

Minutes of Playford Parish Council meeting held at Playford Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 7th March 2012

Present: Mrs Veronica Bunbury (taking the minutes), Mr Bob Coppillie, Dr John Day, Mr Simon Hanson, Mrs Joan Metcalfe and Mr Tom Norfolk

Also present: Mr Peter Bellfield ,(SCC), Mr Steven Hudson, (SCDC), Mr Charles Bunbury, Mr & Mrs R Herrington and Mr T James - owner of Algorta

Apologies for Absence

Mrs June Gosling

There were no Declarations of Members' Interests recorded

The Minutes from the Meeting held on 4th January 2012 were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

- *Playford Welcome leaflet:* Bob Coppillie said a draft map should be ready for the next Council meeting.
- *Grit bins:* Mr Bellfield suggested we apply for a contribution from his 2012/13 budget.

AP13 Clerk to write in 2012/13

- *Log money:* Around £80 had been donated to Council funds.
- *Footpath:* The Council thanked Ted Herrington for his update. Mr Herrington invited people to complete usage reports if they had walked the path. Steven Hudson offered his support and help.

Mr Peter Bellfield reported:

- Council Tax will not be raised in 2012/13.
- SCC on track to save £42 million for the current year.
- The Council's future challenge is to find savings of a further £26 million in 2012/13 and 2013/14.
- Mr Bellfield will produce a written report of the above savings and details of the property rationalisation at the Parish Council Annual Meeting in May.
- Broadband: Mr Bellfield asked the Council to encourage people to log onto www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband and contribute to the Suffolk Better Broadband Programme.

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Mr Steven Hudson reported:

- Woodbridge Police Station is closing; police are relocating to Melton SCDC HQ.
- There is a current planning application for 3 wind turbines in Tuddenham.

Highways

- The Clerk was in contact with Paul Tynan about when he would be planting new shrubs to fill in the playing field hedge. The Council notes and thanks Ben Welham for his work in constructing a wicker fence for one of the gaps.
- The Community Payback team would be approached to see if they could remove the dead Elm trees. It was reported that Paul Tynan had already provided a quote for that work but the Council agreed to wait for a response from the payback team before deciding how to remove the dead trees.

AP14 Clerk to provide an update when received.

- The Chairman asked how the village might apply to reclassify some of the speed limits in the parish. Brook lane is not restricted although it is a no through road as is the main Playford Road between Lux Farm and the Playford / Dr Watson's lane crossroads. It was noted that there had been two serious accidents on that road since Christmas. Mr Bellfield explained that changing speed restrictions was very expensive and unlikely in areas on no or low density housing. He explained the first step was to write to the Highways department.

AP15 Clerk to draft a letter to the Highways Department

- The footpath to the rear of Playford Hall was becoming quite badly rutted by its use by vehicles. The Council discussed if this was a severe problem or if it might become worse. It was agreed that the Council would, in the first instance, speak to the landowner (Mr and Mrs Innes) to get their input in order to help the Council decide if there was a problem to be confronted.

AP16 Chair to contact Mr / Mrs Innes to discuss

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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee:

- Joan Metcalfe and Sally Herrington reported that the Committee had secured entertainment, food and a bar for the event.
- Villagers would be invited to register for passes for the event and people living outside of the parish would be able to purchase tickets for it.
- The Council noted and warmly thanked Mr Lofts for his generosity in offering to fund a gift of Diamond Jubilee Commemoration stamps to each child in the village and which would be presented to them at the tea party in Spring Meadow on Saturday 2nd June.
- Mr Simon Hanson will liaise with Mr Charles Lofts on the potential sites for the beacon and will advise the Jubilee Committee as to the location of this.
- The Parish Council would like to congratulate Mrs Judith Dunnett's committee on the excellent work that they have done so far.

Planning Applications

- The Council discussed the nuanced differences in the wording of their responses to planning applications.

Planning Application for Colts' Meadow (formerly the rectory)

- **C12/0409**
The Rectory, Hill Farm Road, Playford, IP6 9DT (Colt's Meadow)
Erection of first floor extension and porch
- Councillors agreed to inform SCDC of No Objection to this planning application
- The Council thanked Veronica Bunbury for delivering planning notices to all immediate houses abutting the property. It was mentioned that the District Council planning department's notification letters about planning to neighbours seemed erratic and it was agreed to write to them pointing this out. Mr Steven Hudson said he would also look this.

AP17 Clerk to draft letter

Village Hall Fire Regulations

- The Village Hall committee has approached the Council suggesting that the Stop sign, purchased some time ago for the end of the Hall drive, could be erected at the same time as the new Village Hall fire Muster point sign. The Council agreed, inviting the Village Hall committee to seek quotes for the work.

AP18 Clerk to advise VH Mgt Cttee

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Village Review

- The Council agreed to hold a special meeting for the Village in June, hosted by the Council and led by Mrs Gillian Benjamin to discuss the Village Plan and the Local Development Framework.

AP19 Clerk to make arrangements

Wind Farm

- The Council thanked Veronica Bunbury in advance of her representing the Parish Council at the Wind Farm meeting on 13th March.
- The Council had a lively discussion about the proposed development and electricity cable route. The Council agreed that they would like clarification on the points and questions listed in **Annex 1** and hoped that the meeting on the 13th would help in answering them.

AP20 VB to attend the meeting and report back

Finance

- One cheque made payable for Phil Holmes for website hosting was signed by Mr John Day.

Correspondence

- The Council thanked Mr John Day for completing the Healthwatch Consultation document Mr Day mentioned the proposal to close the Minor Injuries Unit at Riverside Clinic and relocate it to Ipswich Hospital at Heath Road.

Any Other Business

- Dr. John Day offered his resignation from the Parish Council. Mr. Simon Hanson accepted this and thanked Dr. Day for all his work during his time on the Council and as the Chair.

AP21

AP22 Chair to write a letter of thanks to Mr Day

- There was a mention of traffic disruption to the Village during a recent funeral. The Council agreed that it was a matter for the Parochial Parish Council Mr Simon Hanson said he would mention it to the PPC.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm, Wednesday, 2nd May 2012 – Annual Parish Meeting
The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting

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Annex 1 – Points and questions for the Wind Farm discussion on 13 March 2012

- Why isn't the existing overhead power lines (from Sizewell) being utilised to transfer wind generated electricity onto the National Grid?
- Why has Bawdsey (a very unstable coastline) been identified as the landfall for the cables?
- How disruptive is the construction going to be?
- Describe the construction stages: how many contractors are involved?
- How long will the disruption be for Playford?
- What compensation for communities is offered during the disruption?
- How will valuable trees, woods and other environmental features be protected and preserved during the construction?
- How will the cable routes be marked following the construction?
- Following the work, how will access for general maintenance and monitoring be achieved?
- What can be build on, or adjacent to the cable route once its completed?
- What precedent for future construction alongside the cable route might be set?
- Is there a commitment to deny the cable route becoming a proxy justification for other development in the future?