

Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at Playford Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 7th August 2024

Present: Ben Evans – Chairman
Joan Metcalfe –Vice-Chairman
Steve Hicks – Councillor
Martin Hill – Councillor
Colin Hedgley – District Councillor

Also present: Jasper Dormer - Applicant
Jacob Dormer

In attendance: Marian Hedgley – Clerk

Apologies for Absence: None

1. Declarations of Members’ Interests in any items on this Agenda - None

2. Planning Application: ref: DC/24/2618/FUL

Applicant: Jasper Dormer

Address: Little Oaks, Butts Road, Playford, IP6 9DP.

Proposed: Erection of detached garden shelter with vertical flue.

Chairman Ben Evans opened the meeting at 7.05pm, the plans were displayed on the large screen TV and a discussion ensued.

The applicant explained that the structure was needed as extra covered outdoor space for family use and for entertaining guests in Summer when it was too hot to use the glazed garden room which doubles as an entrance porch. A vented chimney was needed to supply warmth in cooler weather and this was the reason planning permission had to be sought. He supplied a photo of a rectangular shed similar to his proposed wooden structure although his would be a 5-sided shape open on two sides and measuring approx 8m x 5m with the height of the eaves being 3m. The roof would be fibreglass with a zinc fillet around the edges.

It was noted that the proposed structure was sited very close to the boundary with the neighbouring property and that it was rather large in proportion to the main building. The resultant available space would thus be rather limited as the curtilage of the building was mainly used up with driveway and parking, leaving very little room around the main building.

The neighbour most affected by this project has objected to the plans. The applicant affirmed the following:

- He has offered to shield the side of the structure which faces the neighbour’s kitchen window, with tall hedging and to paint that side of the building in a colour that would blend in with the hedging until it had grown sufficiently.
- He further offered to add a caveat to the effect that the tall hedging shielding the proposed new structure from the neighbour’s view, should be retained even if his property (Little Oaks) was sold.

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- He also undertook to move the proposed location of the structure by a few feet if it helped appease the District Council in their decision of whether to approve the plans.

BE proposed conditional acceptance of the plans provided the neighbour at Meadow View was happy with the set up and that the legalities of the Part Q agreement were satisfied. This was agreed unanimously by all councillors and the clerk will convey the decision to the Planning Team at East Suffolk Council via their website.

3. Any other planning issues - None

4. Councillors' Comments

JM has had a reply from the Inspectorate looking into the Appeal against the reinstatement of FP26 from Butts Road to Church Road - she considers we should write to the Secretary of State as a Parish Council sooner than sending her letter written as an individual councillor. The clerk will adapt JM's letter so that it can be sent to the Secretary of State from the PC - this needs to be received by 20th August 2024. Elaine Bryce similarly needs to resend her original letter to the Secretary of State and the clerk will remind her of this.

The Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain Annual Cycle Race 2024 will pass through Playford on 8th September 2024. We have been asked by ESC if we needed any funds to help support it – it was suggested that a banner to publicise the event could be displayed.

Complaints have been received by the clerk, of a large white builders' bag left at the side of the road in Butts Road – the clerk was instructed to write to the landowners concerned to ask if they own the bag or whether it should be reported to Highways and removed by them.

A tree has fallen onto the lay by in Spring Meadow – clerk will report it to SCC Highways as none of the residents have done so.

Emergency Plan needs to be discussed at the next meeting to decide the next step.

The question of whether to adopt a Gov.uk domain name for the PC website and the advantages of councillors having a separate email address for council work will be discussed at the next meeting

5. Items for next Agenda

- Emergency Plan update
- Whether to adopt a Gov.uk domain name for the PC and whether individual councillors should use gov.uk email addresses for council work.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7pm.

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