

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd June 2009 in the Owen Barnes Room, Breckland Rd, Costessey at which the following were present:-**

**Mr W Dinneen – Chairman**  
**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman**      **Mrs V Bell**      **Mrs D Bates**      **Mr Todd**  
**Mr B Mackie**      **Mr S Watt**      **Mr G Watt**      **Mr A Bedford**      **Mr R Piesse**  
**Mrs L Glover**      **Mr East**      **Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk**      **4 members of the public**

**APOLOGIES**

**237/09:** Apologies were accepted from Miss M Doggett, Mr J Denby and Mr P Cockaday.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**238/09:** Mr T East, 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 South Norfolk Council Planning Meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2009**

**239/09:** The minutes were approved and duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM AGM HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2009**

**240/09: Min 221/09:** Norfolk Planning Conference. Mr Piesse and Mr Bedford reported an interesting conference and discussed some of the topics examined: Biodiversity, a Planning Advisory Service for Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations, and the possible locations for the 80,000 more homes required in the County over the next decade or so.

**241/09:** Mr Piesse also said they discussed a future celebration about Hingham and thought there should be such a similar event here when the Costessey Centre is built.

**242/09: Min 213/09:** Motorcycles continue to be a problem in several locations around the Parish.

**243/09: Min 235/09:** Sewage is now being tankered off Queens Hills and the various agencies are working to resolve the problem.

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

**244/09:** RESOLVED to comment on the following planning applications:-

- ◆ **APPEAL – 6701 - Mill Croft Close** – Bedroom extension over existing dining room. No further comment.
- ◆ **6720 – Costessey Borehole, Taverham Lane** – Construction of switch kiosk. Approve.
- ◆ **6721 – 51 West End** – Erection of fencing & gates. Refuse. The gates level with the front of the property will necessitate the residents to stop in the road to open and close which would caused traffic problems as this is the narrowest part of West End. Council would be mindful to recommend approval if the gates were set back into the property far enough to allow a car to park in front of them without being on the highway.
- ◆ **6722 – 22 Norwich Road** – Removal of existing shed & construction of new front porch & rear single storey extension. Approve subject to no neighbour objections

◆ 6723 – **Hebron Hall, Sunny Grove** – Security spotlights for place of worship. Council thought the site had been lit for sometime.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)**

**245/09: Invitation to visit Kettle Foods** – suggested date 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm. Accepted.

**246/09: Norfolk Playing Fields Ass. – AGM** – 16<sup>th</sup> July – Easton College Sports Centre. Noted.

**247/09: South Norfolk Alliance – Launch of Sustainable Community Strategy Delivery Plan for South Norfolk 2008-11.** 15<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 1.30pm – Poringland Community Centre.

Noted. Mr Piesse to attend.

**248/09: A meal with Speakers to consider How best Communities Can Live Happily Together** - 20<sup>th</sup> July, Swaffham - £15 per delegate. Mr Dinneen to attend.

**249/09: Consideration of information on appointing Dog Fouling Wardens.** RESOLVED: to pursue with South Norfolk. Councillors felt that if residents were prepared to volunteer then this should be taken forward if possible.

**250/09: Problems with drainage in Olive Road.** Noted. Councillors reported other areas in Costessey which had suffered flooding in the recent deluge.

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

**251/09: Trees overhanging the footways** Mr Bedford expressed concerns about the dangers of vegetation overhanging footways. It was RESOLVED he should notify the Clerk of particular problem areas and she should then write to the residents. The usual reminder should be placed in the next Contact.

**252/09: Parking for St Augustines** Mrs Bell reported Mr Thompson was looking into the possibility of allowing the use of the car park at the Snooker Club for school parking.

**253/09: Street Lighting for development on the Roundwell Site.** RESOLVED: to request footway standard lighting for this development and for it to be maintained by the County Council.

**254/09: Norfolk County Council are not to pursue changes to the junction at Longwater Lane/Dereham Road** as the costs are prohibitive.

#### **Police Matters**

**255/09: Anti-social behaviour on Queens Hills.** Noted that the Police, the School and other bodies are working to try and resolve the problems. Many felt the lack of facilities on the site were part of the problem.

### **Finance Matters**

**256/09: Accounts for April & May 2009.** RESOLVED: to accept the accounts for April in the balance sum of 945,465.47 and May in the balance sum of £866,865.68.

**257/09 Annual review of the performance of the Internal Auditor.** RESOLVED: the Council is completely satisfied with the work of the Internal Auditor.

**258/09:** Consideration of membership of the **Wensum Valley Trust.** (Mr G Watt). Deferred to the next meeting when Mr Watt will have more information.

### **Health & Safety – Risk Assessments**

**259/09:** Updated **Health & Safety Policy.** RESOLVED: to approve.

**260/09:** Report/comments by Mr S Watt on **current Risk Assessments.** Council considered each of the points raised by Mr Watt as attached to the minute book and the Clerk said she would take the issues up with Councils Health and Safety Advisor. Council thanked Mr S Watt for his report and recognised the considerable work which had been put into it.

### **Update on the Costessey Centre Project**

**261/09:** The Clerk reported as follows:- Mr Rymarz, working in partnership with the Norfolk Army Cadet Force, has recently secured a grant of £95,611 from the Dept of Schools and Families. Further applications for specific parts of the project which are still being considered by the funders are: Biffa for £45,455, La Farge Landfill Community Tax for £25,000, Community Sustainable Energy Programme for £12,500 and of course the Football Foundation for £222,591. On the day of writing we have received advice that an application to Comma Landfill Community Tax for £13,200 has been refused. The work to get the site registered for VAT is complete and we have received our registration number. Our VAT Consultant has advised us that this will ensure we are able to reclaim the VAT on the project. We should know if we are successful with the Application to the Football Foundation by the end of this month. If we are, then Council will be in a position to accept the tender of the preferred bidder (as they were the lowest bidder) and the works can begin. The planning application to use the Tennis Courts as temporary car parking has been approved although I believe the permission carries a condition that it will be for 9 months only. I have yet to receive confirmation of this.

**On the proposition of Mr T East, seconded by Mr A Bedford it was unanimously RESOLVED to sign the Contract with the preferred bidder for phase one and two of the project if the application for grant to the Football Foundation is secured.** Mr Rymarz was praised and thanked for all his hard work on this project.

### **Councillors' Question Time**

**262/09:** Items raised were as follows:-

- a. Can the Church install a mirror on the Parish Rooms frontage to assist drivers safely egressing the site? Refer to next Parish Council meeting.
- b. Complaints about the Townhouse Road closure. It was thought the road should be open again shortly.
- c. The grass at the junction of Hinshalwood Way with Townhouse Road has not been cut.
- d. Some of the post and rail fencing in Greenhills Wood is broken.

- e. Mr Mackie is to move out of Costessey.
- f. The massive Beech tree in a garden on Norwich Road is believed to have been struck by lightning in a recent storm and has almost been felled.
- g. The mobile mast on Taverham Lane has permission to remain for a further 12months.
- h. Costessey Junior School would like to borrow the Millennium Quilt to exhibit at the school
- i. Condolences were sent to Mrs Sparks on the recent death of Mr Cecil Sparkes. His unstinting voluntary work in the Parish was praised.
- j. Cars and a caravan for sale on the highways verge.
- k. A meeting is to be held in Bawburgh tomorrow about an illegal encampment in Bawburgh but is accessed from the Dereham Road in Costessey.
- l. The hatching at the Norwich Road Dereham Road junction has been re-painted at last!
- m. When are the trees in Ash grove to be done?
- n. Saffron Housing is to cut the grass in Vicarage Close.
- o. the suggestion new housing in villages is needed to keep them alive.
- p. the Clerk was asked to write about the fumes from vehicles waiting in queues in the Parish.

**263/09:**The meeting closed at 9.20pm after which there was **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** . The following items were raised:-

- a. the problems with the shuttle bus during the road closure and the fact they have on occasion been going down Folgate Lane and The Street
- b. the sign on The Street warnng of the mini roundabout has been placed so a pushchair cannot get past it on the footway.