

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey, at which the following were present:-**

**Mr W Dinneen – Chairman**

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman    Mr B Mackie    Mr R Piesse    Mrs L Glover    Mr J Denby  
Mrs D Bates    Mr R Smith    Mr G Watt    Mrs V Bell    Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk  
10 members of the public**

**APOLOGIES**

**66/09:** Apologies were accepted from Mr T East, Mr A Bedford, Mr A Todd, Miss M Doggett, Mr S Watt, Mr P Cockaday and Miss A Starkings – Asst Clerk. .

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**67/09:** Mr J Denby, Mrs V Bell and Mr G Watt declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or may be, members of the South Norfolk Council Planning Committee. They made it clear, that although a view may be taken by this Council, they remain open to further information or views, which might be presented at the SN Planning Meeting. Mr R Piesse and Mrs L Glover declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9(b) – the William Wilkin Wilkin memorial.

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**68/09:** The minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 were approved and duly signed.

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**69/09:** Min 61/09 – line 5: Mr Watt said the statement that there would be about 25% affordable housing on the site was incorrect. RESOLVED this should be removed. Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved and duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY & 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**70/09: Min 21/09: Prospective application for development on land off Townhouse Road by Bidwell's.** Bidwell's letter was noted. It was stated the letter made it sound as though permission was a fait accompli but this was not the case. Mrs V Bell said she had been consulted (in her role as District Councillor) on whether an environmental assessment should be sought for the site and she responded that there should be an assessment for much on the same reasons as the Parish Clerk had put forward on behalf of the Parish Council. Council supported the Parish Clerks request.

**71/09: Min 27/09:** The Clerk was trying to identify those who might take part in a 'Blessing Ceremony' on the extension to the Parish Cemetery.

**72/09: Min 60/09: Travellers on land at Queens Hill.** The travellers which were on this site have moved away from Costessey for the moment but, as they have family in Costessey it is expected that they will return at some point.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

**73/09: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications as follows:-**

◆ **6692 – 8 The Drive Rd** – Ground & 1<sup>st</sup> floor extensions (deferred from 17.2.09). Concerned that if this application is permitted as it stands it will result in a large dwelling with a separate three-bedroomed dwelling attached to it. Council seems to recall South Norfolk has already refused

additional dwellings on this unmade road and therefore – if this extension is to be permitted - it should be only as a fully integrated single dwelling.

◆ **6694 - 45 Norwich Rd** – Demolition of existing & redevelopment of site for 5 dwellings, garages & ancillary works. Refuse. Overdevelopment of the site. Unsuitable highway access with restricted vision as it is on a gradual, deceptive bend where there have already been a numbers of road accidents. The size of the dwellings and site layout does not cater for visitor parking and easy access for service vehicles.

◆ **6695 – 374 Dereham Rd** – Garage & conservatory. Approve subject to no neighbour objections and a condition that the garage should not be used for commercial purposes.

◆ **6696 – Land at Queens Hills** – 24 affordable homes. Approve.

◆ **6697 - 52 Longwater Lane** – Extension to rear - Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

◆ **6698 – 4 Glenda Rd** - Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

**74/09: Settlement hierarchy.** This is being looked at as part of the LDF Joint Core Strategy. It is being suggested that some of the facilities which might be required for sustainability in rural villages, and therefore facilitate some development, could all be provided in one place, for example a general store, newsagents, post office, bank, etc could all be in one shop.

**75/09: Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich & South Norfolk** – Public consultation exhibition in Costessey - 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm-7pm at the Owen Barnes Room, Breckland Road. Noted.

**76/09: Screening Opinion for Land at Townhouse Rd** – See Min 70/09 above.

**77/09: Consideration of keeping plans for one year only.** RESOLVED paper copies of plans should be kept for three years.

**78/09: Correspondence re work for AWA new water pipeline through the Parish.** This showed the line of the pipe in relation to the Gunton Lane Recreation Area. Noted. Council asked the Clerk to request a 4 year guarantee for the restoration works.

**79/09: Suggestions for tree planting at the Oval Road Roundabout.** RESOLVED to seek a licence to plant trees as per the plan submitted by Mr C Traverse, Costessey Tree Warden.

### **Correspondence**

**80/09: Request for dog bin in Windmill Lane.** RESOLVED to enquire whether South Norfolk would empty a dog bin in Windmill Lane as it is an unmade road before making a decision as to whether one should be installed.

**81/09: Response re metal detecting.** RESOLVED not to permit metal detecting on Council property as it would set an undesirable precedent.

**82/09: Saffron Joint Estates Inspections – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009.** Anyone wishing to accompany the inspection should meet at Grays Fair at 10am.

**83/09: Norfolkalc – Localist Green Agenda 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March.** Mr Bedford to attend on 11<sup>th</sup> March and Mr Piesse on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**84/09: E-mail re dog fouling.** A number of those present expressed concern about the possibility of the Council considering banning dogs from the recreation grounds. The matter was discussed at some length, the public saying they felt a real sense of community when they walked their dogs on the recreation ground as everybody spoke to each other. The Clerk reassured those present that the Council was making every effort to avoid banning dogs by education and high profile patrolling by members of South Norfolk's Environmental Crime Team. However, if fouling continued to be a problem it may have consider it as many young children play there and it is a hazard to health. Some of those present expressed an interest in becoming licensed to patrol the recreation grounds and the Clerk said she contact South Norfolk to see if this was possible.

**85/09: Invitation to Councillors to tour Kettle Foods.** Councillors said they would like to tour the premises and felt a Tuesday evening would probably be the best time.

**86/09: Provisional legal work for transfer of land at Roundwell for extension of Parish Cemetery.** The Clerk reported the correspondence so far and this was noted.

#### **Traffic & Highways Matters**

**87/09: Dept of Transport response to letter re Northern Distributor Route.** Noted but not felt to address the issues.

**88/09: A1074, Dereham Rd/Longwater Lane – East bound exit taper widening.** Council supported the proposals.

**89/09: Operators licence application, Riverview Nurseries, Longwater Lane.** RESOLVED to object as this a residential area, the access is via an unmade track and the point of access onto the highway is unsuitable for large vehicles.

#### **Police Matters**

**90/09: Crackdown on anti-social behaviour in Bowthorpe and Costessey.** Noted and welcomed.

#### **Finance & Staffing Matters**

**91/09: Application for grant: Citizens Advice Bureau.** RESOLVED to grant £100 in recognition of all the good work they are doing for Costessey residents and others.

**92/09: Report & quote on listed Wilkin Wilkin memorial in St Edmunds Churchyard.** Noted. The Clerk recommended the work detailed in Phase One be undertaken so the monument was safe, the funding to be taken from the repairs and renewals fund. However, Council RESOLVED to fence around the monument to stop the public going to near it and try to source grant funding for the work.

**93/09: Quote for repairs to Youth Centre roof.** As there are several matters relating to the Youth Centre which have yet to be resolved it was RESOLVED to defer consideration of this matter for 3 months.

**94/09: National Salary Award 2008-9.** RESOLVED to pay the .3% additional pay award to all staff on the National Pay Scale as nationally agreed. Mr Denby reminded the Clerk that Council had agreed to have a meeting with all staff to discuss their work and work practises and also review staff contracts.

**95/09: Consideration of annual contract for cleaning Breckland Rd Facilities.** RESOLVED to engage Houseproud to clean the Breckland Road facilities for one year as per the quotation and criteria laid out for that quotation subject to there being an additional clause which states that the contract can be severed on two weeks notice if there are serious breaches in the standards of work required which have not be addressed after due warning. It was suggested a group of councillors should regularly inspect the premises.

**96/09: South Norfolk Council Open Theatre to visit Breckland Hall again – 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009.** RESOLVED to permit free use of Breckland Hall for its event.

### **2009 CONSIDERATION OF DISPLAYS FOR OPEN DAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**97/09:** Some subjects so far suggested for display are: . Costessey Centre – the story so far; Queens Hills; Lodge Farm; Joint Core Strategy – (they have said they would like to attend); display of old minute books; Annual Water Pipeline; Traffic Management Scheme. Further suggestions were for the pictures to be displayed and something about the new surgery. It was also suggested that there be a photographic display of areas of public open space in Costessey eg Gunton Lane. Snakes Hills Woods, etc.

### **COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME**

**48/09: Items raised were:-**

- Proposed changes to the SN Area Planning Committee system. It is proposed the meetings be held at South Norfolk House instead of in the relevant locality. Councillors felt this was a backward step and a loss to democracy and public accessibility.
- .Works on the bus stops on Dereham Road are complete.
- Concern about changes to the bus lanes on Dereham Road.

**The meeting closed at 9.40pm**

- **There were no items under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**