

**Minutes of Playford's Annual Parish Council Meeting held at  
Playford Parish Hall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

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

**In attendance:**  
Wendy Cook - Clerk

**Also present:**  
One members of the public for all or part of the meeting

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting started at 7.06pm

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Lynne Dawes who was on a SALC Training Course

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept the apology for absence

**3. Co-option of Parish Councillor**

There have been vacancies on the Parish Council for some time. East Suffolk Council have not received notice from electors requesting an election, co-option was therefore appropriate to fill a vacancy.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That Mrs Eileen Stennett be co-opted to the Council

Mrs Stennett has signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

**4. Declarations of Members' Interests in any items on this Agenda.**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**5. Public Participation Session**

There were no Public comments.

**6. Planning Application**

**6.1 DC/25/3410/FUL**

Address: Hakewell House, Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH

Proposal: Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe

Signed.....

After brief discussion

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That having looked at the plans there were no objections.

**6.2 DC/25/3338/LBC**

Address: Hakewell House, Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That having looked at the plans there were no objections.

**7. Planning Updates**

**DC/25/3197/FUL**, Lux Farm, Playford Road, Playford, IP5 1DA, Conversion of building to 1no. Self-Build dwelling – **Dealt with under Delegated – still pending**

**DC/25/1573/FUL** 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Hill Farm Road, IP6 (DT Change of use of Home Office to Holiday Let including change to fenestration – **Still Pending Decision**

**8. Devolution**

Voting at the recent full council meeting was 31 in favour of the three unitary councils, 7 against and 7 abstentions. This means the proposal will go forward to the minister for consideration along with the ‘One Council’ for Suffolk. If the three Council system is adopted by the minister, it will mean that Playford will be transferred to Ipswich and we will come under the proposed Ipswich and South Council.

Cllr Evans has written to all of the Suffolk Council leaders expressing that the Parish Council is unhappy about the new boundary proposes. He also sent a copy of this correspondence to Alison McGovern Minister of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

**9. Councillor Training**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For payment of £66 be made to SALC for new Councillor Training

**10. Bulb Planting – Playing Field**

Following correspondence from Ben Wale asking if the Playford Youth Group could plant spring bulbs on the Playing Field.

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It was **RESOLVED**:

- To allow the planting of bulbs along the car parking side of the fence between the field and the carpark, as long as they did not impede onto the carparking spaces and that the Parish Council didn't incur any costs.

**11. PC Vacancies** – recruitment of 1 new councillor required

The Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor has been published, the notice period ends on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**12. Items for next agenda**

None

**13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Playford Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.27pm

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