

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2009 at
7.30pm in Playford Parish Hall**

1 **Apologies for absence** had been received from Tracy Hanson, David Lewis, Sarah Cartwright.

2 **Declaration of Members' Interests:** None

3 **Approval of Minutes** of the Meeting held on 18th November 2008

Item 5 P15 Line 3: To read 'five properties' instead of 'seven'. The Minutes were then approved and signed.

4 **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

(i) Footpaths were all clear.

(ii) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - no activity.

(iii) JLD had received dog signs, and needed a carpenter's help to put them up. Signs would not be fixed and therefore could be moved.

5 **Report from County Councillor Peter Bellfield**

(i) With regard to future unitary authorities, there will be no more consultation on boundaries and no consideration is being given to 3 unitary authorities. Hazel Blears' department was concerned with affordability, and if the plan to aggregate Ipswich with Felixstowe was not affordable they could be aggregated with others.

(ii) The Suffolk Record Office had been inspected and given a top rating.

6 **Report from District Councillor Steve Hudson**

None

7 **Police report received from PC651 Richard Wright.**

No recorded crimes since last meeting.

Aware of mud on Church Lane and on roads generally, and expectation is that the road should be made safe at the end of each day.

Shed and garage alarms available from police stations including Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team office.

Report from TH on Safer Neighbourhood Team Meeting, 12th December 2008:

12 parishes now involved. Kesgrave youth group had been given a grant £10,000 for a basketball court, and Kesgrave High School was also active in this respect - See website for further information.

Usual concerns about unsecured doors, valuables left on display.

Martlesham and Kesgrave Parish Councils were each paying half towards a Community Support Officer.

Signed

Chairman

8 Planning application CO8/1854 - Grundisburgh Burial Site.

Officers were recommending acceptance with the one variant, namely that area A must be fully reserved before areas B and C are activated. There had been 350+ individual objections. Environment agency views re pollution suggested that there should not be a problem and that water would not be polluted. CL still believes pollution will be a risk. JLD will attend 8th Jan meeting. Has spoken to Guy Hartfall who will be the individual opposing approval, together with one representative from each parish. JLD will attend and proposes to agree with all other parishes re contamination and deterioration of environment, and lack of conviction about Highways report that traffic through Tuddenham won't be a problem; but in particular, that the change of use of agricultural land is against council's policy which states that change of use should not be allowed except for overwhelming need. There is no evidence that this site is necessary. It will not be a woodland site for many years. If adverse public opinion is ignored it will make a fool of 'local consultation'. CL concerned about active badgers on site. Councillor Bellfield will speak at the meeting on Grundisburgh's behalf and propose that there are other sites that would be more suitable, and emphasise County Council concern about traffic levels. TH felt that the application should be turned down and then go to appeal, when proposers and consultants could be cross questioned.

High Meadows - no planning permission had been sought for the fence. TH felt the fence was obtrusive. JLD proposed this should be left with the officers and the committee meeting in February and this was agreed.

9 Parish Plan

TH will circulate an up-to-date report in the next few days, with action proposed for the 3 parishes. There is a meeting on 14th January which JLD can't attend. (*Since then JLD did attend.*)

TH felt there were items that should be separated out as they had particular regard to Playford. It was agreed that Ann Seward should be invited to next Parish Council Meeting. JLD emphasised that final decisions did not rest with Parish Plan committee

10 Local Development Framework

Decision re bulk of new housing is as previously reported, ie most housing would be in eastern part of Ipswich and would be on one site not five sites as originally proposed. This would be at Martlesham with BT involvement.

JLD explained that a hierarchy of parishes had been devised:-

- (1) Major centres. ie towns - key service centres ie settlements providing major services
- (2) Local - providing three discrete services; and finally
- (3) Other villages with few facilities.

Signed
Chairman

But Playford has access to other facilities and perhaps we should not restrict our development. A slightly bigger village would make for a livelier community. Village envelope had been wrongly drawn and a case could be made on the basis of the accessible school and two pubs. It was agreed that JLD would circulate a possible submission to L.D.F. for consideration of council members.

11 Local Government Review: Boundary Committee

Nothing to add.

12 Highways

Church Road has been cleaned. Letter to go to all three farmers asking that roads should be cleaned as per NFU regulations. JLD had inspected road and spoken to tractor driver. JLD suggested letter should include comments about footpaths, which were not marked properly after crops had been harvested. CL commented on poor state of footpath to Lt Bealings School from Playford, especially the section by Dairy Cottage. Councillor Bellfield thought there might be a grant available next year.

13 Finance

(a) Reporting/authorisation of cheques:-

To authorise: Cheque No 581 Norfolk County Services - £203.28 for new bin.
J G signed.

To report: Cheque No 579 B & Q vouchers for Community Service team - £100
Cheque No 580 S Cartwright (cartridge) - £28.93

(b) Budget

Re. Charity giving - Currently £25 to Air Ambulance; £25 to SARS. After discussion as to whether it would be better to give a larger amount to one charity, it was agreed unanimously to give £50 to each of the above. Standing order to be amended.

It was agreed that Paul Gardiner should be asked to continue as internal auditor.
Carried unanimously.

Budget planning for the year 2009/10 was approved with following amendment:
Increase in donations to £50 for SARS, £50 for Air Ambulance.

14 Climate change and what we can do as a Parish to help

It was agreed that discussion on this should be carried forward to the next meeting. An event at has been organised at Bealings Village Hall for Tuesday 10th February 2009 - 7 – 9pm.

Free Insulation is available for over 70s.

Signed
Chairman

- 15 **Correspondence** is being circulated.
A member is needed to attend a councillor briefing on 'Maximising the Opportunities for Suffolk from London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games'.
Monday 9th February 5 – 6.30pm - Stowmarket.

Grass cutting dates for Probation team to be the same as last year.

- 16 **AOB**
Money allocated to playspace in the parishes - we agreed to waive Playford contribution to Bealings for completion of their play area. What is the exact amount, and can better use be made of it - report at next meeting.

Meeting dates for 2009 were circulated.

- 17 **Date of next meeting:** 4th March 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed

Chairman