

**Minutes of Playford's Parish Council Meeting held at
Playford Parish Hall on Wednesday 1st July 2026**

Present: Ben Evans –Chairman
Joan Metcalfe– Vice Chair
Lynne Dawes – Councillor
District Councillor Colin Hedgley

In attendance:
Wendy Cook - Clerk

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

1. Welcome and Introduction:

The meeting started at 7.03pm

2. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr E Stennett who was on Holiday and Cllr L Knighting unforeseen personal circumstances

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept the apologies

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

none

4. Public Participation Session

The applicant for Planning Application DC/26/2019/FUL item 8.3 briefly spoke about the application.

5. Minutes of Meetings held on 6th May 2026

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To approve the minutes as drafted

Action Points Review

- ✧ **C324 – Traffic Priorities and drainage** – Works have not yet commenced. The Clerk will contact County Cllr Bryce for an update
- ✧ **Drainage Ditch beside Village Hall** – Cllr B Evans will seek approval for the placement of the spoil from the ditch and look to get the work completed.
- ✧ **Water running down Church Lane** – There is no update and the Parish Council have not heard from County Cllr Bryce. The Parish Council noted that due to the hot weather that the flow of water has ceased.

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- ✧ **Drainage issues FP20 near Alder Car** – The Clerk has visited the site and taken some more photographs to send to Highways. Work still hasn't been completed and the spring has increased in size
- ✧ **Over grown footpath between Church Land & Spring Meadow** – Cllr Bryce is aware of the issue with this footpath. The Clerk has emailed the housing association who owns the property with the broken fence.

6. Local District and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Colin Hedgley spoke at length about the new recycling bins and that he has received dozens of complaints regarding the new bin collection system. He thinks and hopes that the consistent emailing of the top people at ESC has brought results. They now admit that vast swathes of caddy collection was missed continually and that they are short staffed and have now come up with a plan including weekend working to get the schedules back on track.

He also spoke about the be fire aware campaign. A new grant funding scheme has been launched by East Suffolk Council as part of efforts to increase cultural engagement and boost growth in the creative sector. The Arts Core Fund will provide vital core funding to established, registered charities and registered not-for-profit cultural organisations for 2026-2027. East Suffolk Council is delighted to announce the launch of a new community energy programme. The programme will support delivery of community-owned and led renewable energy projects – empowering communities to take control of their energy future and contribute to a more sustainable energy system, alongside offering local benefits. A copy of the full report can be found at www.playfordparish.gov.uk

7. Thriving Places Fund

The Parish Council had a brief discussion about the new Thriving Places Investment Fund launched by East Suffolk Council to support the district's towns, villages and rural communities.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For Cllr Metcalfe to talk to the Village Hall Committee to see if this new fund could help pay for improvements at the village hall

8. Planning

8.1 Applications

DC/26/1443/FUL 2 Brook Cottages, Brook Lane, Playford, IP6 9DZ, Side two storey Extension and front single-storey extension to supersede previous DC/25/1310/AME application

After a brief discussion

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the planning application

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DC/26/2019/FUL Finn House, Church Lane, Playford, IP6 9DR. Construction of 2 bay cartlodge plus logstore

After a lengthy discussion

It was **RESOLVED**:

- The Parish Council expressed a number of concerns regarding the proposed development. In particular, it considered that the proposed cart lodge would extend beyond the established building line and would be positioned too close to the highway. The Council also noted that the parking for the building would be located in close proximity to an existing passing place, which it believes could give rise to highway safety concerns. Furthermore, it considered that the scale of the proposed building could have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties and queried the proposed height of the structure. In light of these concerns, the Parish Council objects to the planning application.

8.2 Other Planning Updates

DC/25/3410/FUL Hakewell House, Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe - Approved

DC/25/3338/LBC Hakewell House, Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH Listed Building Consent - Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe - Approved

9. Finance

9.1 Income and Expenditure

Reporting & authorisation of cheques/online payments since last meeting:

Already paid:

Date/Chq no.	Payable to	Reason for payment	Amount £
22.05.26	W Cook	Clerk – May Salary	agreed in budget
22.06.26	W Cook	Clerk – June Salary	agreed in budget
22.06.26	HMRC	Employer Contributions	£96.00

Credits received since last meeting:

- Barclays Bank – Interest - £21.89

Bank balances:

Current a/c	£5877.93
Bus Premium	£7683.04

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9.2 Budget 2025/26

Banking figures were checked and signed by Cllr L Dawes

9.3 Public Notice of Accounts 2025/26

The Exemption certificate has been filed with PKF. Playford PC notice of public rights runs from 17/6/26 to 28/7/26/ All relevant paperwork has been uploaded to the website

10 Highways

An email had been received from a resident with concerns about the speed of motorists in Butts Road

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to contact the Community Police Liaison Officer and pass on these concerns

10.1 C324 Traffic Priority problems/new road signs

Work has not been started

It was **RESOLVED**

- For the Clerk to contact County Cllr Bryce for an update

10.2 Footpaths

Nothing to report

10.3 SID

Cllr L Knighting was absent from the meeting however, he is continuing to regularly move the SID around the village.

11. ESC Community Partnership

Cllr E Stennett was absent from the meeting so no report

12. Box for Sports Equipment

Cllr Knighting was absent from the meeting so no update.

13. Correspondence

None received

14. Items for next agenda

New Locations for SID

15. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.49pm

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