

Minutes of the Additional Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 10th August 2010 in the Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane Recreation Ground, Costessey

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr J Denby Mrs D Bates Mrs V Bell Mr R Piesse
Mr A Bedford Mr A Todd Mr R Smith Mrs D York Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk
3 members of Costessey Sports Club**

352/10: Apologies were accepted from Mr T East, Mr G Watt, Mr S Watt, Mr A Bedford and Mr B Mackie.

353/10: Declarations of interest - Mrs V Bell and Mr J Denby 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.

Planning - applications, appeals & other planning matters

354/10: RESOLVED to comment on planning applications for consideration as follows:-

6826 – Amendment - Alex Moorhouse Way – Use of existing development site for temporary storage. Continue to object to this activity on this site. It is understood this activity was first permitted to serve the Longwater Employment Area only and as this is now almost developed there is no need for it to continue.

6833 – 20 Myrtle Av – Convert existing garage into sun lounge with pitched roof. Build new double garage at front of bungalow. Change windows to French doors on side of bungalow. Change flat roof over kitchen to pitched. Two new passages to link sun room & new garage to house. Approve subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer as the site is in the River Tud valley.

6834 – 190 Norwich Rd – Proposed ground floor & first floor extensions. Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

Correspondence

355/10: Costessey Sports Club to request narrowing of pitch at Breckland Hall Recreation Ground. After discussion it was RESOLVED the larger football pitch at Breckland Recreation Ground could be narrowed to the same width as the adult pitches on Longwater Lane Recreation Ground. The Sports Club members left the meeting.

356/10: Request to erect small plaque in Breckland Hall. RESOLVED to permit the erection of a small plaque in Breckland Hall as requested.

357/10: Fringe Parishes re NDR – 8th September – Hellesdon Community Centre. Noted.

Highways Matters

358/10: Bawburgh Lane Drainage Improvements to begin 9th August. Noted.

Finance Matters

359/10: Accounts for April, May and June 2010 for consideration. After discussion the accounts were accepted in the balance sums of £428,581.81, £486,026.79 and £453,397.65 respectively. Council requested the bank statements for each month be presented with the accounts in future.

360/10: Renewal of Zurich LCAS (Health & Safety) Advice & Support Service. RESOLVED to renew.

Minutes of Buildings Working Group meeting of 5th August 2010 & recommendations contained therein.

361/10: RESOLVED to accept the recommendations contained in the Working Groups report.

Minutes of meeting Budgets, Finance and Staffing Committee of 5th August 2010 & the recommendations contained therein.

362/10: There was considerable discussion on some of the items raised in the Finance, Budgets and Staffing minutes with the following recommendations reconsidered:-

- a. 23/10: It was noted that the Women's Institute will continue to be consulted on the design for the possible **catering kitchen at Costessey Centre**.
- b. 24/10: Considerable discussions ensued about whether the **knot for the front of Costessey Centre** should be made by an artist or a sign company. However, the discussion concluded with Mr R Smith proposing no knot is purchased for the time being. Seconded by Mrs York. Voting was 6 for the motion, 2 against and the remainder abstained. The motion was carried.
- c. 26/10: **Anti-vandal paint.** RESOLVED not to apply to Costessey Centre for at least a year to let the building dry out.
- d. 27/10: Mr Todd, Mr Dinneen and Mr Amis were asked to meet with the Groundsman to identify exactly where the **drop posts on Longwater Lane car park** should be moved to so there is no mistake this time.
- e. 27/10: Considerable discussion ensued about whether or not a **wash down pad** should be provided to clean off machinery. Ultimately it was RESOLVED that three quotations should be sought for the work including an interceptor. However, it was felt the size which has been initially quoted for was rather large and that Mr Amis in discussions with the Groundsman should agree the actual size required.
- f. 31/10: **Electrical works.** (Mrs Bell declared an interest in this item and left the room whilst the matter was discussed). The Clerk reported the Contractor had been approached but he had stated that he had always given the Council very preferential rates when he quoted for work. The Clerk stated the level of work was always of a very high standard and was fully certificated. RESOLVED the quotations should be accepted as submitted.

363/10: It was RESOLVED to accept the remaining recommendations of this Committee.

364/10: The Clerk reported on discussions with Mr Chandler of Vincent and Gorbing concerning the proposed **Community building at Queens Hills**. After considerable discussion it was RESOLVED to explore with the developers the possibility of them giving the Parish Council a commuted sum and the land and the Parish Council developing the building. Council made it clear that this was only a discussion and not a sign of its agreed intention.

Consideration of Terms of Reference for Buildings Working Group, Budgets, Finance & Staffing Committee, & the Emergency Committee

365/10: RESOLVED to defer this matter until the new Clerk is in post.

Councillors Question Time

366/10: Items raised were:-

- a. **Muntjack deer reported on the allotments.**
- b. **The earth banks either side of the entrance to Costessey Centre car park** need 'something'. Could a price be sought for putting cobbles on them?
- c. Concern over the **condition of a Saffron property in Townhouse Road.**

- d. The **South Norfolk Afternoon Theatre**, held recently at Costessey Centre was the most successful so far held with just under 400 people attending.
- e. Mrs Bates was congratulated for having at last succeeded in persuading the Highways Dept to **erect a sign directing HGVs to the Longwater Employment Area instead of Longwater Lane.**
- f. Councillors were reminded there is to be a **'Meet and Greet' for the new Clerk** at 10.30am on 2nd September.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.