

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 15th July 2008 held in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Old Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr T East Mr J Denby Mr A Bedford
Mrs V Bell Mrs D Bates Mrs L Glover Mr S Watt Mr G Watt
Mr A Todd Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk
17 members of the public

APOLOGIES

275/08: Apologies were accepted from Miss M Doggett, Mr R Smith, Mr P Cockaday, Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk and PC Barker.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

276/08: Mr J Denby, Mr G Watt, Mr T East and Mrs V Bell declared a non pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or maybe, a member 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 South Norfolk Council Planning Meeting.

277/08: Mrs V Bell, Mr W Dinneen, Mr A Bedford and Mr G Watt all declared a non pecuniary interest in the consultation on the proposed change of age range at Queens Hills Primary School, as they are, or maybe, School Governors.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th JUNE 2008

278/08: The minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2008

279/08: Mr A Bedford is to attend the **Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils Summer Conference** on 22nd July 2008 taking along the Council's view on the Local Government Review.

280/08: Current issues along **The Street** will be put on the next Parish Council agenda.

COSTESSEY PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

281/08: The Chairman reported that Mrs R Jackson, the Parish Clerk, had sadly lost her mother this morning. Condolences will be sent to Mrs Jackson and her family.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

282/08: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications as follows:-

- **6625 – 23 ASHTREE ROAD** – Removal of rear flat and extension, construction of 1.5 storey rear extension – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6626 – 308 DEREHAM ROAD** – Single storey rear extension to facilitate formation of annexe – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.

- **6627 – 6 HILL ROAD** – Replacement of rear extension – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6628 – UNIT-A LONGWATER RETAIL PARK** – Variation of condition 2 of plan. permission 2007/0508 to extend the permitted range of goods – Approve.
- **6629 – 24 BEAUMONT ROAD** – Amendment to 2007/1425 – rear dormer extension and alterations – Approved subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6630 – 1A OVAL ROAD** – Proposed side extension and associated works, demolition and relocation of existing detached garage with altered access – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6631 – COSTESSEY WASTE TRANSFER CENTRE, LONGWATER BUSINESS PARK** – Variation of Condition 7 of C/7/1998/7015 to allow storage of cans and tyres in addition to glass in Bays 1-7 of the outbuilding – Approve subject to no two bays of tyres being next to each other i.e. glass, tyre, glass, tyre etc. This is to prevent a greater fire risk.
- **6632 – COMMUNITY CENTRE, RINGLAND LANE, QUEENS HILLS** – Proposed community centre with sports/activities hall, kitchen facilities, wc and changing rooms, secondary parking area for community centre and playing fields – Several members of public addressed Council expressing concern at this application. Council RESOLVED to defer this application to the next meeting as they would like more information before coming to a view.
- **6633 – LAND OFF GUNTON LANE** – Proposed construction of vent column to alleviate flooding in the Gunton Lane area – Approve.
- **6634 – SQUIRRELS (PLOT 5) RINGLAND LANE** – Erection of veranda and installation of cesspool in association with replacement caravan – Approve.
- **6635 – 48 CROWN ROAD** – Revised garage proposal and new garden room extension – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6636 – 1 LORD NELSON DRIVE (HOPKINS PLOT 1)** – Erection of conservatory – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6637 – 55 JERNINGHAM ROAD** – Loft conversion comprising a new dormer window, 2 velux windows and hip end of the roof to become gable – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6638 – THE CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE, 79 NORWICH ROAD** – Provision of 2 smoking shelters – Approve.
- **6639 – PHASE 1B COSTESSEY S.E. CORNER, QUEENS HILL** – Revision of Plots 118 to 121 and 133 to 135 from planning permission 2006/1704 which are currently 2.5 storey dwellings with integral garages, to be replaced with smaller more affordable 2 storey dwellings whilst retaining 2 car parking spaces per dwelling – Approve.
- **6640 – PHASE 1A QUEENS HILL** – Revision of Plots 9 to 12 from planning permission 2005/2331 which are currently 2.5 storey dwellings with integral garages, to be replaced with smaller more affordable 2 storey dwellings whilst retaining 2 car parking spaces per dwelling – Approve.
- **AMENDMENT TO 6604 – McDONALDS RESTAURANT, WILLIAM FROST WAY** – Installation of customer ordering display (COD) and new signage – Approve.

CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)

283/08: RESOLVED to refuse a request to hire **Breckland Park** for a community event as the type of activities are unsuitable for a community area.

284/08: RESOLVED no nominations for the **South Norfolk Design Awards 2008**.

285/08: **Saffron Housing Trust summer newsletter**. Noted.

286/08: RESOLVED to approve the change of age range to 3-11 years at **Queens Hill Primary School**.

287/08: Information and a consultation will be available soon from the **Local Development Framework** explaining future housing needs within and around the county including Costessey.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

288/08: RESOLVED to approve Norfolk County Council's proposed "**At Any Time**" waiting restrictions in Richmond Road and Middleton Crescent.

289/08: RESOLVED to approve the need for a road sign to show directions to **Beechcroft Surgery**.

POLICE MATTERS

290/08: A Cabinet Member is currently in the process of contacting the Chief Constable of the Police Authority to investigate why the Police will not enforce the 20mph zones.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF NEW COSTESSEY POST OFFICE

291/08: Council will put a stand outside the Co-op, Norwich Road on Saturday 19th July 2008 with leaflets produced at South Norfolk Council. The leaflets will include a pro-forma letter and freepost envelope protesting against the closure for residents to send in individually.

292/08: RESOLVED to approve the press release written by South Norfolk District Council's representative.

STAFFING MATTERS

293/08: **The resignation of the part-time cleaner at Breckland Hall** with effect from 26th July 2008. The post has been locally advertised and interviews have been planned for 21st July 2008. Two members from the Staffing Committee will attend along with our Head Caretaker and the Parish Clerk.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

294/08: Items raised were:-

- The entrance to Breckland Park from Jerningham Road requires a litter bin.

- Norfolk County Council is actively looking at the request for a footway on the south side of Dereham Road between the bus lay-by opposite the Stafford Avenue junction and that opposite the Richmond Road junction.
- Works on Townhouse Road are still causing mud to spill out onto the road. Highways to be contacted.
- Wind turbines are now being used at the Lotus factory.
- Trees are overhanging the traffic lights outside the Freshstore and obscuring them to motorists.
- Complaints have been received regarding the overgrown hedge at the old caretaker's house on Three Mile Lane.
- Further site visits are taking place for future traveller sites but none is within Costessey.
- There is an overhanging branch above the Roundwell Monument at the top of Longwater Lane.
- The surface water problem on Stafford Avenue and Richmond Road has now been successfully dealt with.
- The wood at the top of Bawburgh Lane is being used as a scrambling track.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

No items were raised in **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**.