

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 6th May 2009 commencing at 8.30pm

PRESENT

Dr John Day	-	Chairman
Dr David Lewis	-	Councillor
Mr C Lofts	-	Councillor
Mrs T Innes	-	Councillor
Mrs Tracy Hanson	-	Councillor
Mrs June Gosling	-	Councillor
Mr R Herrington	-	Councillor
Mrs S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO
Mr Steven Hudson	-	District Councillor
Mr Peter Bellfield	-	County Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr E Metcalfe
Mr P Gardiner
Mrs D Gardiner
Mrs A Day
Mr T Lofts
Mrs S Herrington

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Avril Wilkinson

1. To receive Councillor's declarations of interest in any item on this Agenda.

Dr David Lewis declared an interest in the planning application for Brook House
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.

2. Election of Officers:-

The posts were to remain the same for this new financial year. I.e:-

Chairman	-	Dr John Day
Vice Chairman	-	Mrs Tracey Hanson
Clerk/RFO	-	Mrs Sarah Cartwright
Internal Auditor	-	Mr Paul Gardiner

Signed

Chairman

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4 March 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

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

None

5. Welcome Leaflet

This has now been revised and will be emailed to Councillors shortly. The clerk was asked to check the cost of having 150 copies printed. (We have budgeted £100 for this). The leaflet will be distributed with the Benefice newsletter. It was suggested that the welcome leaflet be updated yearly either with amendments put in via a slip of paper in the Benefice Newsletter or the printing of an entirely new welcome leaflet once a year.

6. Local Development Framework

The Chairman has written to SCDC confirming that Playford Parish Council supports the Martlesham development but is opposed to any developments in the Playford area north of the A1214 and in particular the proposal from Kiln Farm. Mr Steven Hudson informed us that approximately 10% of the plots of land put forward in the LDF Site Specific Allocation “wish list” will be granted planning permission. Dr David Lewis raised concerns that the process seemed a bit vague. Could the clerk find out more and report back at next Parish Council meeting.

7. Highways

Footpath 20 through the woods has been cleared. Ref 1396406

The issue of a “hand rail” for the entrance to the playing field is being pursued with the Highways department of SCC. Ref 1400531. Tel: 583000

The clerk reported that Mr Chris Cocksedge had approached her with regard to Byway 19. He felt very strongly that cars should not be allowed on this route. Councillors agreed that the clerk should write to Mrs Carol Ramsden - who is an expert in this field of work – and see what advice/help she can give to us. Brambles in Dr Watson’s Lane were still a problem and are being dealt with by the Highways department. Ref: 1396413. The route from Playford to Bealings school needs to be chased up.

8. Notice Board

The Probation team has been contacted re: oiling of the notice board. The Chairman suggested re-designing it and perhaps having it encased in glass. Quotes to be obtained from SALC and SCDC for a new notice board.

Signed
Chairman

9 Parish Plan

Dr John Day reported that the exhibition went well. Two volunteers now need to be recruited to form part of the Action Monitoring Group. An advert will be placed in the Benefice newsletter. Dr John Day commented that he thought Mr Phil Holmes had driven it fantastically well.

10 Planning Applications

**C09/0527 Brook House, Brook Lane, Playford, Ipswich, IP6 9DY
Erection of first floor rear & side extensions and alterations.**

Dr David Lewis having declared an interest in the above planning application stepped out of the room. Dr John Day reported that the Parish Council has written to SCDC supporting this application

11. Finance:-

i) The following cheques were reported:-

Cheque No. 586	£22.99	Website Domain (Phil Holmes)
Cheque No. 587	£105.00	SALC Subscription
Cheque No. 588	£20.00	Paul Gardiner – Internal Audit
Cheque No. 589	£307.80	Allianz Insurance
Cheque No. 590	£57.00	S. Cartwright – printer cartridge & refreshments
Cheque No. 591	£100.00	B&Q Vouchers for Probation Team

It was decided that to purchase a new dog bin at a cost of £195 + VAT at the present time was unnecessary.

It was agreed that Mr Phil Holmes should receive a bottle of whisky to thank him for his hard work on maintaining the website for the Parish Council and for his work on the Parish Plan.

ii) The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2008/09 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. 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.

The first instalment of the Precept has been received (£1,750) plus a VAT rebate of £413.43. This brings the current account to a very healthy £4,484.60.

12. Correspondence

Training information from SALC has been received plus a survey which the clerk will fill in.

Police report (to be circulated) - there has been 1 crime reported for April.

Letter from Suffolk Agricultural Association to promote Suffolk Show

Signed
Chairman

13. Any Other Business

Mr Ted Herrington reported back from the Rural Conference “Planning for Vibrant Rural Communities?”

It was agreed that the “No Dogs” signs for the playing field are to be purchased and erected and the Parish Council to be invoiced.

Dr David Lewis asked about the possibility of having a pub sign – the Kicking Donkey - made for the pub evenings that are held in the Village Hall four times a year. Once made up it could also be used for other village occasions. The idea is in the very preliminary stage but it has been suggested that there could be a competition for all age groups to design something which will be judged at the next pub night on 3rd July. The idea of a pub sign was met with mixed feelings. Nonetheless the Chairman asked Dr David Lewis to get a quote together.

Mr Charles Lofts reported that Bransons Lane is blocked and that the cess pit at Mr Coppeli’s house might not be able to be emptied. Mr Charles Lofts also reported that there is a group of lads hanging about the village. Would the police be able to keep an eye out. – The clerk to telephone Pc Richard Wright.

14. Date of next meeting - Wednesday, 15th July 2009

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Signed
Chairman