

**Minutes of Playford Parish Council Meeting held at Playford Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December 2024**

**Present:** Ben Evans – Chairman  
Steve Hicks – Councillor  
Martin Hill – Councillor  
Lee Knighting - Councillor  
Colin Hedgley – District Councillor

**Also present:** Josh Sheppard - Applicant  
Lynne Dawes

**In attendance:** Marian Hedgley – Clerk

**Apologies for Absence:** Joan Metcalfe –Vice-Chairman

Chairman BE opened the meeting at 7.30pm

**1. Declarations of Members’ Interests in any items on this Agenda**

BE declared a non-referable interest in the planning application DC/24/4113/FUL - this was duly recorded.

**2. Planning Application: ref: DC/24/4113/FUL**

Applicant: Josh Sheppard

Address: Cobblers, Hill Farm Road, Playford, IP6 9DT.

Proposed: Extensions to house, garden, porch and rear.

The plans were displayed on the large screen TV and a discussion ensued.

The applicant explained the plans. It was queried why the RH apex of the roof would be higher than the LH side as this is not symmetrical. Applicant replied it is because of the way the glazing is to be installed. It was also commented that Building Regulations may preclude the amount of glazing in this project.

Pre-application advice has not been sought.

The two Velux windows overlooking the adjacent property “Springside” are at different levels and the neighbour is not happy with this. Applicant offered to have the lower one (RH side) removed.

It was further requested that obscure glass should be fitted to west-facing Velux windows and that all veluxes should be permanently fixed but those on the inner slopes could be clear and opening.

He will advise neighbouring properties when building construction is likely to commence and is happy to discuss any other problems with them.

There is currently a septic tank on the property but it may be possible to connect to the mains sewer at a later date.

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The Chairman proposed acceptance of the plans subject to the following conditions:

- a) That the Velux window currently on the right hand side of the west facing roof should be removed and the Velux window in the bathroom on the left hand side of the west facing roof should be fixed.
- b) All outward facing Velux windows in the current plans should have obscured glass in them.

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 - DC/24/4179/VOC – Kiln Farm Nurseries**

Applicants: Paul & Ruth Goudy

Address: Kiln Farm Nurseries, Main Road Playford, IP51BJ.

Proposed: Variation of Condition no. 2 of DC/22/4902/FUL Erection of a building to provide new sales area together with new car park, widening of access and associated landscaping – various alterations.

This was discussed – these alterations are minor and do not really affect Playford residents. BE proposed support for this application and it was unanimously accepted. Clerk to respond to East Suffolk Planning dept.

**4. Issues relating to a new website**

A quote from Suffolk Cloud has been received for adopting a gov.uk domain name for the PC, creating a new website and providing gov.uk email addresses. An email vote was taken on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov to accept this and the terms of the Suffolk Cloud package were agreed in principle subject to exact details being determined. The exact cost will be confirmed when details have been finalised. The item is on the agenda for a formal vote on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The £100+VAT government grant has been applied for via approved registrars Freethought to whom Suffolk Cloud are affiliated.

After a brief discussion, BE proposed the name “playfordparish.gov.uk” as the new domain name and this was unanimously accepted.

It was unanimously decided to ask Cllr Colin Hedgley to provide funding of £250.00 towards this project and he agreed.

**5. Councillors’ Comments**

Arrangements for the Emergency Plan presentation were discussed.

**6. Items for next Agenda**

- Ditch Clearance – more quotes to be sought as East Suffolk Services are reluctant to carry out this work.
- Emergency Plan – aftermath of presentation on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 to be discussed

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm.

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