

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

### PRESENT

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| Dr John Day           | - | Chairman                 |
| Dr David Lewis        | - | Councillor               |
| Mr C Lofts            | - | Councillor               |
| Mrs T Innes           | - | 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        |
| Pc651 Richard Wright- |   | Community Police Officer |

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

16 members of the public including Tom Norfolk, Sally Herrington, Guy Hartfall, Mr & Mrs Metcalfe, Len & Mrs Pascoe

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

#### **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 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 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)**

Signed .....  
Chairman

**Footpaths/byways.**

Footpath 7 is clear. The clerk has spoken to Debbie Adams who is hoping to improve the footpath from Playford to Bealings (school) and is looking at footpath 3 which had been blocked by a log. David Lewis reported that the grass had been strimmed here. Complaints had been received about Footpath 5, apparently the farmer has been planting potatoes over it. Footpath 1 – there was a large tree down at far side of field, resting on kissing gate which has been removed by John Fenton.

**Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** Mr Ben Welham – no news

**Risk Assessment.** Wrong dog signs had been sent and returned back to SCDC. The new ones have now arrived. They need to be erected onto board backing and attached to a stake in the ground. (The additional materials have not been provided). The signs are at the Clerk’s house.

**Local Development Framework.**

A letter has come in from Ipswich Borough Council dated 15<sup>th</sup> October (LDF Preferred Options Consultation, Jan to March 2008). It will be circulated.

**Any Other Business**

Mr John Fenton has been contacted re: overhanging trees in Dr Watson’s Lane. He has promised to cut them back.

**4. Police Report**

Pc651 Richard Wright introduced himself and explained the changes in the area. 3PT (Kesgrave, Martlesham & Rushmere) now 12PT (new partners including Great B, Little B & Playford). He will email the clerk his contact details for publication in the Benefice Newsletter. His telephone number is 01473 334980 and the office is in Kesgrave. There was no crime to report. If a police officer is unable to attend the Parish Council meeting a written report will be given. There is a different PCSO dealing with the Safer Neighbourhood Watch Scheme whose details will be clarified in time. The Clerk to send Richard Wright names and contact details of Councillors and details of website.

**5. Planning**

**C08/1854 – Land South of, Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham St Martin  
Change of use of agricultural land to parkland burial site with provision for informal public access and creation of new vehicular access.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone. Playford has been asked to comment on the above proposal. An extensive open discussion took place followed by a closed discussion of Councillors and Chairman. The main points raised were:

1. Nature of proposal in relation to traffic concerns
2. Drainage problems.
3. Change of use of land
4. All underhand and something we don’t want

Signed .....  
Chairman

Facts: It is 97 acres of agricultural land to be used for a “natural” burial ground. 11 acres are reserved for agricultural cropping. 34 acres are for grass and planting and 54 acres for burials. Five properties immediately affected so for these neighbours it is extremely upsetting. Shouldn't it be away from habitation? Away from villages and in mature woodland. The neighbouring councils of Tuddenham, Grundisburgh and Great Bealing all object. 328 letters have been received objecting to this. Would be a travesty if SCDC do not acknowledge a degree of democracy. Site visit is scheduled for 14 November. Dr John Day read out loud the letter Tuddenham Parish Council had sent SCDC opposing to it. This was helpful and it was agreed that Playford should “draw” on it. (Copy of letter attached to these minutes). A vote was taken. All against.

**C08/1167 The Old House, Bransons Lane, IP6 9DN**  
**Replacement garage and store with additional granny annexe above. New Jacuzzi room replacing existing outshot.**  
Permission has been granted from SCDC

**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.**  
Nothing has been heard with regard to this application. Mrs Tessa Innes stated that she felt it looked very nice.

**6. Report by County Councillor Peter Bellfield**  
See attached report.

**7. Report by District Councillor Steve Hudson**  
Steve Hudson reported on the LGR. The clear majority had voted for One Unitary Suffolk. A lot of people didn't realise they could say Status Quo. It goes to the Secretary of State in January. We have a small window of time in which to comment on what the Secretary of State says. The issue of joining footpaths around the proposed burial site had come up at the Tuddenham meeting. The application certainly goes against the principals on the local plan.

**8. Parish Plan**  
Mrs Tracy Hanson reported that the steering committee had been summarising the questionnaires and drafts had been sent to the committee members. There were issues of wording etc. but it was being pulled together. Final presentation to public is due the beginning of next year. The Chairman asked if we could all have copies of the questionnaires. Mrs Tracy Hanson reported that she would check with the Steering Group and circulate if not a problem.

**9. Highways**  
Mr and Mrs Innes have cut back the overhanging trees which were reported to run from the entrance of the Hall down to the little white bridge and made it difficult for farm machinery on the roads.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Re: Verge damage in Church Lane (reported this time last year). Dr John Day will arrange a visit with Derek Oldham (Highways) when roads are muddy and problem verges more easily identified.

**7. Finance**

The following cheques were reported:-

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| Cheque No. 573 | £100.47 | Clerk expenses (£75 – storage of filing cabinets, use of computer, tel line, office space & electricity from April 08 to April 09) |
| Cheque No. 574 | £25.00  | SARS - donation  |
| Cheque No. 575 | £25.00  | East Anglian Air Ambulance - donation  |
| Cheque No. 576 | £4.00   | Bealings Village Hall (Boundary Com. Meeting)  |
| Cheque No. 577 | £29.38  | SALC (JD Training day)   |

A request for a donation was received from the Macmillan Cancer Support and Homestart.

Thank you letter from SARS for our donation of £25.

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We have received a letter of thanks from Mrs Jenny Shaw of the Bealings Village Hall Trust for the release of our share of the £2,000 that is available as a grant (from the Outdoor Playing Space Contributions). (JBFPF) and a letter had come in from Cancer Campaign in Suffolk asking if they could involve our community in their charity by becoming members of their community fund raising team.

Paper on Section 137, Local Government Act 1972 (Information)

The Chairman suggested pooling money together and providing a rather more substantial sum to one charity.

The draft budget for 2009/10 was looked at. Items that cropped up were grass cutting around Spring Meadows – could we extend Probation Team to do that? Clerk to ask and be shown areas that need attention. The dog bin needs emptying. Clerk to contact SCDC. Welcome Leaflet – needs updating with Councillors names etc should budget another £100 for this. This sets the precept at £3,500 but it needs to be finalised at January meeting. Various charities asking for money to be circulated – perhaps people have preferences?

To approve Clerk’s hours & rates of pay. Presently 4 hours @ £8.238 per hour. SCP 15 to be increased to £8.436p per hour. SCP 16. £146.22 per month (09/10) + 2.45% cost of living rise. There was a shortfall of £82.92 in 2008/09 because paid £135.88 per month therefore the direct debit needs to be changed. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Mrs June Gosling.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**8. Meetings for 2009**

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

**9. Freedom of Information Act**

The Council received details of the Freedom of Information Act. These had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the new Scheme should be adopted and information made available. This should be done by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The necessary information will be put on the website by the Clerk.

**10. Climate Change & what we can do as a Parish to help**

Dr David Lewis spoke that he felt it was best to do what we can on a practical level. The village already does bottle recycling and a few people may be interested in home insulation. It was agreed to raise awareness by helping to publicise Great Bealings Environmental Introductory Evening in January. Flyers to be distributed.

**11. Correspondence**

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 on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at Rushmere. Mr Ted Herrington will be attending. The Clerk will let him know what time & where when she knows.

We were unsuccessful in the application for a marquee grant.

A consultation – Communities in control: Real people, real power: Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees has come in which is to be put in circulation. It was agreed not to respond.

An invitation to Kesgrave Town Council’s Annual Reception on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm had been received. No one to attend.

Notification of Town & Parish Liaison meeting. Local Government Reorgansiation and SCDC Budget 09/10. Wed, 14 Jan. 7 – 9pm. Kesgrave Conference Centre. JD attending.

Invitation to LDF Workshop/Discussion Forum. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 7 – 10pm. Martlesham Heath Pavillion. Mr Ted Herrington will be attending.

Copy of letter sent to DEFRA from SPS (Consultation on DEFRA policy statement on appraisal for flood and coastal erosion risk management).

SALC – Training

NALC – Banking Crisis

Email – “Rural Communities Continue to Lose Key Services” – Suffolk ACRE

Email – Ipswich Dial a Ride – to **be put in Welcome leaflet/parish newsletter**

Email – Steve Hudson – Boundary Consultation responses.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**12. Any Other Business**

Mrs Tracy Hanson asked why hadn't the Parish Council been consulted first over the contribution of Playing Space Fund. Should there not be some sort of mechanism so that this sort of thing doesn't arise in future? JD replied it was an open door, up to them to ask us. Village Hall weren't aware money was available.

**13. Date of next Meeting** - Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009

The meeting ended at 9.50pm

Signed .....  
Chairman