

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 5th May 2010 commencing at 8.30pm

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 Steven Hudson	-	District Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Sally Herrington

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs Tessa Innes nominated that Dr John Day stand as Chairman for the following year. This was proposed by Mrs Tracy Hanson and seconded by Mr Bob Coppillie. The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form before continuing with the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. 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.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:-

Mrs Tracy Hanson was put forward for the position of Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year; Mrs June Gosling proposed and Mrs Tessa Innes seconded this proposal.

Mrs Sarah Cartwright was put forward for the position of Clerk/RFO; Mrs June Gosling proposed and Mrs Tracy Hanson seconded this proposal.

Signed
Chairman

Mr Paul Gardiner was put forward for the position of Internal Auditor; Dr John Day proposed and Mrs June Gosling seconded this proposal.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2010

Amendments: - Page 2009/10-29, Minute no 14 Any Other Business, Line 1:- “TH reported large bore holes in Brook Lane” should read “TH reported disintegration of the road...” Page 2009/10-29 Minute no 14, Line 6:- “SCDC should be replaced with SCC”. Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2010 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (NOT COVERED IN AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW)

The poor state of the BT Phone Box was again commented on. The Clerk had reported this to BT who informed her that because it was not “vandalised” it was not a high priority. All the same the state of the phone box has been registered as needing the glass replaced and a good clean and BT said they would get someone out to do this work. A time scale was not given. The Clerk was quoted between £3,000 – £6,000 to have the phone box removed. The Chairman said that we would write to BT in protest.

7. HIGHWAYS

Mrs Debbie Adams has informed the Clerk that the hand rail for the playing field will be installed in a week or two. She also said that they will inspect the large oak tree on the public ROW (opposite Church Road/Bealings Road junction) to assess whether it is their responsibility and if it is whether it should be cut down/trimmed back. The Clerk has received an email from Mr David Fawcett which highlighted that Bealings Road is due to be closed for resurfacing 14 June to 2 July. He says, “The tree to the east of the junction of Bealings Road and Church Road appears to be on land acquired by East Suffolk County Council in November 1937. I have asked Suffolk Coastal’s tree officer for expert advice regarding its condition”. He also says in his email “I will look to have the self sown saplings removed from the visibility splay to the west of the junction in due course”.

REH commented that he thought the mess Mr Parkin had made during the winter was a disgrace. REH produced some photographs which showed the verges of the Bealings Road/Church Road junction in a dire condition. He pressed that we should not stand for this and a debate ensued as to how progress. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would write to Mr Parkin informing him that we had discussed at length the condition of the bank/verges on Church Road junction and the terrible mess it was left in last winter. We would then press for Mr Parkin to put in place ways that this could be prevented again. If we did not get a positive response from him we would approach the Highways Department. (To be discussed at next meeting). ACTION: Chairman to draft a letter (for circulation before posting).

Signed
Chairman

8. REGISTERING PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY

The original title deeds have been lost/misplaced however there is a photocopy of them on file. It was agreed that the clerk should submit the photocopied deeds to Birketts solicitors to see if they can progress with getting the land registered at a cost of £350.00- £400.00 approx.

9. FINANCE

i) Authorisation of cheques

The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

Cheque No 610	£29.36	Phil Holmes (Host Domain)
Cheque No 611	£20.00	Paul Gardiner (internal audit)
Cheque No 612	£108.00	SALC Subscription
Cheque No 613	£100.00	S Cartwright (Probation Team)
Cheque No 614	£57.20	S Cartwright (print cart & wine)
Cheque No 615	£344.45	Aon Ltd (Insurance)

ii) The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2009/10 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Mrs June Gosling proposed we adopt these and this was seconded by Mr Ted Herrington. These had been internally audited by Mr Paul Gardiner and were now ready for the external auditors BDO Stoy Haywood. Anyone wanting to inspect the accounts will be able to by appointment at the Clerk's house.

iii) The first instalment of the Precept has been received (£1,750).

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A brown envelope was in circulation with the recent correspondence.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There is a pile of hedge/grass trimmings that need bagging up. Mr Charles Lofts was asked whether his trailer could be used to dispose of the grass trimmings produced as a result of the Probation Team cutting the grass. The Probation Team will next visit the village on Tuesday, 11th May 2010.

Mr Ted Herrington produced a "Code of Practice" for Bird Scarer's. It was noted that Mr Parkin was not breaking the law by his bird scarer's going off from very early in the morning very loudly, every 20 or so minutes but he was not adhering to the Code of Practice. The Chairman asked if Mr Ted Herrington could jot down a list of the problems caused by Mr Parkin's bird scarers and then the Chairman would draft a letter to the farmer.

The next meeting:- 7th July 2010

Signed
Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed
Chairman