

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 5th January 2011 commencing at 7.30pm

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 Tracy Hanson	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO
Mr Peter Bellfield	-	County Councillor
PCSO Jackie Byde		

In Attendance

Mrs Sally Herrington

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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 3rd NOVEMBER 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)

Sandboxes

REH reported that he had replaced the lid for the sandbox on the triangle of grass with the telephone box.

Fix meetings for 2011

Re-arrangements for Parish Council meetings for the coming year are as follows:-

2nd March 2011 remains the same with a PCEM being held immediately prior to the meeting (from 6.30pm to 7.15pm) (Police will advertise this meeting). This will immediately be followed by the Annual Parish meeting which shall commence at 7.30pm and the bi-monthly meeting after that.

Signed
Chairman

5. REPORT BY PCSO JACKIE BYDE

PCSO Jackie Byde had no crimes to report for Playford since the last Parish Council meeting. She did say that the neighbouring village of Great Bealings have had oil and scrap metal stolen and for us to remain vigilant. Now that the weather has improved the police will be back out with their speed guns. The Chairman asked about white lining and other possible methods for traffic calming in the village. This is to be explored.

6. REPORT BY CLLR PETER BELLFIELD

Councillor Peter Bellfield reported that the budget for the coming year has gone in front of the Scrutiny Committee. No savings are expected to come in from the New Strategic Direction and “divestment” until 2013. Cut backs mean that bus routes are being curtailed. The Route 70 and 70a service will be reduced. The day time service will run less frequently and there will not be any evening or Sunday services. This concerned the Chairman as he worried that businesses such as the Admirals Head Pub need late running buses. Subsidised buses are costing the County Council £2 ¼ million a year however and they are proposing to half that.

8. HIGHWAYS

Footpath 20 – An alignment has been made and Mrs Debbie Adams reported that it is likely that they will put down some sort of “surface” or board walk. The Highways department is to take another look at the problem patch in the New Year. **Ref:**

F116290

The dyke on the corner of Church Lane and Butts Road has been cleared. The clerk has heard back from Mr David Fawcett regarding the road paving outside “High Meadows”. He reported that some road sign re-positioning will be carried out. Councillors proposed that further action needs to be taken. This was proposed by Mrs Tracy Hanson and seconded by Mr Ted Herrington. The Chairman agreed to write to Mr Fawcett saying that the work is unsatisfactory.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Mr Ted Herrington reported that he had attended the sub committee meeting and that it had been approved with some conditions. Seven people were in favour with one abstention. Miss Rosie Dinnen, Case Officer informs the clerk that no formal decision has been made yet.

C10/2693 Pantiles, Spring Meadow

Erection of single storey pool room extension.
Permission has been granted by SCDC.

Signed
Chairman

10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

A “drop in event” on Friday 7th January is being held at the Council Chambers in Woodbridge for anyone wanting to attend. No interest was expressed. The consultation has been circulated around Councillors and the deadline for comments is 23rd January 2011. The proposals don’t seem to have differed very much from the consultation back in January 2009. The Chairman suggested that we write with our support. This was proposed by Mr Bob Coppillie and seconded by Mrs June Gosling. Mr Ted Herrington reported that he was pleased to see that Tuddenham and Westerfield were now included in the Eastern Ipswich Fringe. Playford is classified as “Other village” which means next to no development. The LDF has changed slightly in proposing less houses be built however it has to be remembered that it is responding to an increasing population. Mr Ted Herrington asked if they would have to rewrite parts of it with the Localism Bill? Mr Peter Bellfield felt they will probably have to define those areas once the Bill becomes an Act. A discussion followed about joining forces with other parish councils. I.e. Great and Little Bealings. The Chairman definitely felt it was worth considering since we share roads, school, pub etc. Mr Peter Bellfield said he was surprised we run separate Parish Councils and said that he felt that there would be quite a lot of logic joining up with one another.

11. FINANCE

Thank you letters have been received from the Playford Parish Hall, the Benefice Newsletter, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Suffolk Accident Rescue and the Unpaid Works Team for donations made to them.

A cheque for £333 has been received which is Playford Parish Council’s 1/3rd share of monies outstanding from the Parish Plan Fund. The Action Monitoring Group has distributed the other 2/3rds to Great Bealings and Little Bealings.

The Clerk has received an email from Mr Ted Herrington asking if there were any approved scales for expenses incurred by Councillors using their computer ie. Ink, paper, broadband connection? As yet SALC has not set any guidelines. Mr Herrington thought a ball park figure of £25 estimate might cover costs incurred.

Signed
Chairman

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Open Weekend in Suffolk is running again with grants available to villages holding community events on the weekend of 22-24th July 2011. Last year Great Bealings received £100 and Little Bealings received £100 towards an event held at the John Belstead Playing Field. Playford Councillors thought they would like to get involved this year. The Clerk gave the application form to Mrs Tracy Hanson.

An email has been received from Mr Eric Metcalfe regarding hedge cutting in the village. He wanted to know who owns the hedge on the Archway side of Brook Lane. Part of this is owned by Mrs Trish Laws. Mrs Tracy Hanson reported that the hedge is cut every year by Mr William Stennetts contractors. Mr Fenton owns the other part.

Another email was received from Mr Eric Metcalfe regarding the work carried out by Anglia Water on the borehole down Brook Lane. He felt that perhaps some planting is needed to hide the new prefabricated building? Also the signs need to be taken down as it is a bridleway and no longer a building site. He also reported that the road has been quite badly damaged by the very heavy traffic, particularly by the village triangle and also just before the Lewis's house. Dr John Day suggested writing a letter to Anglia Water. Clerk to action.

A Residential Care Home Consultation has been received. The deadline for comment is 24th January 2011. The Chairman agreed to respond to this.

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting and bi-monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, 2nd March 2011 after the Police Community Engagement Meeting which will commence at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed
Chairman