

**Minutes of the Emergency Committee Meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 10am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in the Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane Recreation Ground, Costessey**

Present: Mr J Amis, Mrs D Bates, Mrs V Bell, Mr J Denby, Mr W Dinneen, Mrs D York

**367/10:** Mrs Bell was elected to Chair the meeting.

**368/10:** Apologies were accepted from Mr Todd, Mr Watt.

**Declarations of interest**

**369/10:** Mrs V Bell and Mr J Denby and Mr T East 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 D York declared an interest in the kitchens at Costessey Centre as she is a member of the Old Costessey WI who had raised the matter.

**Planning - applications, appeals & other planning matters**

**370/10:** It was RESOLVED to comment on planning applications for consideration as follows:-

**6794** – Amendment - **79 Longwater Lane** – Proposed new raised roof conversion with new windows. No further comment.

**6836** – **20 Longwater Lane** – Amendment to previous approval 2010/0905 (Proposed 2 storey extension to side of existing property) to build the extension 1 metre forward. Approve subject to no neighbour objection

**6837** – **Costessey High School, Middleton Crescent** – Proposed temporary building for a period of 4 years for school use. Approve.

**Finance Matters**

**371/10: Consideration of purchase of road safety signs for Gunton Lane.** Residents of Gunton Lane have been concerned about the safety of children and others using Gunton Lane since Balfour Beatty completed the new water pipeline works for AWA and made the road up to such a high standard that it is now used by more and more vehicles, some travelling at allegedly high speeds. On Wednesday a meeting took place in Gunton Lane at which concerned residents, representatives of local businesses, representatives of Balfour Beatty, Andy Williams of Norfolk County Council Countryside Access Group, Mr Amis and the Clerk were present. After considerable discussion the majority of the group decided that concrete speed humps at various intervals along the unmade part of the Lane was the resolution. The Clerk reported she expressed her concerns about the proposed speed humps as she felt a solid mass on what was essentially a loose surface would lead to problems, not least health and safety issues. However, the concerns of the Clerk were overruled by local residents who insisted they would fill in and level the Lane as potholes appear and they would also paint the humps to ensure they were visible. Balfour Beatty agreed to install them and intend to do the work next week as they are to leave the site shortly after.

**372/10:** All at the meeting agreed that signage was a good idea to try and reduce the speeds and make drivers aware of the hazards and the need for caution as children are in the area. Andy Williams agreed to seek a quote for the signs as they will be urgently needed if Balfour is to do the work next week. It was

felt that as the Parish Council has the recreation ground in Gunton Lane there is a legitimate reason why the Parish Council could support the signage and it was RESOLVED Parish Council will meet the difference between the £215 raised by the residents towards the costs of the signs and the full cost thought to be in the region of £266 plus vat.

**373/10:** However, Council also supported the Clerks concerns about possible health and safety issues connected to the proposed speed humps and RESOLVED not to support their installation. The Clerk was asked to advise Balfour Beatty immediately that it would not permit them to be installed on the section of Gunton Lane which appears in the Recreation Ground deeds namely from the Red Bridge Lane junction to the made up adopted section of Gunton Lane.

**374/10: Woodland in Longwater Lane.** Mrs Bell reported this matter had moved on since the agenda was written and a survey may now not be required. The meeting RESOLVED to pay for a survey in the region of £300 to £400 if required.

The meeting closed at 10.45pm.