

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Playford Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 7th July 2010 commencing at 7.30pm

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 S Cartwright	-	Clerk/RFO
Mr Steven Hudson	-	District Councillor
Mr Peter Bellfield	-	County Councillor
PC Richard Wright		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Tracy Hanson

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 by the Chairman.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th MAY 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2010 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)

BT Phone Box The Clerk has sent a letter to BT commenting on the deplorable state of the phone box. No reply has been received.

5. REPORT BY PC RICHARD WRIGHT

PC Richard Wright reported that there have been no crimes in the last three months in Playford village however the surrounding parishes have not been so lucky and there has been a spate of burglaries. He suggested now was a good time to be vigilant with locking cars/hiding valuables etc.

Signed

Chairman

He reported that speeding checks have been carried out in the village and approximately 10 to 15 speeding tickets issued. PC Wright reported that The Street/Butts Road lends itself to speeding and asked whether the Parish had ever considered traffic calming measures? Dr John Day suggested that now was as good a time as ever to write to the Highways Department and ask if traffic calming measures could be pursued. Mr Peter Bellfield reported there is no money! Mrs June Gosling proposed that we write to the Highways Department. This was seconded by Mr Bob Coppillie.

6. REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD

Mr Peter Bellfield reported that the Government has told them that they have to reduce expenditure in the current year (2010/2011) by £6.4 million. . Some of this will come out of education area based grants amongst other areas. They are talking about reducing County Council expenditure by 30% in 3 years. This will involve more “co-operations” and devolving down. Small steps are already being taken, for instance “office sharing” – the police are moving into part of SCDC offices in Woodbridge. Joining up Public Services is a start however massive steps will need to be taken to save 30% in 3 years. Redundancies are expected however they are expensive. A debate continued over the large sum of money that is being spent on hiring someone to deal with Communications. Mr Peter Bellfield said that he felt that if £125,000 needs to be spent on someone that can reduce their expenditure by £500,000 it is worth it.

7. REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEVEN HUDSON

Mr Steven Hudson reported that the District Council are too trying to save money. The major project that they have been working on is the LDF and the document has been approved though they are still waiting to hear what central government is going to do particularly in relation to planning. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that it is now being adopted as part of the Local Plan. Mr John Day reported that a large document has been received and is in circulation with Councillors – “Core Strategy & Development Management Policies Development Plan Document. Interim Planning Policy”

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

This was reviewed and a few changes were made:-

Mr Ted Herrington agreed to look after the Village Notice Board and Seat. Dr John Day reported that Dr David Lewis would continue to look after the Boules Piste and report to Mrs Tracy Hanson should any problems arise. Mr Bob Coppillie will act as an additional footpath warden. Mrs June Gosling will monitor and report rabbits. Dr John Day said he would get some quotes for having new sandboxes made – one was deemed essential for on the hill just before the railway bridge.

Signed
Chairman

9. STANDING ORDERS

The Model Standing Orders had been circulated with amendments prior to the meeting. Dr John Day talked Councillors through them. These were then approved for adoption. This was proposed by Mrs June Gosling and seconded by Mrs Tessa Innes. The Chairman asked that the figure of money itemised should be put on the Agenda for approval at the next meeting.

10. HIGHWAYS

The hand-rails to the steps at both ends of footpath No6., which joins Church Lane and Hill Farm Rd., have finally been erected – thanks have been conveyed to Debbie Adams, R.O.W. Officer and an email has been received from Liz Royle who says they are a great help to her and Bruce.

An email from Mr David Fawcett of Suffolk County Council has been received regarding the oak tree at the junction of Church Road/Bealings Road. He says there is no need to fell the tree however there is a need to remove the dead wood and reduce the crown. Mr Ted Herrington reported that this work has been carried out.

Mrs Debbie Adams has written to Mr Fenton and has still to hear back from him. (She initially sent a letter to him giving him 14 days notice to get back to her however the letter was returned “not known at this address”) She has subsequently sent the letter again to the correct address with another 14 days deadline.

Dr John Day has drafted a letter to send to Mr Parkin re the state on the corner of the Bealings Road/Church Road. However he felt that the letter might not be the answer. Subsequently he had asked Mr Charles Lofts to speak to Mr Parkin – farmer to farmer. Mr Charles Lofts reported that that corner has always been used for exiting/entry to the field. Mr Charles Lofts also reported that Mr Parkin had had a heated conversation with a resident and a member of the Parish Council a week earlier who had made him feel that he didn’t want to do anything at all since offensive language was used. A discussion ensued and Dr John Day promised that he would try and arrange a meeting with Mr Parkin with Mr Charles Lofts present and smooth matters over/build bridges. It was agreed not to send a letter.

A section of footpath 20 has been reported as extremely difficult to pass through. This section – passage through the wood – is water logged with large roots. It has been reported to Suffolk County Council and an email has been received from Mrs Debbie Adams stressing that the definitive map and the statement are at odds, making it unclear as to which alignment should be available and maintained. This needs to be researched by the definitive map team and once confirmed the improvement works carried out. Ref F116290

The path from Church Road through to Butts Road (as per on our map) is not on the definitive map. Mr Charles Lofts informed us that there has never been a footpath across this land in his time (40 odd years). The land is now owned by Mr Parkin. Should the parish council wish to arrange for some kind of permissive path historical evidence on a map would be required as would permission from the land owner. Ref: 1916299

Footpath 7 has been cleared of slippery green algae and the highways technician is sending out the gully cleaners to look at the drain. Ref: 1920064

Signed
Chairman

11. NOTICE BOARD

REH reported that notices are being put up advertising out of village events. The sign stipulates that the notice board is to be used for local advertising only. He said that after the police notices (which take up approximately a third of the board) there is not much space for anything else.

12. REGISTERING PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH THE LAND REGISTRY

The original title deeds have been found and Birketts are progressing with getting the land registered. An initial payment of £461.25 has been incurred and there will be an additional nominal payment due to the application being held up because the full extent of the property needed to be marked in red ink on a more up to date compliant plan. The Clerk had asked Mr Ted Herrington to mark the property boundaries on the compliant plan map which he has duly done and this has been submitted back to Birketts.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C10/1389 The Ridge, Church Lane, Playford, IP6 9DR
Erection of two-storey side extension. Comment of No Objection sent to SCDC

C10/1152 Pantiles, Spring Meadow, Playford, IP6 9ED
Erection of two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling, creating new family room on the ground floor and new bedroom and en-suite on the first floor.
Playford Parish Council raised “No Objection” to this planning application and subsequently permission has been granted by SCDC

C10/1650 Part of garden south east of, Sevenoaks, Butts Road.
This planning application was in the process of being circulated around Councillors. Dr John Day and Mr Ted Herrington had both seen the plans and felt that the planning application for two plots of land with a house on each was too big. Dr John Day has also had a call from Mrs Lillian Herd who has concerns about the water and sewerage drainage. The Chairman asked if Mrs Tessa Innes and Mr Bob Coppillie would have a walk around the site. The deadline for comment is the 23rd July 2010. The comment would be along the lines of us having some reservation due to the sheer size of the property plus asking if they would also take Mrs Lillian Herd’s views on drainage on board.

Signed
Chairman

14. FINANCE

The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

Cheque No 616	£461.25	Birketts
Cheque No 617	£ 8.76	REH (stainless steel bolts used in the restoration of the Notice Board Seat

These cheques were proposed by Mrs Tessa Innes and seconded by Mrs June Gosling.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

A brown envelope was in circulation with the recent correspondence.

An email with a photo of a road taken in Playford around 1885 has been received and shall be forwarded to Mr Brian Seward.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Ted Herrington reported that the posts for the playing field fence had been replaced by Mr Brian Childs who he met on site.

Mr Bob Coppillie reported back with some notes from the Town and Parish Planning Forum which had been informative.

Mr Ted Herrington reported that the next Police Community Engagement Meeting is on the 12th July at 6.30 pm in Culpho Church.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 1st September 2010

The meeting closed at 21.20 pm

Signed
Chairman

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