

## **PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

### **PRESENT**

Dr D Lewis	Chairman
Mrs T Hanson	Vice Chairman
Mr C D Lofts	
Mrs J Gosling	
Mrs S Cartwright	Clerk
Mr J Leggett	District Councillor
Mr P Bellfield	County Councillor
WPC Victoria Gilmore	Community Police Officer

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs S Herrington  
Mr R Herrington  
Mrs D Gardiner  
Mr P Gardiner

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr C Snowden, Mrs T Innes and Mr J Day.

Dr David Lewis opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

#### **2. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA**

Mr C Lofts and Mrs J Goslings' interest as Parish Hall Trustees was recorded at this meeting and for all future meetings. No other declarations of interest were recorded. The book was then signed by the Chairman and dated.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered in Agenda items listed below)**

Deeds – Lease of Land to Parish Hall Trustees

The Deeds had been taken to the Suffolk Records Office for safe keeping. The Clerk was to liaise with the Village Hall Management Committee in order to obtain a copy of the Lease of Land Agreement.

Key for the Gate to the playing field.

Dr David Lewis had charge of this key.

Bealings Village Playing Field Project

A letter had been written to Mrs Jenny Shaw (Project Leader) confirming support for the release of the Sports Fund. The Clerk agreed to keep the Councillors informed of future developments at the playing field with the first stage of work beginning this autumn.

Speeding/Highway

WPC Victoria Gilmore had been out with her speed gun in the village but hadn't been able to pull anyone over for speeding.

The results from the Speed Indicator Display had come back and Dr David Lewis read out the results. The bottom line of this is that Playford is very "Middle of the Road" when it comes to speeding with the average mean speed being 32 mph. This result warrants a speed check probably once a year. The Clerk would endeavour to get a SID out along the C324 Bealings Road and had been in discussion with Peter Ingram of SCC. No more flooding had occurred along this stretch of road.

The Council decided to hold off joining SORR for the time being as it was felt it was more a pressure group for villages with heavy goods vehicle problems.

Whilst on the topic of Highway mention was made that the triangle of grass on Brook Lane and Butts Road was becoming damaged due to the post van riding up on the verge before stopping. The Clerk was asked to write to the Post Office telling them to keep off the grass.

It was also mentioned that signs were being obscured due to an overgrown hedge on the left handside of the road coming into Playford village over the railway bridge.

Playford Website

Councillors volunteered to write "a piece" to put onto the website. The Clerk was to update the website with the latest minutes. Mrs J Gosling volunteered to write on the Village Hall. Mrs T Hanson to write a brief paragraph for the Home Page of the website with information such as population, location etc. etc. Dr D Lewis to write a paragraph on the Parish Council. It was also essential to get a contribution from the church with service times etc. At a later date, once the "essentials" were up and running it was hoped to scan a map of the footpaths in the village onto the website and also to take some photographs of the village.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**4. ABOLITION OF THE SLAVE TRADE**

The Chairman welcomed Woodbridge Town Mayor, Jim Bidwell and Town Councillor, Mike Weaver who had come to discuss their plans for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade and how we might link in with them. Mrs J Gosling informed us all that Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup> March was a date to put in the diary for Mr Brian Seward and Mrs Anne Oram had been working with Playford Church and they had organised a church service followed by lunch in the village hall with a coach load of people coming from Wisbech and also from London. On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March Mr Bidwell informed us that Woodbridge School had hired the Seckford Theatre to deliver a lecture on Clarkson and the Abolition of the Slave Trade. This venue holds 350 people. There would be a small charge of £3 per person and the money would be donated to a charity of choice. (Playford could have a say in this). Also there would be a bar before and after the talk which would aim to start at, say 7 o'clock – 7.30 ish. The lecture would be aimed at all age groups from 11 upwards. It was also commented that Mrs Tessa Innes would be receptive to anything that might involve the opening of Playford Hall gardens. It was an idea that EADT might be contacted and informed that Clarkson week would be coming up and anyone requiring any details could contact Dr David Lewis. It was agreed to again meet up with Woodbridge Town Council in late January. Another idea was a lecture, presentation involving Bealings School.

**5. PARISH PLANS**

Although people were reserved about the idea of a Parish Plan Mr Peter Bellfield assured us that parishes are just getting on with it. In particular the big parishes. It does involve a lot of detailed work but with Little and Great Bealings embarking on the plan it was suggested that it would be a good idea for Playford to begin. One of the first things to remember is that it is *not* a Parish Council Plan but a *Village* Plan. It was agreed to put an ad in the Benefice newsletter for a “Key champion” ie. Someone from the village who would run the steering group. It was most advantageous to have a “champion” before a public meeting as this precipitated other villagers to make up a steering group which should have 3 members of the village and 2 parish councillors. Before the Public Meeting a leaflet drop would have to be organised around the village.

**6. PLANNING MATTERS**

**C06/1529/FUL MEADOW COTTAGE, BRANSONS LANE. Erection of single-storey extension and en-suite to bedroom.**

Permission for this had been refused.

**C06/1665/LDCE GARDEN HOUSE, BRANSONS LANE. Application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of premises as a residential property.**

The Clerk had written to SCDC giving the Parish Council’s support for this application.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Mr Charles Lofts reported back from the Planning Seminar and a copy of the power point presentation was to be circulated to the councillors.

**7. EXPENDITURE**

A standing order had been set up so that the Clerk was paid £135.88 every month rather than quarterly.

A VAT refund of £81.88 had been received from H M Customs and Excise which was paid in the year 2005/2006.

Cheque No. 100501	01.11.06	£135.88	Sarah Cartwright
Cheque No. 100502	01.11.06	£80.00	Stuart Young

The above cheques were signed and authorised for payment.

**8. DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2007**

3 January 2007

7 March 2007

16 May 2007

4 July 2007

5 September 2007

7 November 2007

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from SORR, "The Quiet Lanes" was going to be circulated again. Dr David Lewis handed out a map of Playford to all Councillors with the village envelope, parish boundary and the rights of way marked on it.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It is understood that Stuart Young cuts the edges and verges in the village and also does the churchyard. SCC cuts the playing field, and the Probation Team cut the playing area and have done the area over the railway bridge. They will be offering a contract next year.

The meeting closed at 21.15pm

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 January 2007.

Signed .....  
Chairman