

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 2nd March 2011 commencing at 8.20pm

PRESENT

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

In Attendance

Mrs Sally Herrington

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

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. Dr John Day declared an interest in the planning application on Playford Grange. This was written in the "Declaration of Interest" book and signed by the Chairman.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th JANUARY 2011

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting, and then signed by the Chairman.

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

None

5. HIGHWAYS

Footpath 20 – Clearance work is being carried out before the bird nesting season. They hope to widen the bridges and put down a suitable surface later on in the year.

Signed

Chairman

A letter had been sent to David Fawcett requesting that Butts Road outside High Meadows be restored to a satisfactory standard. The Clerk had heard back from him saying that he didn't intend to progress the matter any further. The Chairman reported that this was not satisfactory. TH reported that cars have been riding over the kerbs damaging the banks of "High Meadows" as well as the opposite side of road. ACTION: The Chairman said he would inspect the site and get in touch with Derek Oldham.

The Chairman had met with Mr Glen Laxton of Anglain Water to inspect the bore hole site. The site has been tidied and the Chairman felt that we did not to pursue the matter further. Not so of the road condition down Brook Lane however. There appears to be a "drop" in the tarmac for about 10 yards which has been caused by heavy traffic. ACTION: Clerk to ask the Highways Dept to visit and restore to a satisfactory condition.

REH informed Councillors that he has cleaned the road signs in the village that had become "green". REH asked if the surface of Church Lane could be improved? It's surface is very poor. Councillors were divided on whether this was necessary – if the road is improved it will mean more traffic cutting through the village. As it stands it is a nice quiet road for walking dogs etc. with little or no traffic. ACTION:

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Permission has been granted by SCDC subject to conditions.

C/11/0071 Lower Lodge, Brook Lane, Playford

Erection of detached building comprising double garage, utility room & workshop on ground floor & playroom & store above.

The Parish Council commented to SCDC that it had reviewed this planning application and would like to support the application.

C/11/0332 Playford Grange, Playford Mount

Erection of replacement boundary fencing and reed fence screening in driveway
Councillors had a look at the plans and asked the Clerk to notify SCDC that they had no objection to the reed/willow fencing.

C/10/2693 Pantiles.

Erection of single storey pool room extension

The Parish Council did not support this application but permission was granted. REH asked the Clerk to seek an explanation from the Planning Dept outlining their reasons for approval.

Signed
Chairman

7. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

REH informed Councillors that there were large pot holes next to the recycling bin which needed attending too. This was the Parish Councils responsibility. There is also a large gap in the hedge leading onto Butts Road. This could be resolved by erecting a couple of posts and together with some netting followed by planting of shrubs this would alleviate the problem. REH also reported that the Boules Piste will need spraying shortly as the weeds are creeping on to it.

8. SUFFOLK OPEN WEEKEND

Mrs Tracy Hanson has kindly said she will fill in the grant form for this event. Dr John Day is exploring who could be the representative for Playford at this event.

9. FINANCE

- i) Reporting/authorisation of cheques.

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| Cheque No. | 629 | £111 | Parish Hall – hire of meeting room |
| Cheque No. | 630 | £322.74 | SCC Grass cutting |

We have received a total of £106.81 in recycling credits so far (from Norse Comm Services Ltd.

HMRC have changed the method of payment for Clerks. Previously payments could be made outside of a PAYE Scheme. From April 2011 Parish Councils must register as an employer with HMRC and operate PAYE on the income the Clerk earns. ACTION: Clerk to register Playford Parish Council as an employer.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

An email has been received from Mrs Liz Bennett about fireworks being set off which frightened her dogs back in November. Councillors agreed that whilst these parties are extremely rare they did appreciate her concerns for the welfare of her dogs.

ACTION: Chairman to write to Mrs Liz Bennett.

The SALC Area Meeting is being held on 7th March (7 – 9.30pm) at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew. No-one was able to attend.

Nomination papers have been received and were distributed to Councillors wishing to stand for election. The last date for the delivery of nomination papers will be 12 Noon on 4th April however should you wish the Clerk to deliver your nomination papers to SCDC she has a pre-agreed meeting with a member of the electoral team for 25th March 2011 (11.30 am) so they should reach her before this date. Mrs Tessa Innes informed the Chairman that she would not be standing for Councillor again. The Chairman thanked her for all her work to date.

Signed
Chairman

There were 5 consultations:- Air Quality Management and New Development 2011 – Supplementary Guidance, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan 2011 – 2014, Data Transparency, Community Right to Buy, Local Council Accounts/Audit Regulations and “Are you interested in running a youth club?” It was agreed to circulate these around Councillors and should anyone feel qualified to comment they should do so on behalf of the Council – with the Parish Council’s knowledge.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about how the waste bin outside the village hall was an “invitation” to people hiring the Hall to dump their rubbish there. Mrs June Gosling informed us that there is a new lady cleaning for the Hall who wasn’t aware that this bin needed emptying too. She is happy to do this. Mrs June Gosling said that people who hire the hall take their rubbish with them.

REH had been in touch with Mr John Ager of Grundisburgh Parish Council and raised the matter of expenses incurred by Councillors using their computer ie. Ink, paper, broadband connection. REH had also been in touch with Mrs Ferial Evans who said she would look into this matter.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12th May 2011. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting for Playford.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Signed
Chairman