

**Minutes of Playfords Parish Council meeting held at Playford Village Hall at
7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th September 2011**

Present: Mrs Veronica Bunbury, Dr John Day, Mrs June Gosling, Mr Simon Hanson, Mrs Joan Metcalfe and Mr Tom Norfolk

Also present for part of the meeting: Mr Peter Bellfield, SCC Councillor, Mr & Mrs R Herrington

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council

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

- The website had not been updated with the May minutes.
- Would it also be possible to have the Agenda on the website?

Councillors agreed to update the website and in future advertise the Agenda.

The discussion ended at 7.35pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Steven Hudson. It was noted that Mr Bob Coppillie 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. This was written in the "Declaration of Interest" book and signed by the Chairman.

3. To approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 6th July 2011

These were signed as a true record.

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

None.

5. Report by County Councillor Peter Bellfield

Mr Peter Bellfield asked if there were any questions about the new leadership but suggested that most of us would have read about it in the press. He reported that they are on track to make the £42 ½ million savings this year which is essential however they have got to do the same again next year! Libraries will not be closing however he confirmed that a consultation has gone out as to the use of "mobile" libraries. These are very expensive costing approximately £590,000 a year to run. There are only six registered borrowers in Playford. The consultation document will be advertised on gmail for parishioners to voice their views.

Mrs Veronica Bunbury asked "The Localism Bill is exciting a lot of people. What is your view?"

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Mr Peter Bellfield replied that he hasn't made up his mind. He is all for encouraging development in the right place however development in wrong place spoils the place. A lot of detail is being removed. Over 80% of planning applications are agreed and passed in 8 weeks.

6. Report by Police

It was noted that no police representative was available to attend but a short report had been received. There have been 3 crimes for the month of July and 1 crime for August.

7. Highways and Footpaths

Mrs Sally Herrington asked if we had done any further investigation about the "path" running from Butts Road through to Church Road? Dr John Day reported that he had spoken with a rights of way officer at SCDC who had told him that it was not an established footpath. Mr Ted Herrington had evidence to the contrary. It was

RESOLVED to:

- Ask the rights of way officer to come and have a look at the path and go from there.

The narrowing of Butts Road outside High Meadows is still awaiting a review and is in the hands of Mr Derek Oldham at the Highways office.

The foot bridge at the end of footpath 23 is in need of new wire meshing. This has been reported. Ref: 2366150

The hedge at the end of Dr Watsons Lane (blocking the view on to the A1214) has been cut back.

An apology letter has been received from Binders regarding the blocking of the road by two of their lorries.

The layby in Spring Meadow is still overgrown.

Footpath 7 running from Church Lane to Spring Meadow has been dealt with although could do with some weed killing.

Footpath Number 8 from Playford to Little Bealings has been cut back thoroughly.

Mr Charles Lofts is arranging for his hedge down Brook Lane to be cut back.

The Community Payback Team have been clearing/tidying the "edges" in the village though they are limited to what they can do whilst working off the main road.

Mrs Veronica Bunbury reported that she has received an email from Mr Brian Seward. A wide loaded farm vehicle was driven down Church Lane and as a consequence of this and an inappropriately parked car damage has been done to the banks down Church Lane and in particular outside Mr Brian Seward's house. It was

RESOLVED to:

- Write to Highways informing them of the problem with large vehicles. In addition John Day will discuss the problem with Mrs Liz Royal and Mr Brian Seward.

8. Playing Field Hedge

The gap in the hedge from the playing field onto Butts Road still needs filling. Mr Tom Norfolk agreed to plant some hedging and surround it with wire netting to protect it from rabbits. An email has been received from Mrs Anne Seward regarding

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the poor state of the hedges in the village. Her email was read out and it was **RESOLVED** to:

- Get an estimate from SCC on having the hedges trimmed.
- Mrs June Gosling would also get an estimate for having the hedges cut by her contact.

Mrs Veronica Bunbury reported that the cherry tree outside Mr Chris Cocksedge's house needs pruning. Up until now Mr Cocksedge has pruned it himself however now disposal of the debris has become a problem. Mrs June Gosling also reported that the disposal of debris left by the Community Payback Team and in the past collected by Mr Charles Lofts is also a problem to deal with.

9. Dog Waste Dispensers

It was agreed NOT to pursue these. They were expensive and would need to be maintained.

10. Welcome Leaflet

Councillors had informed the Clerk of necessary changes. It has now been updated apart from one contact for the Events Committee and the day rubbish is collected needs to be finalised. It was agreed to wait until the next Parish Council meeting before going ahead with the printing of this.

11. Planning Applications.

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

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

The above planning application has been withdrawn. An application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development has been received. This is to see whether the application is lawful or not.

C/11/1925 Valley House, Spring Meadow, Playford, IP6 9ED

Erection of extension to dwelling together with alterations and resurfacing of driveway.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Support the above planning application.

12. Consultation on updated sustainability appraisal and appropriate assessment documents.

The plans have not changed and the document contains nothing new in it. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Support and acknowledge in accordance with our previous comments.

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On a different matter we have been informed of a Draft National Planning Policy Framework. This has caused some concern with the National Trust and CPRE. It is summarising a planning document that was 1,000 pages into 12 pages. Mr Simon Hanson agreed to respond to it and circulate a draft copy of his response before the deadline of 17th October 2011.:

13. Finance i) Reporting/authorisation of cheques

i) The following cheques were authorised for payment:-

Cheque No.	639	£35.00	ICO – Data Protection registration
Cheque No	640	£60.00	BDO Audit
Cheque No	641	£16.09	Petrol for Community Payback Team
Cheque No	642	£100.00	SCDC Election costs

ii) The annual return has been returned by BDO Stoy Hayward. They ask that we formally approve and accept it by council. This was proposed by Mr Tom Norfolk and seconded by Mrs June Gosling. The notice of conclusion of audit is to be displayed for 14 days on the notice board.

iii) The balance of our account is:-

NS&I	£1,752.92
Barclays	£2,456.39

14. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from Liz Bennett re: fireworks, Training courses from SALC and a Mobile Libraries Consultation.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Chairman, Dr John Day tendering his resignation. This was read out and accepted by the Council that he no longer held office as a Chairman but would remain as a Councillor. Nominations for a new Chairman then followed. Mr Simon Hanson was elected with 5 in favour. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mr Simon Hanson would take over as Chairman with immediate effect.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was then signed and dated allowing him to take his place as the new Chairman.

15. Any Other Business

None

16. Date of next meeting:- 2nd November 2011

The meeting ended at 9pm

Signed
Chairman