

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

### PRESENT

Dr John Day	-	Chairman
Dr David Lewis	-	Councillor
Mr C Lofts	-	Councillor
Mrs T Innes	-	Councillor
Mr R Herrington	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Herrington

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs June Gosling, Mrs Tracey Hanson, PCSO 3168 Justin Moss and County Councillor Peter Bellfield,

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

Dr David Lewis declared an interest in the planning application for Brook House This was written in the "Declaration of Interest" book and signed by the Chairman.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

REH pointed out that the sentence regarding the oiling of the notice board should not be under Minute 7 "Highways" but should be put under a separate heading "Notice Board". Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting.

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

County Councillor Peter Bellfield's Report Mr Peter Bellfield has reported to the Clerk in his absence that he has been asked to Chair the Pension Fund at SCC.

#### Local Development Framework

The clerk reported back that the plot of land in the Site Specific Allocations Document – Kiln Farm plot 774a was put forward by Mr John Fenton. Dr John Day read out the latest letter from SCDC which indicated that there will be a further round of consultation on changes to the housing distribution. These will commence early September 2009 and the LDF will be put on as an agenda item at our next meeting. A copy of this letter will be circulated.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Notice Board/Dog Signs/Memorial Seat

REH read out his email of 7<sup>th</sup> July (in circulation) which outlined all the work he has done on the notice board, cleaning, repairing and repainting it. He has also removed over 200 staples and drawing pins from it. The two signs indicating no dogs are allowed on the playing field have also been put up. REH has bought materials for the probation team to clean the board surround and rear panel of the notice board. He has also provided them with materials to clean and paint the memorial seat with teak oil. The Chairman thanked Mr Ted Herrington for his work.

The Kicking Donkey

Dr David Lewis reported that Mrs Trish Laws has won the competition for her design to be used on the pub sign. All the other designs received will be scanned to be used in publicity for village events. The cost of having a pub sign made will need to be discussed at our September meeting and will be an agenda item. It is basically a Parish Hall matter but will need help from the Parish Council and pub nights have proved to be a tremendous success.

**5. Welcome Leaflet/Collector for Benefice Newsletter**

Dr John Day reported that the Welcome Leaflet is now finished in terms of “Proof” and he thanked Mrs June Gosling and Mr Ted Herrington for their amendments to the text. The question has been raised – “Is it worth while getting it printed for a leaflet drop?” The cost is approx £80 for 150 leaflets. Councillors agreed it was worth getting it printed. The website also needs to be updated to reflect changes made to class times etc.

A successor to Brian Seward as Playford’s “collector” needs to be found. This involves picking up the monthly magazines from the printers in Chattisham, bundling them up into 15 lots and delivering them to the 15 “distributors” around the benefice. Mrs Tessa Innes said she would ask Mrs Veronica Bunberry. Dr David Lewis asked if the PCC had been approached.

**6. Local Government Review – Boundary Committee**

We received an email from SALC on 10<sup>th</sup> July re legal challenge in the high court by St Edmundsbury, Forest Heath and SCDC. There are new implications for the structural review in Suffolk. We will be kept informed.

**7. Highways**

The cost for a hand rail for the entrance to the playing field is £288.70. This is because the Public Rights of Way are unable to fund this. The Chairman asked Councillors to step outside to view the entrance to the playing field. Mr Charles Lofts felt very strongly that a hand rail was required. No-one was against having a hand rail. The Clerk was asked to obtain another quote perhaps with a diagram of the hand rail they will be supplying. This item to be put on the Agenda at September meeting.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Mr Eric Metcalfe has sent an email to the Parish Council with his concerns regarding overgrown hedges in the village. He is concerned that these are a danger to vehicles. He has also copied correspondence he has had from DEFRA regarding the 3 year rule. Dr John Day has spoken to Mr Eric Metcalfe and has agreed to walk around the village together to discover where the exact problem is. JD to report back. The brambles in Dr Watson's Lane have been reported. Ref: 1396413. Nothing has been done as yet.

A working group has been set up to deal with parking at Bealings School who will, amongst other things produce a community newsletter to school parents. Having the Public Footpath (1A and 2 Little Bealings and footpath 8 Playford) upgraded to Bridleway is still under consideration however it was noted that this would potentially open it up to motorbike users. Mr Charles Lofts informed Councillors that pushbikes are allowed to use Public Footpaths if they have the permission of the land owners - in this case himself and Mr Parkin. The re-surfacing of these footpaths has already been carried out. The Public Rights of Way are now in the process of getting a legal order to divert the route in the middle section of the path from Mr Lofts field into Mr Parkin's field. This has to be changed on the definitive map so may take a couple of months.

REH has checked the Parish Council trees and all appear to be in good order. He has also sprayed around the sand bins, village sign/pathway, bottle bank, trees and fencing posts.

An email has been received from Mick Richardson documenting his telephone conversation with Mr Ted Herrington. Mr Ted Herrington expresses concern at speeding along Butts Road and the C324. In his email Mick Richardson suggests we might think again about joining the Community Speedwatch Scheme? Previously the roads were deemed to dangerous to go out with a radar gun and the Parish Council was not keen to join but perhaps we would want to re-think? REH said that the police are a lot more willing to assist in helping to tackle speeding if we show an interest? For the time being Mick Richardson will ask his officer if he/she could spend a little time at Butts Road and the C324 Bealings Road to check for speed issues.

## **8 Planning Applications**

### **C09/0527 Brook House, Brook Lane, Playford, Ipswich, IP6 9DY**

#### **Erection of first floor rear & side extensions and alterations.**

Dr David Lewis having declared an interest in the above planning application stepped out of the room. A revised application has been lodged by the applicant. Playford Parish Council has given its support and emailed SCDC accordingly. A decision will be made on or around the 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Councillors agreed to revise our policy on sending in the comment sheet (as done previously). This serves no purpose as SCDC will not take notice of individual councillors comments only unanimous decisions.

Signed .....

Chairman

**C08/1854 Land South of, Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham St Martin. Change of use of agricultural land to parkland burial site with associated new vehicular access and car park.** A letter has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate stating that our views remain unchanged especially in light of the fact that the surrounding roads haven't been surveyed for 4 years etc. Letter by Dr John Day in circulation envelope.

**9. Finance:-**

The following cheques were reported/authorised:-

Cheque No. 592	£26.49	Gift Phil Holmes
Cheque No. 593	£50.60	No Dog Signs for playing field
Cheque No. 594	£24.97	Sarah Cartwright (printer cartridge)

These were proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Dr David Lewis.

A letter has been received from Mrs Anne Day on behalf of Playford Parish Hall. They need clarification as to what they can spend the £250 the Parish Council give them each year. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Judith Dunnett (the Treasurer) stating that the money can be used for "community/social" events. If the money is not used one year they can carry it forward into the next.

**10. Correspondence**

Police Report – no crimes to report. Crime affects just an average of 2.2 people for every 1000 residents in the SNT district. The next 12PT meeting is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10 o'clock in Rushmere. (Venue to be confirmed)

Consultation on Suffolk Coastal's Climate Change Strategy and action plan. The deadline is 14 August 2009. To be circulated.

**11. Parish Plan**

Dr David Lewis (who is the representative for Playford.) reported that the AMG were holding their second meeting tonight. So far they have been looking at the action points and ways they can be achieved. They still have £1,000 approx in funds.

Dr John Day asked us to look at **Action point 1** "Investigate scope for co-operative oil purchase aiming to reduce oil price and the number of vehicle journeys." Dr John Day will ring Mr Drake of Great Bealings and see if he will take on the responsibility for bulk buying in Playford. This will involve parishioners buying oil at the same time from the cheapest source (Mr Drake to source). It will at least save endless journeys from lorries delivering separately and this means that it is good for our carbon footprint. Dr John Day will report back if Mr Drake is happy to be involved in this co-operative. Dr David Lewis will then report to the AMG who will decide the next step.

**Action 2** "Parish Councils to inform SCDC of residents' desire for development of mains services". It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Ofcom re improving communications for example broadband and mobile phone networks. The Gas Board would also be contacted re a mains service.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**Action 4** “Work with Benefice Newsletter to improve communication e.g. of Village Hall events, Parish Council communication, bus timetables, fly tipping/road repair/footpath maintenance reporting, car sharing, crop spraying, young people's events. Work with PCs to improve and promote websites. Consider using the Suffolk Association of Local Councils' "e-communities" initiative as a communications mechanism.” Dr David Lewis reported that Mr Phil Holmes was looking at having the Benefice Newsletter put on line. Mr John Ager from Grundisburgh Parish Council has been in contact with a scheme/news group that runs via googlemail. Once registered parishioners automatically receive an email when an event is about to take place. For instance when the next pub night is, when the next church service is, when the next Parish Council meeting is etc. The clerk has been in contact with Mr Ager and will find out more how to get the scheme up and running. It was agreed that the bus timetables should be advertised in the Benefice Newsletter as well as on the Notice Board. On another point Mr Ted Herrington said that the notice board should only be used for events not for advertising and as such a small note at the bottom of the board should stipulate this. Advertising should be directed to the Benefice Newsletter where for a small charge they are happy to help.

**Action 10** “Work with police, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and local residents to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch and improve understanding of police presence”. Anne Powell has been in contact with the Clerk. Her role is to administer, support and promote community watch schemes with the Suffolk Coastal District, particularly the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes. She produces a weekly crime update report that is emailed out to those that have registered to receive them.

To register go to [www.suffolk.police.uk/neighbourhoodwatch](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/neighbourhoodwatch) .

Dr John Day asked how councillors felt about giving the Parish Plan a clear hour for discussion at our meeting in September. All agreed.

## 12. Any Other Business

Mr Charles Lofts raised concern that a dog was being mistreated. He said he would carefully approach the householder.

Dr David Lewis reported rabbit scrapings around the Boules Piste. Could the probation team fill in the holes.

**13. Date of next meeting** - Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009

The meeting ended at 9.45 pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

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