

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 3rd November 2010 commencing at 7.45pm

PRESENT

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 S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO
Mr Peter Bellfield	-	County Councillor

In Attendance

Four members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Tracy Hanson & 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 1st SEPTEMBER 2010

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)

BT Phone Box

The phone box has been cleaned and the pane of glass replaced.

Sandboxes

Two sandboxes have been positioned and filled with sand by the probation team. The third one is to be placed on the corner of Hill Farm Road and Church Road where a pile of sand is deposited anyway. REH reported that he has the lid for the sandbox on the triangle of grass with the telephone box. The Chairman reported that the probation team have had their grass cutting duties extended – Mr Geoff Booker had requested that Hill Farm Road culverts be cleared and the Chairman had passed this work on to the probation team. The Chairman reported that they have done a good job.

Signed

Chairman

5. REPORT BY CLLR PETER BELLFIELD

Mr Peter Bellfield said he had no report but was on hand to answer questions. The Chairman raised his concern that a lot of services were to be “lost”. He had read in the EADT that care homes face closure which would result in more hospital beds being taken up by old people with no where to go. Mr Peter Bellfield said no one is likely ever to be turned out of a care home. Divestment was at the conceptual stage. Change is imperative – they cannot cut their budget by 28% or £110 million and leave things as they stand. Mr Peter Bellfield has volunteered to be on the working party looking at divestment. Only one decision has been made and that is the closure of the Bury Road Park and Ride. This will save £1/4 million a year. It is hoped that a lot of services will be passed on to the voluntary sector however since a lot of these are statutory SCC has to make sure they are carried out. The Chairman said there were other concerns: Homestart, Icen. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that Icen is not under SCC control however it is funded/a Trust and obviously with cutting costs all grants are under consideration. REH reported that there was to be a consultation with a 12 week window for comments on the sort of changes likely. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that they can’t cut costs in education which is the single largest expenditure they have. The next largest expenditure is Adult care followed by Highways which will probably take a fairly big wack. Council tax is unlikely to go up by more than 2.5% thus ensuring that County Council a grant from the government.

6. HIGHWAYS

Footpath 20 is an on-going problem. The Clerk is in conversation with Debbie Adams over this. **Ref: F116290**

Mr Fenton has not yet said what he intends to do about the tree alongside the bridleway near Bealings/Church Road junction though he is not unduly concerned. The road edging on Butts Road heading towards Archway Cottage has been rebuilt though not to a high standard.

The dyke on the corner of Church Lane and Butts Road is still full of mud and needs cleaning out. Steve Aldous from Highways is dealing with this. **Last chased on 27th October. Ref: 2014562**

The dyke on Brook Lane has been cleared.

The drain opposite Copyhold in Church Lane is still completely blocked and needs seeing to. **Steve Aldous. Last chased on 27th Oct. Ref: 2014559**

SCDC have cut back the brambles and an ivy bust down Dr Watson’s Lane.

The dead tree overhanging the road in Spring Meadow has been reported. Residents of Spring Meadow were uncertain as to whether it had been dealt with. Clerk to investigate. **Ref: 2068612. 27th Oct.**

The road paving outside “High Meadows” is unsatisfactory. The kerbing stones have narrowed the road. The road had to be shut for several days with no prior notice to the Parish Council. Councillors asked the Clerk to file a report with the Highway Department to re-do the job and Mr Peter Bellfield said he would look into it too.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Revised plans have been received which seem to show that tests for ground water have been carried out. The Chairman decided that there was very little point in

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commenting until some clarity was given on the “water testing” (drainage and flooding was the concern previously raised by the Parish Council). The Chairman said he would visit SCDC’s offices to investigate. It appeared a new soakaway was on the revised plans.

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.

Permission has been granted by SCDC

C10/2693 Pantiles, Spring Meadow

Some members of the public raised concern over this development. Concerns over the height of the extension, proximity to boundary and the possible noise level were expressed as was the changing nature of the area. The speaker was keen to express that he did not oppose the development at his stage. Another member of the public said he was in discussion with Mr Petit, the architect and he was trying exactly to gauge what the end result might be. Those in attendance said they were interested to see what the Parish Council had to say. Parish Councillors felt that it was an “awful lot squashed into a small area”. REH felt that it was out of order for us to view plans without details of the already agreed extension (these were not shown on all the plans). It was agreed to write to SCDC and express a concern that the proposed application does not comply with AP29 – 2 & 3 and AP34 – 2 & 5. In light of this Councillors felt that we could not support the application. Proposed by Mrs June Gosling and seconded by Mrs Tessa Innes. All voted in favour. Clerk to Action.

10. FINANCE

i) The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

Cheque No.	619	£7.34	REH (Equipment for wasps nest)
Cheque No.	620	£464.13	Glasdon (grit bins)
Cheque No.	621	£100	Sarah Cartwright for B&Q vouchers (probation team)
Cheque No.	622	£75	Sarah Cartwright (use of computer, tel line, electricity, office space and storage of filing cabinets from April 10 to April 11)
Cheque No.	623	£38.95	Sarah Cartwright (printer cartridge)
Cheque No.	624	£64.68	Salary – difference between £8.747 and £8.436 per hour)
Cheque No.	625	£250	Playford Parish Hall (annual donation)
Cheque No.	626	£100	Benefice Newsletter (annual donation)
Cheque No.	627	£100	East Anglian Air Ambulance (donation)
Cheque No.	628	£50	Suffolk Accident Rescue (donation)

ii) To approve Clerk’s hours and rates of pay. Presently 4 hours @ £8.747p per hour. To be increased to £8.919 per hour for 2011/12. The revised figure for next year will be £154.60 per month commencing April 2011. This was proposed by Dr John Day and seconded by Mr Ted Herrington. A cheque was written for £64.68

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payable in 2010/11 due to the mandate not being changed. The final salary award for clerks as applicable from 01 April 2010 has not yet been released.

iii) Councillors have been sent a copy of the draft budget prior to the meeting. Very little change has been made since the last year and the Chairman proposed that we accept it making one addition for £60 for the publication of new welcome leaflets/slips of paper with revised changes to the leaflet. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Mrs June Gosling. The precept will remain the same at £3,500 for the year 2011/2012. The budget was formally adopted.

11. FIX MEETINGS FOR 2011

The following dates were agreed:-

5th January 2011

2nd March 2011

4th May 2011

6th July 2011

7th September 2011

2nd November 2011

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Ted Herrington reported that the next SNT meeting was being held on Monday, 8th November at Grundisburgh village hall.

An email has been received from PC163 Hammond asking if it was possible to hold a PCEM meeting for ¾ an hour prior to our Parish Council meeting in January or March? Councillors suggested March might be better in case of adverse weather conditions at the beginning of January.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed
Chairman