

**Minutes of the meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 in the Owen Barnes Room, Breckland Rd, Costessey at which the following were present:**

Mr J Amis      Mrs D Bates      Mrs V Bell      Mr J Denby      Mr W Dinneen      Mrs L Glover  
Mr R Piesse      Mrs R Jackson (Parish Clerk)      2 Public

E1/08: **Election of Chairman** Unanimously RESOLVED Mr W Dinneen should be Chairman

E2/08: **Apologies** Mr A Bedford, Mr R Smith.

E3/08: **Election of Vice-Chairman** Unanimously RESOLVED Mr J Amis be Vice-Chairman.

E4/08: **Declarations of interest** - Mr J Denby and Mrs V Bell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application as they are, or maybe, a member 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**

E5/08: **Committee RESOLVED to comment as follows:-**

**6643 – The Roundwell Public House Site, Longwater Lane** – New Medical Centre with ancillary Pharmacy (A1), Healthcare units for ancillary medical services (D1), with 8 flats above, 41 houses and flats. New road junction to access the site from Longwater Lane, new bus lay-bys and extension to Cemetery. Mr Amis strongly expressed his concern about the loss of the Valley Road surgery and the service it provides in New Costessey. Council welcomed the inclusion of the bus lay-by in the plan and hoped that a service could be established which covered the Olive Road area and passed by the surgery thereby giving those in New Costessey who would be losing the Valley Road surgery a means of access to the new premises. There should be a condition on the plan that bus shelters are provided on both sides of Longwater Lane for the convenience and protection of patients in poor weather. The hedge on the west of the site between the Roundwell Travellers Site and this development should be conditioned to be retained at at least its current height to protect the privacy of those living on the Roundwell Site. The Parish Council has serious concerns about the levels of social/affordable housing on this site. There is already considerable provision for this type of housing in the immediate vicinity. However, there is a need in Costessey for warden accommodation for the elderly and perhaps this could be provided instead. The land identified for extension to the Parish Cemetery should be included in the Section 106 agreement attached to the plan as to be given to the Parish Council for Cemetery purposes as a community gain. Mr Piesse proposed, seconded by Mrs Glover, that subject to the above conditions being included the recommendation should be for approval. Voting took place 3 for and 2 against. The motion was carried. (Mrs Bell and Mr Denby did not vote and Mr Amis asked that it be recorded that he voted against the proposition).

E6/08: **Proposed removal of public telephone kiosk in Chestnut Close (Consultation)** It was noted that his kiosk was used 2781 times in the last year so is well used. It serves an area which has a number of low income families who would find the costs of land and mobile phones prohibitive and is therefore essential. RESOLVED to oppose its removal.

**Correspondence**

E7/08: **General meeting of the NCAPTC** – County Hall 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008, 7.30pm – Noted.

E8/08: **Meeting re Boundary Cttee Proposals for Norfolk** - SN House, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7pm - Noted

### **Traffic & Highways Matters**

E9/08: **Norfolk County Council proposed alterations to 2 bus lay-bys on Dereham Rd.** RESOLVED to support the changes providing the pedestrian island on the pedestrian crossing on Dereham Road is to be retained.

E10/08: **Request for support re parking on Dereham Rd near Norfolk Showground main gate.** RESOLVED to write to the retailers asking if they would be 'good neighbours and ask their staff not to park on the Dereham Rd.

E11/08: **Bus shelter for Queen Hills.** The Clerk reported that she had met with an officer of the County Council today to discuss the installation of an 'environmentally friendly' bus shelter in Queens Hills. This would be supported by 10 years maintenance contribution of £750 per annum. Members had no objection to the installation of the shelter.

### **Finance Matters**

E12/08: **Final Internal Audit report for 2007/08 financial year.** Committee were very pleased to note that the Auditors had found no matters to raise and RESOLVED to accept the report and to ask that the office staff, in particular Miss Starkings, be congratulated on the excellent way the accounts and supporting documents are maintained.

### **Any matter for note**

E13/08: Mrs Bell said there is to be a **meeting of the developers and leading South Norfolk Planning Officers on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August to discuss a number of issues which have arisen with regard to the Queens Hills development.** Both the Clerk and the Chairman were on leave but other Councillors said they would try to get along. Mrs Bell informed the meeting that the appeal by Bovis Homes to increase the number of dwellings on the site had been allowed which was a significant disappointment to South Norfolk Council who had fought hard against this.

E14/08: The Clerk reported the **Costessey Community Website went live today** and within two hours the Parish Office had received an on-line booking for one of the halls.

E15/08: Could the resident of 121 The Street be asked if they would kindly **clip back the vegetation** from their garden which is hanging into the road.

E16/08: A **street light in Tower Close** has the glass casing hanging loose and requires attention.

E17/08: The hedge either side of **the footpath off Longdell Hills** to the High School is overhanging the path.

E18/08: There is no **footway from Costessey to the Showground.** Can this be requested?

E19/08: Can the **traffic lights for the pedestrian crossing on Dereham Road adjacent to the Lodge Farm development be activated** as there are a number of people now living on the site.

E20/08: It was suggested **AWA be asked to blow through the sewer which crosses Breckland Hall Recreation Ground** whilst they are undertaking works on the drainage system in the vicinity.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.