

Minutes of Playford Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Thursday, 30th August 2012

Present: Mrs Veronica Bunbury, Mr Bob Coppillie, Mrs June Gosling, Mr Simon Hanson and Mr Steve Hicks.

Also present: Mr and Mrs Ted Herrington

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council

Prior to the meeting East Anglia One Windfarm gave a presentation to residents on the implications of the Construction Depot (to be located North of the village) and the laying of the Cable Corridor. Approximately 40 residents attended and a question and answer session followed.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Joan Metcalfe, Mrs Juannette Pettitt, Mr Peter Bellfield, Mr Steven Hudson

2. Declarations of Members' Interests in any items 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. To approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 4th July 2012

These were signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes/Action Point Review

Steve Hicks volunteered to co-ordinate the positioning of the three new grit bins. Simon Hanson reported that he had had a site meeting with Tony Buckingham re the crumbling roads and speeding/speed limits along the Playford Road. He has not had a written response from Mr Buckingham. It was noted that there didn't seem to be any budget for road safety in Suffolk. **AP44**

5. Report by Police

PCSO Sally Thomas gave the Clerk the Police Report for the two previous months. There have been no crimes however in the last 4 weeks 8 fixed penalty notices have been issued and 1 driver reported for summons for exceeding the speed limit in Butts Road.

6. East Anglian Offshore Windfarm – Council discussion and finalisation of consultation response

Simon Hanson reported that he felt the presentation from EAOW had been a success and asked Councillors if they wished to update their draft letter in light of the new information.

Signed

Councillors mirrored residents concern about the impact traffic to and from the construction depot would have on the roads. Also raised was concern over night time movement and night lighting of the depot. It was RESOLVED that Simon Hanson would update our response and circulate it to Councillors for comment. This response will need to be sent to EAOW by 3rd September. It will also go out to residents via googlemail and be put on the website.

7. Budget Sub-Committee

The question over whether to form a sub committee to manage the budget was debated. After some discussion Councillors RESOLVED that this was not necessary. Councillors had been updated with the research Mrs Joan Metcalfe has done to date on Parish Council finances and the Chairman thanked her for her hard work. **AP45** Joan Metcalfe to liaise with the Clerk on draft budget for November meeting.

8. Website – Update on activity and recommendations from Steve Hicks:

The Council discussed the fact that Playford website needs updating. Phil Holmes is the conduit for posting items on the web site at present. It is not his remit to obtain content or to chase people for content. His only role is to provide the space on his server and to post any items he is given. Councillors however have decided that in order to get the look a “web master” will be required to take over this task and move the website back to ONE Suffolk (where it was previously). **AP46** Mr Steve Hicks said he would be happy to do the job of maintaining the website. In the first instance he has agreed to design a basic page on ONE Suffolk with a link to the existing website. For the November meeting he will do a mock up of the new website. Other organisations will need to be involved as it is a village website not just a parish council website. Steve said it might be worth having a Facebook page however dismissed Twitter.

9. Village Review – Update

Mrs Gillian Benjamin from Suffolk ACRE has emailed the Report findings from the Village Review evening. The Clerk handed out copies of this Report to Councillors. It was RESOLVED to share this information with the village and send out on googlemail **AP47** The Parish Council will be reviewing it in November.

10. Highways

The Chairman reported that the village hedges were overgrown and not being maintained, noting that money was spent in the spring 2012 to ensure that Community Payback Team could maintain them effectively. However, although tThe Community Payback Team had visited recently lack of equipment meant that standards were slipping. It was RESOLVED to explore other options albeit paid employment for maintenance of the grass and hedges **AP48** . It was RESOLVED to get additional quotes for cutting the Playingfield since SCC are not cutting the whole playing field **AP49** Simon Hanson to meet with Peter Brooks of SCC.

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11. Procedures for recruiting a new Clerk

Pay scales were reviewed for recruiting and it was RESOLVED pay would be in accordance with experience between £8.34 and £9.25 per hour for a four hour week. A notice advertising the vacancy with a short description of the role will be sent out locally as well as being advertised with LCR. It was RESOLVED that there would be a role over time of 4 weeks when the Parish Council will need to pay two salaries.

12. Finance:-**(i) Reporting & authorisation of cheques**

Cheque No 663	CANCELLED	
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The balance of our account is:-	NS&I	£1,756.00
	Barclays	£2,302.27
	Barclays Acc 2 -	£132.76

Precept of £2,000 will be arriving end September.

13. Correspondence.

A letter from Mrs Judith Dunnett informing the Parish Council that the rates of hiring the meeting room has gone up to £20 a session. This was acknowledged. The Clerk's letter of resignation was formally acknowledged as having been received. The Chairman thanked Mrs S Cartwright for her service as Clerk and expressed sadness that she had decided to resign. This was echoed by the entire Council.

14. Any Other Business

Mr Bob Coppillie showed the art work prepared for the new map of Playford which looked fabulous. Once finished this map would feature in the Village welcome leaflet and it was suggested it was added onto the new website. The Chairman thanked Mrs Veronica Bunbury for the delicious sandwiches she had produced for the meeting.

15. Date of next meeting:**7th November 2012**

The meeting ended at 21:30pm

Signed