

**Minutes of Playfords Parish Council meeting held at Playford Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Present:** Mrs Veronica Bunbury, Mr Bob Coppillie, Mrs June Gosling, Mr Simon Hanson and Mrs Joan Metcalfe.

**Also present for part of the meeting:** Mr Peter Bellfield, SCC Councillor, Mr & Mrs Llewellyn, Mr R Innes, Mr Brian Seward and Mr & Mrs R Herrington

**In attendance:** Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council

Presentation on Neighbourhood Plans from Mrs Gillian Benjamin from Suffolk ACRE.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Gillian Benjamin and thanked her for attending the meeting.

Mrs Gillian Benjamin reported that it was 2 + years since we did a Parish Plan and she asked the question; “What do you want to get out of any plan?” (Mrs June Gosling was the only Councillor on the Parish Council present when the present Parish Plan was carried out however Mrs Joan Metcalfe did serve on the Parish Plan sub-committee.) Mrs Joan Metcalfe asked what the difference was between a Neighbourhood Plan and a Parish Plan. Is the Parish Plan sufficient or do we need to do a Neighbourhood Plan?

Mrs Gillian Benjamin replied that no big developments are planned near Playford village. There is nothing in Martlesham and nothing coming from Ipswich. Adastral Park is the biggest development that will take place near us so she felt that it was unnecessary for us to do a Neighbourhood Plan - we were not exposed and did not need that extra protection from the document. Playford is in the category “other village” in the LDF so if there is likely to be development in the village it might be the odd house here and there and perhaps some infill. That and the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to cost between £16,000 and £73,000 to carry out did not make it look very attractive to Councillors. Mrs Veronica Bunbury said she felt that the Parish Plan was far broader. Mrs Gillian Benjamin agreed. If anyone wants to ask questions to a planner Suffolk ACRE are sending one to Great Bealings Parish Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> January where Neighbourhood Plans will be discussed. **AP1**

Mrs Gillian Benjamin said that we might be interested in a “Village Review” evening. These are run by Suffolk ACRE and funding is available from SCDC so all that it will cost the Parish Council is the cost of the hall hire and some refreshments. The evening can be tailored to suit the Parish. She mentioned the importance of keeping the Parish Plan alive as a “living document”. Councillors were keen on this idea and the Chairman said we would get back to her in April when we would be in a better position to know if we wanted a Village Review evening or not. In the meantime all Councillors would receive a copy of the Parish Plan to scrutinise. **AP2**

The presentation ended at 8pm

Signed .....  
Chairman

During the period of public participation before the meeting the Chairman raised the matter that an addendum should be added to the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July reporting that REH had highlighted the fact that the chairman is one of seven councillors and his views count for no more than other councillors. Mr Herrington also wanted added that whilst the Chairman has discretionary powers and uses them between meetings he should always report back to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Dr John Day, Mr Tom Norfolk and Mr Steven Hudson  
No police representative was available.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011**

These were signed as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (Not covered in Agenda items listed below)  
Welcome Leaflet**

There have been two or three new residents in Playford. Mrs Veronica Bunbury and Mrs Joan Metcalfe have seen to it that they have a copy of the new Welcome Leaflet. Mrs Joan Metcalfe reported that she has had 12 copies of the Welcome Leaflet printed. These were given to the Clerk for safe keeping. Mr Bob Coppillie showed some examples of the work his partner, Jenny has done illustrating maps. All agreed that these were very impressive and an illustrated map of Playford would look good as a centrefold in the Welcome Leaflet as well as on the Notice Board. **AP3**

**Wind Farm (East Anglia Wind.com)**

Mrs Joan Metcalfe reported that further presentations on the Wind Farm and it's cable route are going to be held in Woodbridge and Felixstowe. Subject to her availability she is happy to attend these. We will know more of what is going on in February. **AP4**

**Copse**

The clerk is in contact with Ms Westover, SCDC re putting a preservation order on the second copse.

**5. Highways and Footpaths**

**Footpath between Butts Rd and Church Rd**

Mr Parken has sent a letter saying he does not want this path used. It runs on his field between Butts Road and Church Road. The Chairman asked Councillors if they thought establishing this path is an issue the Council should adopt or if an individual should lead? The Chairman reported that Mr Herrington had done some research in the past and his assistance – with the support of the Parish Council – would be appreciated. Mr Herrington agreed to assist the Parish Council and do some investigative work and make a "claim". In the meantime the Council would write to Mr Parken thanking him for his letter and outlining that we intend to make a claim for the footpath. **AP5**

Signed .....  
Chairman

**Kerbing outside High Meadows**

Mr Derek Oldham has now had the opportunity to speak to Mr Ashworth regarding realignment of the kerbing along the frontage of his property and can confirm he is in agreement with this proposal. The work will be undertaken early in the new year. A notice of road closure for March is on the Notice Board.

**Footpath 22**

A large chestnut tree in the Alder Carr meadow blew over during the Christmas break. Mr Fenton was quick to deal with this and clear the debris however the falling tree has caused considerable damage to the railings on the footpath bridge (footpath 23). Mrs Veronica Bunbury reported that SCC are fixing this.

**Footpath 20**

A tree has also blown over across FP 20 in the Alder Carr itself between the pond and the exit at the Tuddenham end. This has been reported. **AP6**

**Spring Meadow layby**

The layby in Spring Meadow which was very overgrown has been cut back by Mr Damon Bloomfield's team.

**Brook Lane Hedge**

The hedge down Brook Lane was cut back during the Christmas break. Hedge trimmings were left on the road. Mrs Trish Laws was going to contact the contractors who had trimmed the hedge. **AP7**

**Playing Field Hedge and Planting of Sweet Chestnut Tree**

SCS have trimmed the hedge and felled the diseased Horse Chestnut tree (the stump needs to be removed). The logs are now readily available subject to a donation to the Parish funds. The height of the hedge needs to be checked with the Community payback team who will be maintaining it throughout the year – Mr John Wesley is due to visit the site tomorrow. The possibility of planting the Sweet Chestnut tree that Mrs Judith Dunnett is holding in place of the diseased Horse Chestnut arose and Councillors agreed that they were happy for Mrs Joan Metcalfe to go back to the Jubilee Committee and report that the Parish Council were happy for this to take place. Councillors were also happy for it to be dedicated to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

**Debris**

Mr Simon Hanson has disposed of the pile of debris on the playingfield.

**Church Lane wide loads & Correcting sat-navs**

Mrs Joan Metcalfe has "logged" Church Lane as unsuitable for HGV's on the website "Correcting sat-navs". This might act as a deterrent. She reported that the speed limit on this road is 60 mph!

**Grit Bins**

Dr John Day has checked these accordingly. Three grit bin replacements are needed. Clerk to ask Mr Bellfield if any funding is available to purchase? **AP8**

**Butts Road hedges**

Mrs Joan Metcalfe reported that the hawthorns/blackberries on Butts Road have been cut back by Mr Stennett.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**Church Road hedges**

Mrs Veronica Bunbury reported that Mr Freeman had complained about the hedges bordering Church Road on the left hand side from the Lych Gate going on down towards Hill Farm. The Chairman thought these were partly Mr Tom Norfolk's property who he will speak to.  
**AP9**

**Brook Lane flooding by bridge and Church Road by playingfield entrance**

Mrs June Gosling and Mrs Joan Metcalfe reported that the drainage is poor in both these areas and with the heavy rain there has been flooding on the road. It has been suggested that the Highways Department use spades to dig out the ditch rather than a digger. **AP10**  
Mr Bob Coppillie reported that a footpath sign has been broken. Footpath 3. **AP11**

**6. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Mrs Joan Metcalfe reported that the celebrations for this event are going to be split into two different celebrations:- On Saturday there will be a street party in Spring Meadow which will mainly be for children and run from 2.30 – 5.30 pm and on Monday there will be an evening hog roast up at Charles Loft's house where the farm barns will be accessible in case it rains. William and Eileen Stennett are donating a pig and there is someone who will play the Ceilidh. Mrs Joan Metcalfe has volunteered Mr Simon Hanson to be in charge of the bonfire. This event will run from 5.30 pm to 11/12pm ish. The Committee will register the beacon. There is a question about funding as they want to make as much of it free as possible with the exception of alcoholic drink of course.

**10. Planning Applications, NPPF & Neighbourhood Planning Regulations Consultation.**

**Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. Consultation ends 5 January 2012.** Councillors agreed there was no need to respond to this.

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications:

C/11/2040 Bransons College, Bransons Lane, Playford, IP6 9DN

Erection of two dwellings (submission of reserved matters under outline planning permission C10/0131)

Approved by SCDC subject to conditions.

C/11/2099 Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH

Alterations and extensions to facilitate conversion of outbuilding to annexe (existing modern stables to be demolished)

Permission has been granted by SCDC

Signed .....  
Chairman

C/11/2097 Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH

Resiting of existing stables.

Permission has been granted by SCDC

C/11/2739 Algorta, St Marys Drive, Playford, IP6 9EB

Erection of car port

Councillors resolved to support this application. Clerk to inform SCDC

**11. Finance**

- i) Cheque No 649 £305.04 SCC (grass cutting)
- ii) Thank you letter from SARS for £50 donation  
Thank you from Benefice Newsletter for £100 donation  
Thank you from East Anglian Air Ambulance for £100 donation  
Thank you from Village Hall Management for £250 donation

**16. Correspondence**

An email had been received from Pauline Stentiford expressing disappointment that the Parish Council could not meet the additional £50 towards the costs of Benefice Newsletter. A New Heritage Organisation for Suffolk consultation has been received. Mrs Veronica Bunbury said she would give this to Mr Brian Seward.

Mr Lester Firkins has received an OBE for his work to charitable services. The Chairman thought we should write to him in recognition of this work and congratulate him on this award. **AP12**

**17. Any Other Business**

Mrs Joan Metcalfe asked if the draft minutes could be emailed to Councillors once they are put on the website?

**18. Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman