

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd September 2008 held in the Owen Barnes Room, Breckland Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman
Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr J Denby Mrs L Glover Mr A Bedford Mr P Cockaday
Mrs D Bates Mrs V Bell Mr G Watt Mr S Watt Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk
Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk 3 Members of public

APOLOGIES

349/08: Apologies were accepted from Miss M Doggett, Mr R Piesse, Mr B Mackie, Mr T East, Mr A Todd and Mr R Smith.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

350/08: Mr J Denby 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 maybe taken by this Council, they remain open to further information or views, which might be presented at the South Norfolk Council Planning Meeting. Mrs V Bell and Mr A Bedford declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application number 6649 as they are or may be on the school governing board. Mr W Dinneen declared a non-pecuniary interest in the confidential staff matter.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2008

351/08: Minute 326/08 There are 272 Costessey Residents on the South Norfolk Housing list. Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2008

352/08: Minute 325/08 Draft Proposal for Unitary Government in Norfolk. The projected costs/savings of changing to a unitary authority had now been received but Council RESOLVED to continue its opposition to any unitary authority for Norfolk.

353/08: Minute 329/08 The Post Office on Norwich Road, New Costessey is to remain open. Council are very pleased with the result and thanked everybody involved for their help.

354/08: Minute 327/08 The Clerk has been asked to participate in the South Norfolk Council Scrutiny Committee.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

355/08: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications as follows:-

- ❖ **6648 – UNIT A, LONGWATER RETAIL PARK, ALEX MOORHOUSE WAY – Various signs including illuminated signs – Approved subject to environmentally friendly lights being used.**
- ❖ **6649 – COSTESSEY JUNIOR SCHOOL, THREE MILE LANE – Extension to provide 2 class bases, toilet facilities cloakroom and storage – Approve.**
- ❖ **6650 – UNIT A, LONGWATER RETAIL PARK, ALEX MOORHOUSE WAY – Variation of condition 2 of permission 2007/0508/F to extend the permitted range of goods – Approve.**

❖ **6651 – 62a WEST END – Proposed garage** – Approved subject to the garage not being converted into a domestic habitable accommodation in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE

356/08: Saffron's 'Energy Bus' will visit St Edmunds Close from 10am – 1pm and will be in Richmond Road from 2 – 5pm on Tuesday 7th October 2008.

357/08: Costessey Sports Club Annual General Meeting will take place on 29th September 2008 at 8pm in the Harte Public House, Costessey.

358/08: NCAPTC Larger Councils Meeting - 7th October 2008 in Swaffham – Mr Dinneen to attend.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

359/08: A new road on Longwater Employment Area is to be named John Hyrne Way.

360/08: Northern Distributor Route. Mr Amis said that as Norfolk County Council was not prepared to push for the full Northern Distributor Route this Council should write to the Transport Minister on the matter. It was also noted that the Longwater Employment Area had been designated as a 'Growth Point' and it was therefore imperative to have a link between the A1074 Dereham Road and A1067 Fakenham Road. Council RESOLVED to write to both the Transport Minister and Norfolk County Council again

361/08: A number of residents had commented how much **better The Street** has been **whilst the temporary traffic lights near the Folgate Lane junction have been in place.**

FINANCE MATTERS

362/08: RESOLVED that the monthly accounts statements and reports should to be sent to Council with the meeting papers.

363/08: MacMillan Cancer Relief – RESOLVED to donate £50 to the coffee morning appeal rather give to the individual coffee mornings locally as there are a growing number.

SUGGESTED EXTENDED OPENING HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

364/08: RESOLVED Mr J Denby and Mrs V Bell will meet with the Parish Clerk to discuss possible changes to the Parish office opening hours.

STAFF MATTERS

365/08: RESOLVED to defer to the end of the meeting and take this matter in the absence of the public and press.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

366/08: Items raised were:-

- a) An item to be put into the Costessey Contact **reminding residents to keep their hedges trimmed** so they do not infringe on the public footpaths and road ways which can cause problems to pedestrians and motorists.
- b) There are still large **pot holes on Longwater Lane car park.**

- c) There is a **drain cover between 103 and 109 The Street** which has become loose and rattles.
- d) **Wheelie bins are being left on the public footpath** by a few residents.
- e) Complaints have been received from **residents in West End because they are feeling left out of the traffic review in Costessey.**
- f) A **sign on Folgate Lane at the junction with The Street has fallen off its post.**
- g) A **notice board outside Sainsbury's has incorrect public information.**
- h) There **are temporary road signs in The Street, West End and Townhouse Road** which remain after works of danger has gone.
- i) Some **Speedwatch volunteers** are not being asked to participate.

STAFF MATTERS

367/08: Mr Dinneen left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed. The issue was discussed at considerable length after which it was RESOLVED on a vote of 5 for, 2 against and 3 abstentions to take action as detailed in the advising solicitors e-mail dated 22 September 2008 (17.10) para 2. 1st sentence.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM

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