

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007 commencing at 7.30 pm

### PRESENT

Dr D Lewis	-	Chairman
Dr John Day	-	Councillor
Mr C Lofts	-	Councillor
Mrs J Gosling	-	Councillor
Mrs T Innes	-	Councillor
Mr R Herrington	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO
Mr P Bellfield	-	County Councillor
Miss K Waddell	-	District Councillor

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Gardiner  
Mrs D Gardiner  
Mrs S Herrington  
Mrs T Laws  
Mr D Heard  
Mr A Richards  
Mrs U Richards

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from WPC Victoria Gilmore and Mrs Tracy Hanson

1. Councillor Peter Bellfield gave his report first since he was required to attend another Parish Council Meeting immediately afterwards. He explained that Ipswich has more or less got Unitary status, which, as we knew, was a disappointment to the County Council and District Council. They are anxious that they cannot reduce their personnel yet will lose approximately 20% of their income. Mr Peter Bellfield looked at the possibility that Ipswich might want to expand its boundaries thus making some District Councils too small to operate, thus an amalgamation of some District Councils would result.

Mr Peter Bellfield had received the Council's application for grant funding for the second set of goalpost. He saw no difficulty in this coming from his Locality Budget.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Before leaving Mr Peter Bellfield asked if there were any other questions and said he was available to us all at any time on the phone.

Miss Kate Waddell, District Councillor also had to leave early. She had written a report and gave a brief summary of its contents. Topics covered included alcohol and anti-social behaviour, planning and gaining a two star rating by the Audit Commission, Going greener....., and food safety reports. This report would be circulated around the Councillors in addition to being put on the website.

**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.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

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

(i) Parish Councillors Responsibilities – Tree Warden

Mr Ted Herrington had done a bit of research into the trees in the village and public liability. He had spoken to the Tree Officer at the District Council who informed him that they would do a survey of the trees in the village (around the playing field and one horse chestnut tree over the village sign), which is free of charge in the first instance. It was agreed to go ahead and get this review. To formalise this would cost somewhere in the region of £205. This was felt unnecessary for the time being. The Council’s insurance company stipulated that trees should be checked annually by a councillor and after severe storms and their condition logged in a book.

(ii) Footpath

Footpaths number 5, 7, 8, 20 and 23 had been reported to SCC and a log number given however they were still very overgrown. The Clerk was to chase (Ref 750573 and Ref 736797).

**5. Benefice Magazine**

Councillors were informed that the production of the Benefice Magazine was going to change and that every household in the four villages should receive a copy of the magazine free of charge. To allow for this the Parish Council was asked to contribute £100 annually. Other monies would be received through advertising and from the other Parish Councils. Mrs June Gosling proposed that we donate £100 subject to annual reviews. This was seconded by Dr John Day.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**6. Welcome Leaflet**

Dr John Day had done some research into getting the welcome leaflet printed. The Suffolk Coastal print shop would do 100 pages (colour printing and stapling together) for £54. This was a very good price and far less than commercial companies. Dr John Day proposed that we go ahead with this. Dr David Lewis seconded him. Dr John Day and the Clerk would get the final version of the welcome leaflet published and printed off the computer for distribution to the print shop.

**7. Thomas Clarkson Play**

The Clerk had been contacted by Black & White Productions about them putting on a full-length drama in the Village Hall. They were looking for sponsorship of this. The details were passed to the Village Hall Committee who might be able to help them.

**8. Standing Orders**

Dr David Lewis read through the current Standing Orders, which were deemed to be appropriate and up to date.

**9. Floodlighting area outside Village Hall**

The Deben Bridge Club that meet on a Monday night had again broached the topic of floodlighting the dark area near the recycling bins. They felt that having lighting here would increase safety and security. A vote was put to the floor as to whether the Parish Council agree with them. The vote showed that no one was in favour of putting in a planning application for floodlighting. The Council suggested that leaving the outside lights on for the duration of the Bridge game would be a cheaper alternative than paying £1200 for outside lights.

**10. Recycling Credits**

A debate followed as to what the £165.70 received as a result of recycling should be spent on. One suggestion was that it could be put towards increasing the size of the Boules Piste by 75%, which would be an increase of 4 metres of dead land. Another thought was that it could be put towards the publication of the new Benefice Magazine. It was decided that bids/tenders should be put in at the next Parish Council meeting and voted on – Agenda item for next meeting.

**11. Parish Plan**

Dr John Day reported back that the Parish Plan was coming along very nicely with meetings being held every three weeks. Recently they had been discussing how they identify the views of the residents and how they identify the views of organisations. The minutes of the Steering Group were to be obtained by the Clerk and put on the Parish Council website.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**12. Highways**

The Clerk had been in discussion with Martlesham, Kesgrave, and Little Bealings Parish Councils over traffic management on the A1214. A meeting was due to be set up with a question and answer session directed to a representative of Highways at SCC who would be present at the meeting. Mr Ted Herrington, Mrs June Gosling and Mrs Sarah Cartwright agreed to attend this meeting on behalf of Playford Parish Council.

The height of the new tarmac that has been laid in the village was again commented on. It appears that nothing yet has been done about this and it is only a matter of time before someone slips and twists their ankle by falling off it. The clerk agreed to chase SCC (Ref 750587).

**13. Planning**

C07/1567/FUL MILL COTTAGE, BUTTS ROAD – Erection of two-storey rear extension & double cart lodge (revised scheme to C07/1143). The Council unanimously supported this application and the Clerk was asked to write to SCDC to inform them.

C07/1171/PN KILN FARM, MAIN ROAD, KESGRAVE – Replace existing potting shed display & sales area with “clean” & “dirty” area with washing & toilet facilities. The majority of the Council supported this application on the condition that access was limited to Kesgrave Road only. The Clerk was asked to write to SCDC to inform them.

C07/1109/FUL 1 CHURCH LANE, PLAYFORD, IP6 9DS – Erection of extensions & construction of new vehicular access (resubmission of C07/0103)  
Permission had been granted by SCDC

C06/0898/OUT PART OF GARDEN SOUTH OF, SEVENOAKS, BUTTS ROAD – Use of land for the erection of two dwellings and all ancillary works. (Re-submission of C06/0274). This planning application was going to an Appeal Venue on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at SCDC Offices, Melton Hill. It was agreed that Dr John Day would represent the Council and give a statement that says the land is suitable for building two houses but subject to access off Butts Road. It should be noted that this is an amendment from our previous recommendations.

**14. Finance**

The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

Cheque No. 100518	£ 5	Angela Cobbold Hall (Parish Plan)
Cheque No. 100519	£75	Sarah Cartwright Expenses

Signed .....  
Chairman

A cheque for £25 was received from the Village Hall Committee for payment of peppercorn rent of £1 per year for lease of village playing land. The Clerk was asked to bank the money and issue receipt of payment.

**15. Correspondence**

The Clerk had received correspondence from the following:-

- Suffolk Acre, invitation to AGM - Dr David Lewis to attend
- SALC, invitation to AGM - Mr Charles Lofts to attend
- Parish Liaison meeting - Mr Ted Herrington to attend
- SALC Area Meeting - Mr Charles Lofts & Dr John Day to attend
- Traffic Management on A1214 mtg - Mr Ted Herrington & Mrs June Gosling

The Clerk was asked to inform the various organisations of the attendees.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Chairman, Dr David Lewis tendering his resignation. This was read out and accepted by the Council that he no longer held office as a Chairman but would remain as a Councillor. Nominations for a new Chairman then followed. Dr John Day was elected with 4 in favour and 1 abstention. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was then signed and dated allowing him to take his place as the new Chairman.

**16. Any Other Business**

Mr Ted Herrington reported that the Sand bins dotted around the village would need new lids – to be put on as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

Mrs June Gosling read out a letter she had received concerning the state of the grass cutting in the village. The Clerk was asked to get in contact with Mr John Wesley of the Probation Team.

The meeting ended at 10.20 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Signed .....  
Chairman