

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 8th June 2010 in the Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr G Watt Mr J Denby Mrs D Bates Mrs V Bell
Mr R Piesse Mr T East Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk 7 members of the public**

APOLOGIES

227/10: Apologies were accepted from Mr A Bedford, Mrs L Glover, Mr A Todd, Mr B Mackie, Mr R Smith, Mr D Toms, Mrs D York and Mr S Watt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

228/10: Mr J Denby 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. Mrs Bates declared a pecuniary interest in item 12 in that her husband had quoted for work in the store at Costessey Centre. She took no part in the discussions relating to this item. Mr Piesse declared an interest in plan number 6808 as he lives opposite the site.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2010

229/10: The minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH MAY 2010

230/10: Vincent & Gorbing – additional fees. The Clerk reported the correspondence referred to at the last meeting concerned the Architects fee percentage of contract price and not total percentage of all the professionals employed on the project together. In light of this information Council RESOLVED to pay the additional professional fees attached to the extras added through the project.

PLANNING - APPLICATIONS, APPEALS & OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

231/10: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications for consideration as follows:-

- ◆ 6807 – AMENDMENT – **71 The Street** – First floor extension with dormers, front extension & proposed balconies & conservatory. Approve subject to no neighbour objection and the approval of the Conservation Officer.
- ◆ 6812 – **Lodge Farm, Dereham Rd** – Re-plan of 80 dwellings previously approved under application 2004/1746/F (Residential development of 488 dwellings incorporating strategic landscaping, open space & vehicular access). Approve subject to the approval of the Crime Prevention Officer.
- ◆ 6813 – **Queens Hill Primary School, Fieldfare Way** – Children’s Centre. Approve.
- ◆ 6814 – **13 Farmland Rd** – First floor modifications to existing chalet bungalow including proposed side dormers. Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- ◆ 6815 – **The Paddocks, Ringland Land** – Refurbishment of existing stable block & installation of gravel driveway. Approve.

- ◆ 6816 – **Costessey Transfer Station, Longwater Business Park** – Variation of condition 4 of Plan C/7/98/7015 to allow plant & machinery to operate within the existing building. RESOLVED to query whether the premises are licensed to deal with all the materials listed before making a recommendation.
- ◆ 6817 - **Costessey Borehole, Taverham Lane** – Glass-reinforced plastic (GRP) cover to enclose existing fuel tank. Approve.
- ◆ 6818 – **30 Longwater Lane** – Two storey extension to side of existing property. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ 6819 – **Community Centre, Queens Hills** – RESOLVED to defer this to the next meeting as it had only been received today and needed to be studied before making a recommendation.

232/10: LDF: Core Strategy & Minerals & Waste Development Management Policies

Development Plan Document: Publication of Pre-Submission document. – Mr East, in his capacity as County Councillor for Costessey, had responded in some detail to this document and had clearly covered all the points this Council would wish to raise. It was therefore RESOLVED to write in support of Mr East’s comments in this matter.

233/10: Tree Safety Survey 2010 on Parish Council property. RESOLVED to accept the report from Aylmer Addison Associates and to ask for a quote for the works identified.

234/10: It was noted there is a **mature Elm in St Edmunds Churchyard**. It was questioned whether a Tree Preservation Order should be requested for this?

235/10: It was noted that vegetation at the base of **trees on the Cherry Tree Public House car park at the Dereham Road/Norwich Road junction** obscure the view.

236/10: It was reported a number of the **trees along Norwich Road** are overhanging the footway.

237/10: Suggested site for possible multi-use hard surface play area. Council thought the suggestion that the old tennis court area be extended slightly towards the River Tud to allow for parking spaces to be provided adjacent to the existing car park for a possible multi-sport, hard surface play area in the vicinity of old tennis site was an acceptable idea. RESOLVED to seek the views from South Norfolk Council Planning Department on the idea.

238/10: Completion of AWA works. Noted.

239/10: Copy Norfolk CC letter to Deloittes re Queens Hill & copy letter to SN from Consortium of Queens Hill Developers. RESOLVED to write to the Consortium offering to meet with them to discuss furthering the development of the community facilities in Queens Hill.

240/10: Confirmation of outline approval for 4 dwellings on Costessey Youth Centre site. Noted.

241/10: Greater Norwich Development Partnership. Council discussed how the change of Government and the likely cut backs might affect the development of the Northern Distributor Route and the Local Development Plan - given that the Regional Authorities are to be disbanded.

Correspondence

242/10: Norfolkalc Larger Councils meeting – 23/6/10. Mr Dinneen, Mr Amis, Mr Bedford and the Clerk to attend.

243/10: SN Older Peoples Forum 23/6/10 – Transport in Norfolk. No-one was available to attend. It was suggested they be contacted and invited to hold a meeting at Costessey Centre.

244/10: SN Alliance Annual Conference – Costessey Centre – 8/7/10. Mr Piesse, Mr Dinneen and Mr Amis to attend.

245/10: Residents concerned about speeding in Gunton Lane & skateboarding on Breckland Hall car park. Anglian Water recently laid the new supply pipe along Gunton Lane and, in the unmade section, relaid it with a carstone surface which has left relatively flat surface instead of the potholed lane it used to be. This has resulted in a much better route for the walkers, cyclists and horse riders who have welcomed the improvement but unfortunately there are now an increasing number of car and van users who are using it as a general access route, some of whom appear to be travelling at excessive and dangerous speeds. Residents present expressed their concerns about the increasing vehicular traffic, the speed of that traffic and the dust that it creates. The residents said they had been in contact with Balfour Beatty (who did the work for Anglian Water) who had indicated they would be willing to install speed humps if the Parish Council would allow it. The Clerk said the Parish Council had no authority over most of the unmade part of the Lane with the exception of the section which runs by Gunton Lane Recreation Ground section which it owns. The Clerk would contact the Countryside Access Group at Norfolk County Council, who were responsible for definitive rights of way, and ask if they had any objections to speed humps being installed.

246/10: The residents also reported that there had been some damage to the drains when the new water pipe was installed and they were pursuing this with Balfour Beatty.

247/10: Request for permission to park at Costessey Centre. RESOLVED not to agree to this as the car park is likely to be in full use when there are a number of functions on at the Centre and it would set a precedent were others to enquire. It was suggested they might approach the Cue Club.

248/10: River Wensum Restoration Project. Newsletter noted.

249/10: Costessey Sports Club had asked if it might have a **trophy cabinet** somewhere in the building. It was suggested it might go in the recess between the fuse cabinet and the window at the end of the Rymarz Gallery.

250/10: Council were pleased to receive the e-mail from a resident of Hinshalwood Way but felt that the orange safety fencing would not be appropriate in Greenhills Wood as it would detract from the natural feel of the area.

Traffic & Highways Matters

251/10: Mrs Bates reported having been in contact over some time with the Highways Dept about having a **road sign installed at the Dereham Rd/ Longwater Lane junction indicating that there are weight restrictions for HGVs further along this route.** Highways have now agreed such a sign is required.

252/10: It was reported some **drivers are using the slip road in front of Freshstore** to avoid having to stop if the pelican crossing on Norwich Rd is at red. The Clerk was asked to report this practice to Highways.

253/10: Street Lighting. RESOLVED to request The Street be removed from the part night lighting programme as, with the volume and speed of traffic in this area and the fact there are no street lights, it could be very dangerous particularly for pedestrians.

254/10: It was reported two used syringes were recently found in Costessey. They were disposed of via the local doctor's surgery and the Police have been informed.

Finance Matters

255/10: Institute of Cemetery & Crematoria Management – Annual Sub - £85. RESOLVED to pay.

256/10: Rateable value of Costessey Centre - £35750. The Clerk thought this would result in an annual rate of approximately £14,500.

257/10: Annual review of the effectiveness of internal audit. RESOLVED this Council believes its internal audit regime continues to be effective.

258/10: Request for continued support of Youth Worker in Costessey. RESOLVED to ask how, given that the 'Drop In' youth session is to close, the money will be allocated in Costessey.

259/10: Breast Cancer Campaign. RESOLVED to donate £50.

260/10: Quote for vending machines. RESOLVED to try snacks and soft drinks with Mars providing the contract time period is not excessive.

261/10: Donation request from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. RESOLVED to donate £50.

262/10: Insurance schedule including Costessey Centre. Council felt that apart from the valuation of the Costessey Centre being increased to £2m, which is already in hand, the cover stated was adequate.

Minutes of the Finance, Budgets and Staffing Committee meeting held on 1st June 2010

263/10: Council considered the minutes and recommendations contained therein and unanimously RESOLVED to accept them all.

264/10: Council noted the Interviewing Committee had **appointed Mrs Hilary Elias, currently with Attleborough Town Council to succeed our present Clerk.** It is likely Mrs Elias will take up the post in September and there will be a handover period working alongside Mrs Jackson. Unanimously accepted.

265/10: Council noted the Interviewing Committee had appointed **Mrs Maggie Vozza for the Clerk's Assistant vacancy.** Unanimously accepted.

266/10: Election of further Trustee for Costessey Parochial Charity Council were happy for the existing Trustees to appoint a person of their choice.

267/10: Council had no objection to the **Norfolk Army Cadet Force hiring the Collison Room** for an office but asked that the fee be set by the Budgets Committee and that the room only be rented for a year at a time.

Councillors Question Time

268/10: Items raised were as follows:-

- a.** Mr Piesse reported the Costessey Parochial Church Council had chosen not to pursue the possibility of using St Edmunds Church for community activities when not in use for services.
- b.** Council asked that its thanks be passed to LB Technical's for copying some of the old paintings the Parish Council owns.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm