

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 4th November 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Dr John Day - Chairman
Mr C Lofts - Councillor
Mr R Herrington - Councillor
Mrs June Gosling - Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright - Clerk/RFO
Mr Steven Hudson - District Councillor
PCSO 3168 Justin Moss

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Herrington

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Tessa Innes, Mrs Tracy Hanson

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. Mr Charles Lofts declared an interest in the footpath from Playford to Bealings. This was written in the "Declaration of Interest" book and signed by the Chairman.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd September 2009

Under minute number 4 REH asked that "varnishing" should be replaced by "renovating". REH also asked that under minute number 5, page 2009/10-12, line 28 "Bransons" be removed as it is not a satellite area as indicated. Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes of the meeting were then put to one side to be signed by the Chairman once the amendments have been made.

Signed
Chairman

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

Parish Plan

The Clerk attended a presentation by Mr John Ager (Clerk of Grundisburgh) on the benefits of Googlemail. At this meeting Mr Phil Holmes said he would do a mail shot to parishioners using the mailing list from the Parish Plan. Mrs Sarah Cartwright and Mr Phil Holmes have agreed to be the moderator of the googlemail account. Additionally an advertisement has been put in the Benefice Newsletter asking parishioners if they wish to register for the email “alerts”.

5. Report by PCSO Justin Moss

PCSO Justin Moss reported that since the last Parish Council meeting there has been two crimes recorded within the Playford area. One was a “harassment” and the other was theft of £4,000 approx of equipment taken from the garage at High Meadows. Unfortunately there has been no statistics on speed checks since the last meeting as PCSO Moss pointed out that his colleague has been on compassionate leave. PCSO Moss hoped to bring some statistics to the next PC meeting. Halloween went off smoothly with very few problems.

Dr John Day asked PCSO Moss about Neighbourhood Watch and a role for it. PCSO Moss reported that if there was little crime generally speaking there was little interest in NHW however if Playford kept it relatively simple it might work. It might serve as a tool for letting people know what is going on with police. REH pointed out that the SNT and Police Direct fall somewhere into this category. ACTION: Advertisement to be put in Benefice Newsletter inviting parishioners who are interested in re-igniting NHW to come along to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss this.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Justin Moss who then departed.

6. Report by District Councillor Steven Hudson

District Councillor Hudson apologised for missing the last two meetings. He reported that he was keeping an eye on the green burial site at Tuddenham and also watching what Ipswich Borough Council are doing on housing development as he represents the interests of his parishes and although Playford is not in Ipswich Borough Council it will have a knock on effect to Playford. Regarding SCDC LDF there has been a slight jiggling of figures with the majority of preferred development centred around larger urban areas. Dr John Day asked what the next step was to which Mr Hudson replied planning approval etc. It is a long process. ACTION: No Action. Nothing has happened regarding the Boundary Committee.

Signed
Chairman

7. Co-option due to resignation of Dr David Lewis

JD reported that notice has been given of Dr David Lewis's resignation and asked Councillors if they had anybody else in mind? One possible candidate for co-option is Dr Judy Shelley. She could be a valuable addition to the Parish Council. Councillors asked if they could meet her and the Chairman was asked if he could invite her to the Parish Council meeting in January. ACTION: Clerk to contact SALC to see if training was necessary for new councillors

8. Affordable Housing

Dr John Day drew our attention to the Parish Plan which showed support for Affordable Housing thus a need for this type of dwelling in the village. He explained that there is scope for these developments, looking for sites adjoining the envelope – not within it. These houses are largely for shared ownership which is well regulated. Typically a plot of land for affordable housing will cost little more than agricultural land so there is the need to find a landowner willing to sell at this price first and foremost. These properties are typically aimed at first time buyers/young people and elderly people - they serve a good function. Councillors did not share the Chairman's view that affordable housing in the village is needed and Dr John Day decided to pursue it on a "personal" level. ACTION: No action

9. Hand rail for entrance to Playing Field

REH has spoken to Debbie Adams and has been informed that a handrail will be put up on the entrance steps to the Playing field at no cost to the Parish Council. It is hoped that it will be erected before Christmas. ACTION: Clerk to contact Mrs Debbie Adams in a couple of weeks.

10. Highways

A letter has been received from Mr John Fenton saying he has cut back pieces of elm and ivy in the lane encroaching on the carriageway. He did point out that what was once a "cart track" now holds the same maintenance requirements as the M1!

REH reported that the C324 from Culpho crossroads eastwards towards Boot Street, Great Bealings is in very poor condition. ACTION: contact SCDC

There is a road sign down on Butts Road near where the Oak Tree was felled.

ACTION: contact SCDC

Since our last meeting REH and Mr Charles Lofts have met with an officer from SCDC and had showed him around the playing field for a quote to have the area "rabbit proofed". Still awaiting quote. NO ACTION

Byway 19 – Mr Steven Hudson was asked to approach the Rights of Way Committee. It was uncertain whether an RTO was obtainable with data showing only 3 to 4 cars a month. All Councillors supported having it reclassified to stop vehicular access.

The Byway from Playford to Bealings is still being improved on however the small diversion in the middle of the path has been rejected since the Ramblers Association object to this diversion as it would "spoil the view". Mr Charles Lofts is in talks with Mrs Debbie Adams about having a wooden fence erected which would limit the diversion and also keep cattle off the path.

Signed
Chairman

11. Finance:-

a) Draft budget for 2010/11

Some amendments were made (see Appendix 1). The Village Sign needs to be added onto our insurance policy at a value of £1,000.

b) To approve Clerk's hours and rates of pay. Presently 4 hours @ £8.436p per hour. To be increased to £8.747 per hour for 2010/11. The revised figure for next year will be £151.61 per month commencing April 2010. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Mrs June Gosling. There will be an additional £22.68 payable in 2009/10 due to the final salary award for clerks as applicable from 01 April 2009 only coming out on 23 September 2009.

The annual return has been returned by BDO Stoy Hayward. They ask that we formally approve and accept it by council. This was proposed by Mr Ted Herrington and seconded by Mr Charles Lofts . The notice of conclusion of audit is to be displayed for 14 days on the notice board.

c) Reporting/Authorisation of cheques:-

Cheque No.596	£57.50	BDO Stoy Hayward (Auditors)
Cheque No.597	£75.00	Sarah Cartwright (Use of computer, tel line, electricity, office space & storage of filing cabinets from April 09 to April 10.
Cheque No.598	£100.00	Sarah Cartwright for B&Q vouchers (Probation Team)
Cheque No.599	£50.00	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (donation)
Cheque No.600	£250.00	Playford Parish Hall (annual donation)
Cheque No. 601	£100.00	Benefice Newsletter (annual donation)
Cheque No. 602	£50.00	East Anglian Air Ambulance (donation)
Cheque No. 603	£22.68	Sarah Cartwright (salary)
Cheque No. 604	£233.30	HM Revenue & Customs (repayment)

Thank you letter received from Judith Dunnett Parish Hall for £250 donation

Thank you letter received from SARS for £50 donation

Thank you letter received from East Anglain Air Ambulance for £50 donation

12. Fix Meetings for 2010

Wednesday, 6th January 2010

Wednesday, 3rd March 2010

Wednesday, 5th May 2010

Wednesday, 7th July 2010

Wednesday, 1st September 2010

Wednesday, 3rd November 2010

Signed
Chairman

13. Any Other Business

Mrs June Gosling asked about tracking down the post code for the village hall which once obtained should be put on a notice board near the first aid box. This will aid ambulances journey should they be called out in an emergency to the hall (They all have SAT NAV and need the post code to find an address).

REH reported that a large lorry had come to empty the recycling bin only to find that a car had parked very close to the bin. They managed to empty it on this occasion but could a notice be put up/posts or a fence be planted around the area thus making sure that the bin can always be emptied. ACTION: Notify Suffolk Coastal Services.

REH read out some information that SALC has sent on the Land Registry and how 70% of land is not registered. ACTION: Check documentation from Barker Gotellee when the lease to the Village Hall Management Committee was completed to see if the Playing Field is registered. If not it should be registered and this will cost £40 approx.

The meeting ended at 9.35 pm.

Signed
Chairman