

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm

### PRESENT

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| Dr John Day        | - | Chairman            |
| Dr David Lewis     | - | Councillor          |
| Mr C Lofts         | - | Councillor          |
| Mrs Tracy Hanson   | - | Councillor          |
| Mrs June Gosling   | - | Councillor          |
| Mr R Herrington    | - | Councillor          |
| Mrs S Cartwright   | - | Clerk/RFO           |
| Mr Steven Hudson   | - | District Councillor |
| Mr Peter Bellfield | - | County Councillor   |

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs A Day  
Mr P Gardiner  
Mrs S Herrington  
Mr Llewellyn  
Dr D Heard  
Mrs Pascoe & Len

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs Tessa Innes and Police Officer Danny Wheddon.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. A special welcome to Mr Steven Hudson was given as our new District Councillor.

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

Mrs June Gosling declared an interest as a member of the Parish Hall Committee. This was written in the "Declaration of Interest" book and signed by the Chairman.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

Under Minute no 10 Mr Ted Herrington asked that the sentence:- "... Mr Ted Herrington reported that he had been cutting down hedges...." be changed to "Mr Ted Herrington reported that he had been cutting down overhanging vegetation". Subject to the above amendment the minutes were then put to one side to be signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

Signed .....  
Chairman

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

**Footpaths/byways.** The Council has received a letter from Mrs Eileen Stennett confirming the proposed route of the permissive path joining footpath 18 and 9. Mrs Stennett will be dealing directly with Suffolk County Council on this matter. Footpaths number 20, 1 and 7 have now been cleared though footpath number 7 is closed due to blocked drains.

**Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** PcsO Sallyanna Chatten-Berry had been in touch with the Clerk over the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. As instructed the Clerk had given her Mr Ben Welham's telephone number in order that she may set up a meeting with him to discuss things further.

**Risk Assessment.** Signs to keep dogs off the playing field are acrylic and cost £18. To supply and install costs £118. Dr John Day has volunteered to put up two – one at either end of the playing field. The cost will be £36 for the signs. Mr Ted Herrington proposed that we go ahead and purchase them. This was seconded by Mrs June Gosling.

**Parish Plan.** Mrs Tracy Hanson reported that they had had a 70%-75% return of the householders questionnaire and 60% of these had already been input onto the computer. The deadline for the data input is the end of next week (26<sup>th</sup> September). Analysing the data will come later though it is hoped to be completed by end of October.

**Local Development Framework.** Dr John Day reported back from a workshop he had attended on the LDF's proposal to build 1,500 houses on the "fringe" of Ipswich. He commented that the proposal to build these additional houses would take place between now and 2020 with Playford being the least likely location for building. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that new developments had taken place with BT submitting outline planning permission for the building of 2,000 new homes on the area of land surrounding Adastral Park. As well as new houses there would be a primary school, healthcare, public transport, shops, jobs, leisure facilities and public spaces. The road infrastructure would also be improved to accommodate expansion.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**4. Boundary Committee Review**

Dr John Day opened this discussion to the members of public present. Our County Councillor and District Councillor provided an update on the current situation and proposals of the Boundary Committee to date. A wide-ranging discussion took place. The Chairman then invited the Council to formulate their specific proposals. All voted against the two unitary councils (Felixstowe/Ipswich & 46 parishes and a Rural Suffolk). Councillors voted that One Unitary Suffolk (that the Boundary Committee gave merit to) was a better option. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Dr David Lewis. It was decided to write to the Boundary Committee outlining our reasoning, namely:- 1) financially, it must be the most economic way forward. 2) the separation of a much expanded Ipswich to include a number of rural parishes such as ours and those in the Shotley Peninsular and embracing Felixstowe follows no logical pattern. 3) the removal of Lowestoft and the separation of Felixstowe and Ipswich from existing Suffolk County Council into North Haven would leave the rest of Suffolk bereft of significant economic power points. It was also agreed that if the two unitary councils were to come into fruition Playford would want to be part of Rural Suffolk as opposed to inclusion in the North Haven Unitary since Playford primarily consists of a small envelope of houses completely surrounded by agricultural land. It was agreed to emphasise this in our recommendations to the Boundary Committee. This was proposed by Dr David Lewis and seconded by Mrs June Gosling. It was resolved that we write to the Boundary Committee with our comments.

**5. Planning**

**C08/1031 3 The Courts, Playford, IP6 9DR**

**Erection of pitched roof, first floor front extension, garage and single-storey side extension.**

This proposal has been withdrawn.

**C08/1167 The Old House, Bransons Lane, IP6 9DN**

**Replacement garage and store with additional granny annexe above. New Jacuzzi room replacing existing outshot.**

Mr Llewellyn informed Councillors that SCDC has given permission for the Jacuzzi room but a decision on the annexe has yet to be made.

**C08/1582 Site of former High Meadows, Butts Road**

**Relocation of existing timber stables/barn buildings parallel to Butts Road, including surfacing to the front of the buildings.**

This proposal met with no support from Councillors. It was agreed to write to SCDC including in the letter the Councillors comments made on the Planning Application form that had been circulated. In addition three extra points were made:- 1) the domestic boundary on the architects drawings are incorrect, 2) the new structure is not within that boundary but on agricultural land, and 3) it blocks the view of special landscape area.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**C08/1196 Spindleberry, Church Lane, IP6 9DR**  
**New single-storey garage with car port, insertion of dormer windows new entrance porch & conversion of existing garage into kitch/dining room (resubmission of C07/2122).**

Permission has been granted from SCDC.

**6. Finance**

The following cheques were reported:-

Cheque No. 541        £5.00 Mr Phil Holmes. (Boundary meeting flyers)

Cheque No. 542        £141 BDO Stoy Hayward

£70.62 credit has been received from SCDC for recycling credits.

Approval of the Annual Return by BDO Stoy Hayward was accepted by Councillors.

We have received a letter from Mrs Jenny Shaw of the Bealings Village Hall Trust asking for our share of the £2,000 that is available as a grant (from the Outdoor Playing Space Contributions) to the “Little Bealings Group” (Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford). Since there is nothing that Playford wish to spend money on it was agreed to write to Mrs Shaw confirming that Playford agrees to support the release of these new funds to the John Belstead Playing Field Project.

**7. Correspondence**

Dr John Day read out an email received from Mr Brian Seward giving his views on the Boundary Committee’s proposal.

A police report has been received from PS 3 Lydford. There were no crimes to report. The report will be circulated around Councillors. Details of the new structure of the SNT has been circulated to Councillors. It was noted that the next meeting of the SNT would be at 10.30am on 3 October in Kesgrave Town Hall.

An email from SALC offering a Planning Workshop on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October had been received. This is at a cost of £25 plus VAT. Dr John Day expressed an interest in attending this.

An email inviting Councillors to Suffolk Acre’s AGM on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October had been received. It was agreed Dr John Day and Mrs Sarah Cartwright would attend.

A grant form sent from SALC, in conjunction with Suffolk Strategic Partnership, had been received offering financial assistance of up to £250 for the purchasing of a marquee. Since the form had to be received by SALC by 5 pm (17.09.08) the Clerk had completed and submitted the form with the prior knowledge that should the grant not be required nothing would be lost.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**8. Any Other Business**

Dr David Lewis asked if people were allowed to stay the night in the village hall. He had recently come across some members of the motorcycle club sleeping one morning in the hall. Mrs June Gosling confirmed that subject to insurance people were permitted to spend the night. The use of the toilet in the village hall was discussed. At present when a party hires the hall it is their exclusive right to use this facility. Problems arise when people on the playing field want to come inside and use it. The possibility of building an outside toilet was discussed. Mrs June Gosling said the trees in Dr Watson's Lane need cutting back and asked if we could write to Mr John Fenton, as landowner.

**9. Date of next Meeting** - Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008

The meeting ended at 9.55pm

Signed .....  
Chairman