

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2008 at 7pm in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Old Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman
Mrs D Bates Mr J Denby Mr B Mackie Mrs V Bell Mrs L Glover Mr R Piesse
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk PC Barker Mr R Mawby – Kettle Foods 7 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

130/08: RESOLVED to accept apologies from Mr W Dinneen – Chairman, Mr G Watt, Mr A Bedford, Mr S Watt, Mr Todd, Mr Cockaday, Miss Doggett, Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk and PC Barker.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

131/08: Mr Denby, Mrs Bell and Mr East declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or maybe, a member of 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. Mr Denby also declared a non-pecuniary interest in the licensing application at The Harte of Costessey as he is a member of the South Norfolk Council Licensing Committee.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2008

132/08: Min 129/08: Delete 'Lodge Farm' and insert 'Queens Hills'. Subject to this amendment it was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2008

133/08: Min 97/08: **NELM Bus Service.** RESOLVED to pass the information regarding the times of these buses to St Edmunds Close.

134/08: Min101/08: The consultation on the **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework** has been extended for a further four weeks.

135/08: Min 105/08: The **licensing application by Costessey Park Golf Club** is to be heard by South Norfolk Council on 15th April.

136/08: Min 108/08: **No to plastic bags.** Mr East spoke about the Parish Council lobbying various groups to either stop using plastic bags or to lobby others not to use them. He spoke of the environmental harm such bags do. He suggested various Councillors be responsible for approaching groups they currently deal with and the Parish Office write to all those in the Costessey Directory.

137/08: Min 115/08 Mr Denby reported poor attendance at the **Northern Rivers Neighbourhood meeting.** He spoke of a suggestion raised at the meeting that 'lengthsmen' should be reintroduced as they had in some other counties. These were people who patrolled certain 'lengths' of highway and undertook repairs, verge and hedge cutting, ditching as they found necessary.

138/08: Min 129/08: Mr Piesse said he would like Council to ask for The Street to be designated a '**Quiet Lane**'.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

139/08: RESOLVED to comment on the planning application for consideration as follows:-

6576 – 147 NORWICH ROAD – Replacement dwelling – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.

140/08: Appeals: a. **17 Margaret Rd** - RESOLVED to support the neighbour's objection.
b. **Land adj to Carrs Wood, Folgate Lane** – RESOLVED to continue to object on grounds as previously stated.

141/08: RESOLVED to recommend refusal of the **Premises Licensing Application from The Harte of Costessey** as it is felt the opening times currently licensed are more than adequate given the very close proximity of neighbours. There is already disturbance from noise as the premises are in the main single glazed and the doors are sometimes left open contrary to current licence conditions. The times applied for in this application means that there is the potential for residents to be further disturbed into the early hours of the morning and throughout the night on New Years Eve/Day which is unacceptable.

142/08: EERA Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation in the East of England. Noted. South Norfolk Council is already well into the process of providing the additional sites required.

CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)

143/08: SN Alliance – There were **no nominations** for the Executive Board. .

144/08: Costessey Infants School. The Clerk reported having an informal meeting with some residents regarding the parking and other issues associated with the school. Council also noted the e-mail from PC Barker with a number of suggestions which might be considered to alleviate the problems with parking. RESOLVED to defer discussion on this issue until after the meeting between residents, the school and a variety of other interested parties to be held on 21st April.

145/08: SN meeting re Boundary Review. The seven suggestions South Norfolk are considering were circulated to Councillors. Mr East pointed out that the Boundary Committee had indicated they have a preference for a 'Greater Norwich' so suggestions that don't have this are likely to fail. This item to be placed on the next Parish Council agenda.

146/08: Council was informed that **Costessey Society has been given the South Norfolk Civic Award 2008** in recognition of the contribution made towards enhancing the quality of the environment. Mr Denby, Chairman of Costessey Society was congratulated on this prestigious award.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

147/08: Concern was expressed for passengers alighting the bus at the stop on the **south side of Dereham Rd near to the Stafford Av junction**. There is no proper footpath along this verge and recent tree felling has blocked the rough path there is requiring people to step into the busy main road.

148/08: The **bollards** which were promised to be erected on the **corner of Richmond Road and Dereham Road**, to prevent vehicles parking on the grass verge have not yet been erected. The verge is completely churned at this point as a lorry regularly parks on it.

149/08: The **manhole in Townhouse Road** near to the junction with Hinshalwood Way needs repair despite repairs having been done only a short while ago

150/08: **Marker posts have disappeared on Folgate Lane** verge in front of Carrs Hill Wood.

151/08: **Recent works to the verge and field on Townhouse Rd opposite Eastwood Lodge** appear to have affected the road drainage as large puddles now form when it rains.

FINANCE MATTERS

152/08: RESOLVED to accept the **quote from City Care for fertilising, seeding and draining** work. RESOLVED to send a copy of the quote to Costessey Sports Club for information.

153/08: RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council **accounts for January and February 2008** in the balance sums of £40,595.29 and £53623.84 respectively.

154/08: RESOLVED to pay the half-yearly (Oct 07- March 08) **account for the Out Reach Worker** in the sum of £1274.

155/08: RESOLVED to **grant aid SCOPE** £50. (Sec 137. LGA 1974).

156/08: RESOLVED to accept and sign the **Agency Agreement from Norfolk County Council for verge cutting.**

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

157/08: Items raised were:-

- The **planning application** for a mail order business to be run from premises in **Marshall Close** has been approved by South Norfolk Council
- **Cars for sale on the verge opposite the junction of Norwich Rd with Dereham Rd.**
- Article in EDP reporting that a newly installed **Youth Shelter** is being very well used by both young and old.
- **A newsletter has been issued from the new school in Queens Hills.** There will shortly be advertising for the teaching posts. The building work is still ahead of schedule.
- **Cars parked on the verge on (the old) Dereham Rd between Folwell and Roundwell Rds.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm after which Council took items of **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Items raised in PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-

- There was no further information on the progress of providing a footbridge over the River Tud on Townhouse Rd; the opening of the bus land to from Ringland Lane to Queens Hills or the installation of landscaping at Lodge Farm.
- The **road is still dipping in West Road** despite recent roadworks in the area.
- **Dog fouling on the football pitches.** Councillors asked for this to be an agenda item for the next meeting and for the Clerk to approach other Councils who have dog free recreation grounds to see how these were created and are managed.
- The **wood adjacent to the Cemetery on Longwater Lane** (known as Ash Grove) had been fenced off as some of the trees are felt to be in a dangerous state.