. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that we should talk to Mr Luke Barber at Endeavour House. He will be able to help on this subject and would be able to discuss possibilities such as “white lining” and 30 mph roundels. Financing it might be an issue. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that there were two forms of grants. One coming from highway matters and one from general matters. Mr Tom Norfolk asked if we could have access to speed data gathered in the past by the “smiley faces” which have been previously used on this stretch of road. PC Wright said this would not be a problem. Safety of officers on the roads that speed enforcement is carried out is paramount with even more stringent rules than before.

Dr John Day reported that the Parish Plan had recommended we reinvigorate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme however this was no longer appropriate as police/parishioner relations are a lot closer.

10. HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported that the kerbing on Butts Road outside High Meadows was not satisfactory and that he would be following this up with Mr Derek Oldham from Highways. The Chairman had been out and measured the road which does not allow for two cars to pass one another without riding on to the kerb. It appears there has been a third incident of wing mirror clipping. Mr Simon Hanson said that it was very difficult to get a line of sight and you are on top of a car before you know it.

The street sign “Hall Farm Road” is invisible and vegetation needs cutting back. This has been reported to Highways. Ref: 2258845

The Clerk has been informed that the missing “Dr Watson Lane” sign is not going to be replaced. Mandy Mann informed the clerk that they have a tiny budget and since cars keep “knocking” the sign there seems very little purpose in replacing it at the present time.

A new “directional” sign has been ordered for Playford Road. The previous one was damaged in a car collision. It was ordered on the 5th April.

The incident of fly tipping which Mrs Veronica Bunbury reported has at last been dealt with by SCDC.

The tarmac down Brook Lane been restored to a satisfactory condition.

The surface of Church Road has been improved.

11. SUFFOLK OPEN WEEKEND

The Chairman explained that Suffolk Open Weekend was due to be held on 23rd July 2011 with fun and games on the John Belstead playingfield. A grant has been secured by Mrs Tracy Hanson. This is for £250 which is shared between the three villages, Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford. Mrs Suzanna Roberts of Playford has agreed to keep in touch with the people in Bealings as a liaison person for this event.

Signed
Chairman

12. PARISH PLAN

Dr John Day reported that he and Mrs Joan Metcalfe had been the reps for Playford. Mr Phil Holmes has asked if the Parish Council will agree to the winding up of the AMG? The Chairman felt it would be a good idea to revisit the action points as and when required (ie look at different items on a bi-monthly basis) however he felt that the AMG could be wrapped up. This was proposed by Mr Tom Norfolk and seconded by Mrs Veronica Bunbury. The Parish Council should look at refreshing the plan every five years. How best to achieve this should be considered early 2012.

The Chairman opened this for public discussion:-

Mrs Bennett of Gayfers asked what “Work with SCDC and PCs to progress retention of green fields between Kesgrave and Playford/Bealings” meant? Dr John Day informed her that this meant the Parish Council would oppose further housing or equivalent developments. Mr Ted Herrington asked the Chairman to publish what he had said at the sub committee meeting about this planning application? The Chairman would be happy to do this and was confident and pleased that the Council had made the right decision. This had been taken at a vigorous meeting two weeks ago and there was no need to re-visit it.

Mrs Veronica Bunbury reported that the new District Councillor Steven Hudson had said he would be very happy if people wanted to contact him over this matter. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council would be looking to review the way planning applications were dealt with in the future. Mr Tim Llewellyn asked that if we are to have ad hoc meetings every time a planning application comes in could it be advertised on Googlemail? The Chairman asked if all present were on Googlemail? Mrs Veronica Bunbury said she would happily do a leaflet drop encouraging parishioners to sign up. The Chairman said this would not be necessary as a slip of paper could quite easily be slipped in to the Benefice Newsletter which is already distributed and/or advertised in the Welcome Leaflet that he is working on.

13. FIREWORKS

An email had been received from Mrs Bennett distressed that fireworks had been let off last year, without notice. Mr Roberts wrote to suggest ways that villagers might prewarn others about fireworks parties. It was agreed at the meeting that while villagers should expect some noisy parties around fireworks night, everyone should take steps to prewarn others about any other parties at other times of the year when fireworks are planned. The Chairman said it would be a good idea to use Googlemail for this. It was also agreed to put a polite notice in the Benefice newsletter requesting parishioners inform their neighbours who have animals if they intend to let off fireworks. This would forewarn them.

Signed
Chairman

14. COUNCILLOR COMMUNICATION

All Councillors are now on email and letters and newsletters etc will continue to be circulated in the brown envelope. Councillors were given a copy of an email received from Little Bealings Parish Council on how they deal with their planning applications. This will be an Agenda item at our next meeting.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**C/11/0954 Pantiles, Spring Meadow, IP6 9ED****Erection of single-storey lean-to extension to provide carport**

Mr Paul Petit the owner of Pantiles was at the Parish Council to explain the application. Basically the neighbouring fence/wall had been taken down to allow access for machinery. The fence/wall has been re-built but 6" higher. The lean-to is because the car won't fit in to the garage. Mr Petit reported that their neighbour Mr Firkins has no objection. The Clerk was asked to notify SCDC that the Parish Council had no objection.

16. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (refer to Risk Assessment 2010)

On the Risk Assessment responsibilities Mr Simon Hanson said he would be willing to act as Tree Warden. Mrs June Gosling said she would continue to monitor the recycling bins and Mr Tom Norfolk said he would look after the Boules Piste, Playing field and village notice board. Mrs Veronica Bunbury said she would be happy to be the footpath officer.

Some large pot holes on the tarmac need filling. Quotes need to be obtained and who is liable to pay for this needs to be ascertained.

17. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVEN HUDSON'S REPORT

The Chairman congratulated Mr Steven Hudson on his election. Mr Steven Hudson thanked those for voting for him. He reported that little has been happening at SCDC because of the elections however they are now in the process of trying to streamline operations in the Council. One of the recommendations is to hold Council meetings bi-monthly instead of monthly. This would save money as the officers time is expensive. They are also looking at reducing the number of Scrutiny meetings. There is a core agenda that has to be dealt with but they are confident they can do this in less time.

18. FINANCE

i) The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

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| Cheque No. | 631 | £ 24.99 | Phil Holmes - Hosting of website |
| Cheque No. | 632 | £372.24 | Aon/Allianz Insurance |
| Cheque No. | 633 | £ 20.00 | Paul Gardiner – Internal audit |
| Cheque No. | 634 | £ 61.26 | Sarah Cartwright - Expenses |

Signed

Chairman

ii) The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2010/11 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Dr John Day proposed we adopt these and this was seconded by Mrs June Gosling. These had been internally audited by Mr Paul Gardiner and were now ready for the external auditors BDO Stoy Haywood. Anyone wanting to inspect the accounts will be able to by appointment at the Clerk's house.

iii) The first instalment of the Precept has been received (£1,750).

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Training. Mr Simon Hanson said he would like to attend Councillor Training on the 8th June 2011. **Clerk to action.** Mr Tom Norfolk and Mrs Veronica Bunbury said they would like to wait until the Autumn before attending councillor training.

An email has been received from the Community Payback Team. They are asking if we can donate 5 litres of petrol every time they visit the Parish to strim/cut the grass plus 15 metres of strimmer cord. The clerk will meet with them on site to hand this over. The Chairman agreed that this was in order. Their next visit is Thursday, 19th May 2011.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6th July 2011

The meeting ended at 21.10 pm

Signed
Chairman