

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

### PRESENT

Dr John Day	-	Chairman
Mrs Tracey Hanson	-	Vice Chairman
Mr C Lofts	-	Councillor
Mrs T Innes	-	Councillor
Mr R Herrington	-	Councillor
Mrs June Gosling	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO
Mr Peter Bellfield	-	County Councillor

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Herrington and Mr Eric Metcalfe

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr David Lewis.

PCSO 3168 Justin Moss had telephoned to say he would be arriving 8.15 pm

#### **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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Mrs Tessa Innes.

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

##### Memorial Seat

The Probation team have done a good job of renovating the memorial seat.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Highways

Dr John Day mentioned Mr Eric Metcalfe’s email in which he had voiced concern over the state of overgrown hedges/trees/brambles in the village. Dr John Day has looked at these and agreed that action needs to be taken. Defra has some very confusing policies on the 3 year policy. Dr John Day maintains that it is the statutory responsibility for the land owner to maintain the hedges on the roadside. Dr Watson’s Lane is particularly bad with brambles. This is Mr Fenton’s land. Opposite Bridge Cottage is another problem area. This is Mr Innes’ land. Dr John Day suggested writing to owners. Councillors agreed to this.

AOB

It was uncertain as to whether the Probation Team has filled in the rabbit scrapings as suggested at the last meeting. Mrs Tessa Innes suggested rabbit proofing the village playing field. All agreed to this and estimates from a contractor are to be obtained.

**5. Parish Plan**

***Confirmation of actions to date: items 1, 2, 4 & 10***

**Action 1. “investigate scope for co-operative oil purchase aiming to reduce oil price and the number of vehicle journeys”.** Dr John Day has discussed this with Mr Drake. He runs a small system/co-operative for Boot Street, Great Bealings. Dr John Day reported back that co-operative oil purchase was probably best done this way ie by road *not* by village as the logistics are too big. Dr Day suggests that the Parish Council support those who wish to group together and bulk buy. All agreed.

**Action 2 – also covering Action 8 and Action 15. “Parish Councils to inform SCDC of residents’ desire for development of mains services”.** Letters to the National Grid and Ofcom have been written. Mrs June Gosling proposed writing to the mains services, this was seconded by Mrs Tracey Hanson. Letter to be written to EDF Networks and BT re underground cables.

**Action 4. “Work with Benefice Newsletter to improve communication.....”**  
The Clerk informed Councillors that a meeting is being held to debate putting the Benefice Newsletter on-line and subscribing to Googlemail. County Councillor Peter Bellfield recommends Googlemail after having a look at how it works with Grundsiburgh Parish Council. He explained that it is a mailing list whose subscribers receive emails when events occur in the village such as fete, lost dog, church service times etc. It can be very informative. A discussion continued on whether electronic information was necessary with some saying it was “information overload”. It was noted that different age groups benefit differently however since 70% - 80% of households have computers e-mail was found to be a consistent and reliable form of communication. Mrs Tessa Innes proposed that the Parish Council was in favour of email communication and this was seconded by Mrs June Gosling. The Clerk will put the information in the Welcome Leaflet on to the Parish Council Website. It was also agreed to publicise the bus timetables in the benefice newsletter as well as making sure an up to date copy is displayed on the Notice Board.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**(County Councillor Peter Bellfield's Report)**

Mr Peter Bellfield reported on the Local Government Reorganisation. An appeal against the three District Councils action by the Boundary Committee will be heard on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Peter Bellfield apologised that he had to leave.

**Action 10. "Work with police, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and local residents .... "** The Chairman thanked PCSO Moss for attending and asked about Neighbourhood Watch. PCSO Moss first gave the Police Report:- There has been one crime since the last Parish Council meeting this was the theft of a garden sensor light. The police have also carried out speed checks along Butts Road and Playford Road. Five verbal cautions have been given and one fixed penalty. Regarding Neighbourhood Watch, PCSO Moss said it works well and helps with police relationships. Dr Day suggested that it was a bit difficult to get enthusiasm going when there is only one crime, however it can lower house insurance premiums so the clerk was asked to find out how to set it up and report back at the next meeting. On a separate issue Mrs June Gosling reported that there has been problems with tractors and trailers belting along the roads late at night with their lights going. She asked if PCSO Moss could keep an eye on this. He said he would.

*Consider Actions:-*

**Action 5. "Parish Councils to consider data from Parish Plan in development planning policy and keep under review the need for further housing surveys".**

At the moment Playford is classified as "other village" in the LDF. Mr Ted Herrington said that we do not have the criteria to go up a level. Dr Day suggested that we do need some affordable housing. Mr Charles Lofts said a little expansion would do no harm. The Chairman informed Councillors that the way the LDF was taking shape there would not be any development in Playford. Mr Ted Herrington said that they are desperately trying to come up with satellite areas that may be developed. Development is most unlikely. These "satellite areas" include Brook Lane as it is not in the village envelope and a little bit of "infilling" may be possible. The Chairman suggested that we just stick with the LDF proposal as it is at the moment and their proposal to develop Martlesham. This was agreed.

**Action 6. "Work with SCDC and PC's to progress retention of green fields between Kesgrave and Playford/Bealings.** It has been strongly expressed that the green field area is retained.

**Action 7. "Investigate recycling sites and liase with SCDC concerning wider provision".** The three bins per household are coming into effect in March. Glass bottles will still have to be recycled at the facilities outside the Village Hall.

Signed .....  
Chairman

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

The Welcome Leaflet's have been collected from SCDC and will be given to Mrs Gina Corani and Mrs Diana Gardner to distribute around houses with the next edition of the Benefice Newsletter. Mr Ted Herrington noted that whilst there were 91 houses in Playford 150 Welcome Leaflets had been printed. It was agreed that the remaining copies should be placed in the Village Hall and in the church (with Revd Canon Pauline Stentiford's permission).

A successor to Brian Seward as Playford's "collector" has been found. Mrs Sally Herrington has volunteered to be Playford's "collector". She agreed to her email address and telephone number being given to Mr Geoff Bills who co-ordinates the collectors.

**7. The Kicking Donkey Pub Sign**

Dr John Day reported that he has spoken to Dr David Lewis about having the pub sign made. Dr John Day informed Dr Lewis that the first port of call for financial assistance should be the Village Hall since the Parish Council gives a major contribution to them year on year. If this fails Dr John Day said then by all means come back to the Parish Council.

**8. Hand rail for entrance to Playing Field.**

The cost SCDC has quoted for having the job done is £288.70. Dr John Day has found it hard to contact Damon Bloomfield for a further quote as he has not replied to his emails/telephone calls. Councillors suggested contacting Al Sandham who is a local contractor that lives in the village (and advertises in the Benefice Newsletter – 07734 583759) or the blacksmith at Kirton who did the Boules Piste on the village playing field for estimates.

**9. Highways**

Byway 19 - The clerk has spoken to Debbie Adams who has been out to look at the byway. It should be possible to put a traffic regulation order on the byway however it is a long drawn out procedure.

A letter has been received re footpath 1a and 2 Little Bealings and 8 Playford. This is confirming the route the path takes and is in the brown circulation envelope.

**10. Planning Application**

**C09/0838 Brook House, Brook Lane, Playford, Ipswich, IP6 9DY**

Erection of first floor side extension (resubmission)

Permission has been granted by SCDC

Dr John Day reported that he has had a complaint about this application from the neighbours. They said that they were unaware of the changes of the re-submission to Brook House.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**11. Finance**

The following cheques were reported:-

Cheque No. 595      £61.60      150 Welcome Leaflets.

**12. Correspondence**

A letter has been received from Ipswich Borough Council regarding the Local Development Framework. The update is that a meeting is to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 6pm when the report on the draft core strategy and policies document will be considered. **Mr Ted Herrington agreed to attend this meeting.** An eight week consultation period will be held which will probably run from 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 27 November.

**13. Any Other Business**

Mrs June Gosling reported that Playford residents would like to make Playford village more attractive. They are going to have a daffodil planting session on the 31<sup>st</sup> October with coffee and tea. They will be doing a mail drop around the houses and are asking householders if they could donate a £1 towards making Playford look more attractive. Would the Parish Council like to donate something towards the daffodils? Dr John Day said unfortunately this was not possible under "Any Other Business". He suggested it was left to the individual councillors discretion.

**14. Date of next meeting**      -      Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman