

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 1st September 2010 commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Dr John Day	-	Chairman
Mr C Lofts	-	Councillor
Mr R Herrington	-	Councillor
Mrs June Gosling	-	Councillor
Mrs Tracy Hanson	-	Councillor
Mrs Tessa Innes	-	Councillor
Mr Robert Coppillie	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Bob Coppillie, Mr Peter Bellfield, Mr Steven Hudson

2. 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.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY 2010

Amendments:- PCSO Richard Wright should be changed to read "PC Richard Wright" throughout. Minute No 10. Highways, Line 1 replace "The rails are at last up and..." To read "The hand-rails to the steps at both ends of footpath No6., which joins Church Lane and Hill Farm Rd., have finally been erected – thanks have been conveyed to Debbie Adams, R.O.W. Officer and" Minute No 10. Highways, Line 16 should read "conversation with a resident and member of". Line 17 "rude" should be changed to read "offensive". Minute No 11. Line 6, "dually" should be changed to read "duly". Minute No 14, Finance, "(posts for the playing field fence)" should be replaced with "stainless steel bolts used in the restoration of the Notice Board Seat"

Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2010 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes were to be signed by the Chairman once the amendments had been made.

Signed
Chairman

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

BT Phone Box

An email has been received reporting that the field manager for the area is to look into getting the glass put back into the kiosk. A fault has also been raised for having the kiosk cleaned.

Report by Cllr Peter Bellfield & Cllr Steven Hudson

The Chairman has written to County Councillor Peter Bellfield and District Councillor Steven Hudson asking for a written report in advance of the meeting. Neither Councillor was present at the meeting.

Police Matters

Neither PCSO Justin Moss or PC Richard Wright were present at the meeting and no report has been received. REH reported that he had attended the last Community Engagement Meeting on the 11th August (the minutes of which are in circulation). There had been no matters which directly affected Playford. A point of interest is the fact that the village is covered between the hours of 8 am – 6 pm by the Kesgrave office and from 6 pm – 8 am by the Ipswich office

Registering Parish Council Land with the Land Registry

The land has now been registered and the documents relating to this plus the original deeds returned to the Records Office in Ipswich.

5. HIGHWAYS

Footpath 20 needs to be chased up with the Highways Department. The clerk to action.

Is there any news on the tree alongside of the bridleway near Bealings/Church Road junction? Contact Debbie Adams.

Mrs Tracy Hanson reported that the road down Brook Lane is subsiding. This could be caused by the large lorries and tractors using it. It was decided to report this to the Highways Department once the lorries and tractors have finished doing the necessary work they are carrying out. Also along this road there is a section of about 25 ft where the nettles need cutting back. Mr Charles Lofts, being the Landowner was asked to look at this.

The road edging on Butts Road heading towards Archway Cottage needs rebuilding. The clerk to action.

The dyke on the corner of Church Lane and Butts Road needs cleaning out. It is full of mud.

The drain opposite Copyhold in Church Lane is completely blocked.

The brambles and an ivy bust down Dr Watson's Lane need attention.

Signed
Chairman

6. SANDBOXES

Councillors agreed that new sandboxes were needed in the village. The positioning of sandboxes identified as most appropriate were:- 1) on the hill/railway bridge. 2) the hill on Butts Road 3) for the triangle just outside the Parish Hall. All councillors raised their hands in favour of purchasing the boxes from Glasdon UK Limited at a cost of £154.71. (To be raised under Finance below).

7. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUILD

The Chairman reported that this scheme of 10% expansion over 10 years ie. 1 house in the village per year is to him seen as progress. However the Chairman also pointed out that Mr Pickles was limiting people building in their gardens so the question needs to be asked, where would these new houses be built? Councillors were invited to comment however felt that there was not much to say at present.

8. STANDING ORDERS.

Pg 95. "Motions not requiring written notice. Xvii. To authorise payments of monies up to £100". This was proposed by Mrs June Gosling and seconded by Mr Ted Herrington.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C10/1650 Part of garden south east of, Sevenoaks, Butts Road

Revised/additional plans have been circulated and an extension given by SCDC for our comments. Dr John Day reported that there had been serious concerns recently over the drainage and problems with standing water in Church Lane. Surely this would be made worse with the building of two largish properties? Both Mrs Heard and Mr and Mrs Wight had expressed concern as immediate neighbours. A draft letter had been circulated prior to the meeting for submission to SCDC. Dr John Day was asked to make a few amendments:- the final paragraph which requests that the exit/entry point should be moved from Church Lane to Butts Road should be erased. It was felt unnecessary to offer up a solution to this drainage problem however it was felt necessary to spell out that a proper drainage systems/gulleys need to be put in place when the building work is carried out. REH proposed that we send the letter as amended. This was seconded by Mrs June Gosling. Mr Charles Lofts abstained from voting and all other Councillors were in favour of sending the letter.

C10/1951 1 & 2 New Buildings Cottages, Playford

Erection of two-storey side extensions, alteration of existing extensions to rear with new pitched roof over.

The Parish Councillors raised "No Objection" to this planning application and the comments were passed on to SCDC.

C10/1389 The Ridge, Church Lane, Playford,

Erection of two-storey side extension.

Planning permission has been granted by SCDC

Signed
Chairman

10. FINANCE

i) The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

Cheque No. 618 £58.75 BDO Stoy Hayward (Auditors)

ii) The annual return has been returned by BDO Stoy Hayward. They ask that we formally approve and accept it by council. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Mrs June Gosling. The notice of conclusion of audit is to be displayed for 14 days on the notice board. REH thanked the Clerk for completing the Annual Return and congratulated her on it's approval.

iii) Release of funds from Parish Plan (1/3rd of £1,172.76). Councillors agreed that the money should go towards purchasing three new sandboxes. The Clerk was asked to notify Mr Phil Holmes.

iiii) Council Tax Referendums. Dr John Day reported that this will not affect the Parish Council very much - our precept is very small - however Councillors agreed that we should respond to the consultation informing them that we are not in a position to comment until further details are received.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

SCDC's Planning Services are holding a 2nd meeting on Monday, 4th October 2010. Dr John Day hoped to be able to attend this meeting.

The Safer Neighbourhood Community Engagement Meeting are holding a meeting on the 7th September at 6.45 pm in Bealings Village Hall, Committee Room. The Clerk would be attending this meeting.

Suffolk Coastal Area Meeting, Agenda and minutes have been received. The next meeting is on 6th Sept at 7pm – Stratford St Andrew. Apologies to SALC.

Homestart's Annual General Meeting is being held on the 17th September at 1.30pm. Dr John Day said he would be attending.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Tessa Innes asked that the brown envelope be passed on promptly especially when it comes to planning applications. She also informed councillors that BT are going to be putting lines for their house underground. This is likely to be along the river bank so engineers might be parking on the road near the white bridge. She has no idea when this might be carried out.

Mr Ted Herrington expressed concern that the white lining had not been replaced on the C324 single stretch of road.

Mrs Tracy Hanson reported that there had been a couple of events in the summer that had involved cars parking all the way along Butts Road (from the white bridge right up past The Goose's Nest). This was because of the sheer volume of people attending the event. Mrs June Gosling said there was no way of knowing how many people are going to turn up to, what in these cases were charity events. Dr John Day said this matter should be brought up with the Village Hall Committee. Mrs Tracy Hanson said she would ask if there was any restriction on the size of events being held at the village hall.

Signed
Chairman

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 3rd November 2010

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed
Chairman