

**Minutes of Playfords Parish Council meeting held at Playford Village Hall at  
7.15 pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

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

**Also present for part of the meeting:** Mr & Mrs William Stennett, Mr & Mrs Ted Herrington, Mrs Tessa Innes, Len and Mrs Pascoe, Mr Mel Bentley and Vice Chairman of Rushmere Parish Council.

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

During the period of public participation before the meeting the following matters were discussed:

Len reported:-

- The foot bridge at the end of footpath 23 is dangerous. The wire meshing needs replacing.
- The hedges at the end of Dr Watsons Lane block the view on to the A1214. It is dangerous for cars. Could the Clerk report to Highways?
- Two “Binders” lorries had been nose to nose on Hill Farm Road for 3 hours blocking the road while they emptied sewage. Clerk to write to Binders
- He had taken offense to the article in the Benefice Newsletter regarding people’s dogs fowling in the churchyard. He felt it pointed the finger at residents. The author of the article reported that this was not the case.

Mrs Pascoe asked if we could make the village more attractive. Mrs June Gosling reported that the WI work hard doing litter picks throughout the year and last year they had planted daffodils.

The Vice Chairman, Mr Simon Hanson extended the period of public participation to discuss the following:-

**PART OS 0006, Butts Road, Playford**

Residents attended to view and discuss the application for planning permission received from SCDC for change of use from agricultural land to allotments (60 plots) – Butts Road. The owners of the land who had applied for the planning permission also attended. Questions and answers were made by residents as follows:-

Q Is there a difference between the land as it is now and the land it would become?

A No difference. Mr Stennett had questioned SCDC with the “change of use from Agricultural land” as allotments are still “food production”.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Q Are there going to be sheds?

A Yes, one reason why planning permission had been sort. They wanted to make sure that they had dotted the "T"s and crossed the "t"s.

Q If I wanted an allotment could I have one?

A Yes, if you joined Kesgrave Allotment Society.

Q Do the allotments have anything to do with Kesgrave Town Council?

A No. It is a private business arrangement. Mr Stennett was approached five or six years ago. He will be the landlord and set out the conditions of lease. Sheds will be allowed and there will be a composting loo. There will be no fixed structures other than for the supply of water. They are going to put a wire fence to the north east boundary. There will be no boundary change.

Q It is most unfortunate to be called Kesgrave Allotment Society if nothing to do with them.

A Kesgrave Allotment Society approached Rushmere Parish Council for land for allotments some time ago but Rushmere could not help.

Q Allotments are fine however won't they eventually become shabby with Polly tunnels and green houses?

A As far as poly tunnels are concerned you need planning approval.

Q How many parking places will there be/provisions for cars?

A 15 – 20 places. Cars will also be able to park next to there own allotment.

Q The big problem is the access. There could potentially be a lot of cars at a weekend? The road peters out into a 4 metre wide track. Cars will not be able to pass?

A Highways have no issue

Cmt. Screening is a concern. The allotments are going to be very visible. There is a super hedge in Rushmere screening the allotments. You wouldn't even notice there were any allotments there. Screening would shut out the slightly negative effect.

Cmt. What about the height measurements of huts? Height restriction should be matter of concern

Cmt. It is a shame no one from Kesgrave Allotment Society was at the meeting.

The discussion ended at 7.55 pm. With Councillors permission Mr Simon Hanson moved "Planning", Item Number 11 to the first item to be dealt with on the Agenda.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Steven Hudson and Dr John Day. It was noted that County Councillor Peter Bellfield was unable to attend. 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. Mr Tom Norfolk declared an interest as a friend of Mr & Mrs William Stennett. This was written in the "Declaration of Interest" book and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Planning Applications:**

i) New Proposals

**C/11/1395 Part OS 0006, Butts Road, Playford**

**Change of use from agricultural land to allotments (60 plots)**

Councillors voted to support the application for allotments with the proviso of hedge screening. It was RESOLVED to:

- Write to SCDC informing them of our decision.

ii) Planning procedure - Circulated to Councillors before the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- We adopt the procedure of holding an ad hoc meeting when a planning application comes in that does not fall within the normal meeting timescale.
- We inform neighbours of the planning application and date and time of meeting when the Parish Council will be discussing it

iii) Report on Approvals

**C/11/0357 Part of Playford Heath, Doctor Watsons Lane, Playford**

**Change of use of farmland to cemetery, construction of vehicular access & parking**

Permission has been granted by SCDC

**C/11/0954 Pantiles, Spring Meadow, IP6 9ED**

**Retention of single-storey lean-to garage**

Permission has been granted by SCDC

**C11/0804 Playford Grange, Playford Mount, IP13 6PH**

**Alterations and additions including erection of extension to kitchen to form orangery and relocation of doors and windows appropriate to this:**

- replacement window to living room window with new timber mullion's;
- demolition in part of some brickwork in single-storey element to accommodate proposals.
- Demolition of bay window element in existing kitchen.

Signed .....

Chairman

Listed building consent and planning permission has been granted by SCDC

**4. To approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Mr Simon Hanson commented that page 2011/12 – 4 beginning with line 29 “Emails had been received from Mrs Bennett and Mr Chris Roberts distressed that fireworks had been let of last year, without notice.....” should read “an email had been received from Mrs Bennett distressed that fireworks had been let of last year, without notice. Mr Roberts wrote to suggest ways that villagers might pre-warn others about fireworks parties. It was agreed at the meeting that while villagers should expect some noisy parties around fireworks night, everyone should take steps to prewarn others about any other parties at other times of the year when fireworks are planned.

The Chairman said it would be a good idea to use Googlemail for this. It was also agreed to put a polite notice in the Benefice newsletter requesting parishioners inform their neighbours who have animals if they intend to let off fireworks. This would forewarn them”.

Subject to the above amendments the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting, and were signed by the Chairman.

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

It was reported that Dr Dan Poulter is unable to attend Suffolk Open Weekend An advertisement will be in the October, November and December edition of the Benefice Newsletter asking householders to be mindful of animals/pet owners when letting off fireworks.

**6. Report by District Councillor Steven Hudson**

A written report has been received from Mr Steven Hudson which Mr Simon Hanson read out. The report is to be circulated to Councillors.

**7. Report by Police**

It was noted that no police representative was available to attend but a short report had been received. There has been no recorded crimes in the parish of Playford in May or June of this year. There have also been no other significant incidents in the parish requiring a police response during this time.

Reports of the 12PT meeting for 23<sup>rd</sup> May and the PCEM meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011 had been circulated to Councillors. Mrs Veronica Bunbury had attended the 12PT meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June and reported back. The next 12PT meeting is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The next PCEM meeting is to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**8. Highways and Footpaths**

Prior to the meeting Dr John Day had informed the Clerk that the problems relating to Butts Road outside High Meadows is in the hands of Mr Derek Oldham. ACTION: To be chased before the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillors reported that the vegetation obstructing the sign “Hall Farm Road” has been cut back.

The “directional” sign that was damaged in a car collision has been erected on Playford Road.

The clerk has been in touch with Debbie Adams regarding the following matters:-

- The overgrown layby in Spring Meadow.
- Footpath 7 running from Church Lane to Spring Meadow which too is overgrown.
- Footpath Number 8 from Playford to Little Bealings also overgrown.

Mrs Veronica Bunbury suggested writing to Mrs Debbie Adams and thanking her for the work done on the Alder Carr. The footpath has been reinstated to a very high standard.

Mr Tom Norfolk asked if we could fill the gap in the hedge from the playingfield onto Butts Road. The Vice Chairman Mr Simon Hanson said he would investigate shrubs to plant.

Mrs Joan Metcalfe sent an email asking if the edges and hedges at the end of and down Brook Lane could be looked at. The hedge belongs to Mr Charles Lofts who would be asked to cut them back. The Clerk arranged to meet with Mrs Joan Metcalfe to identify the problem “edges” with the view to the Community Payback Team clearing/tidying this area.

**9. Traffic Calming**

The meeting with Mr Luke Barber regarding “white lining” had been due to take place this morning but will have to be re-scheduled due to the Chairman being taken to hospital. Speed data gathered in the past by the smiley faces has been obtained and circulated to Councillors. All agreed that the data was amazingly optimistic – cars were not travelling that fast. The timing that the data was taken was between the hours of 9 am and 10 am approximately. It was noted that perhaps if the data had been collected earlier in the morning at rush hour it might have been a different story. A discussion followed. Tractors travelling at all hours in the night/morning with all their lights on seemed a common occurrence and disturbed villagers. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Write to Mr Fenton asking him to liaise with the contractors thus ensuring that they turn off the lights not required whilst on the public highway.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**10. Welcome Leaflet**

Copies of the Welcome Leaflet were distributed to Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Councillors would make amendments to the leaflet and let the Clerk have them to update the leaflet in due course.

**12. Finance i) Reporting/authorisation of cheques**

i) The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

Cheque No.	635	£16.84	Petrol & petrol can (Community Payback Team)
Cheque No.	636	£2.52	Postage - SALC
Cheque No.	637	£150	Clerk (Use of computer, electricity & telephone line for Year April 11 – April 12)
Cheque No.	638	£20.61	Petrol & petrol can (Community Payback Team)

ii) We have heard back from BDO Stoy Haywood who require additional audit information which Mr Paul Gardiner has supplied.

iii) The balance of our account is:-

NS&I	£1,752.92
Barclays	£2,770.89

iiii) The balance of the Parish Plan account is:- £132.76 which is being held by Playford Parish Council. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Continue holding the residue of the funds for a future Parish Plan and inform Mr Phil Holmes of this.

**13. Correspondence**

Data Protection. It was noted that the Council was required to register as a data controller as it held personal data in electronic form and it was **RESOLVED** that:

- The annual registration fee of £35 be paid to the Information Commissioners Office.

A training programme has been received from SALC for the months of July, August, September and October. It was agreed to re-visit this at the Parish Council meeting in September.

Suffolk Acre's AGM is being held on the 13 July 2011. It will be focussing on the Government's Localism Bill. Mrs Veronica Bunbury and Mrs Sarah Cartwright will attend.

Signed .....  
Chairman

A letter has been received from Mrs Judith Dunnett asking permission to plant a sweet chestnut tree on the village playing field. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Write to Mrs Dunnett thanking her and informing her that we would be delighted for her to do so.

An email has been received regarding the LDF Revised Core Strategy. A meeting is being held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011 to discuss the “Reviewed Core Strategy and Development Management Policies”. Due to its short notice no Councillor was available to attend. The Full Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 9.30 am.

**14. Any Other Business**

The website is to be updated with the new Councillors names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers.

Mr Ted Herrington said he felt that the Welcome Leaflet is an additional cost that the Parish Council should perhaps look to scrap. He also said he felt it was a shame that no-one can attend the LDF meeting as there may be dire consequences for development in Playford.

Mr William Stennett reported that the NFU advised that Chinese Lanterns should not be let off. They are a fire risk and a health risk to livestock. A note will be put in the Benefice Newsletter with words to that effect.

**15. Date of next meeting:- 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Signed .....  
Chairman