

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in the Owen Barnes Room, Breckland Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-**

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman  
Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman    Mr J Denby    Mr S Watt    Mr R Smith    Mr A Todd  
Mr R Piesse    Mr B Mackie    Mrs V Bell    Mrs D Bates    Miss M Doggett  
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk                      Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk  
Mr Louch – Licensing Applicant                      Mr Ian Barford – Noise Consultant  
PC Barker    12 Members of the public

**APOLOGIES**

**61/08:** RESOLVED to accept apologies from Mr A Bedford, Mrs L Glover, Mr T East, Mr P Cockaday and Mr G Watt.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**62/08:** Mrs Bell and Mr Denby declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or may be, 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. Mr Denby also declared a non-pecuniary interest in the entertainment licence application at the Norfolk Showground as he is or maybe a member of the South Norfolk Council licensing committee.

**PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION AT THE NORFOLK SHOWGROUND**

**63/08:** Min 43/08 refers: The Clerk submitted a report concerning new information received on this matter after the last meeting and her actions as a consequence. The Parish Council agreed that had this information been available at the last meeting when this matter was discussed it would have recommended the application be refused and therefore RESOLVED to support the Clerks actions following the last meeting. Mr Louch, the applicant, addressed Council and explained the restrictions on the level of noise which had been agreed between himself and South Norfolk Council and the measures in place to manage and monitor the proposed event. He discussed the matter in depth and, in conjunction with his ‘noise consultant’, set up a demonstration to attempt to show Council the level of noise it was anticipated would be heard in Bawburgh Lane. However, the music played in the demonstration was of the popular type, rather than the very heavy base beat type which would be expected at a concert of this type and therefore Council, based on their previous experience of an similar event at the Showground, remained unconvinced that the sound generated would be acceptable. Council RESOLVED to continue to recommend that this application be refused.

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

**64/08** RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

**65/08:** Min 42/08 **Naming of residential development off East Hills Road** – The Clerk apologised as she had forgotten the name Alice Baker had been put forward for the development

on Grove Avenue. Council RESOLVED to suggest this development be named ‘Johnson Close’ after Doctor Johnson who practised in the Parish for a great many years and who was Parish Council Chairman from 1934 to 1955.

**66/08:** Min 48/08 **Attlebridge Landfill Liaison Committee meeting** – Mr Amis and Mr Denby reported their continued concerns over some aspects of this site.

**67/08:** Min 55/08: **Highway furniture** – RESOLVED to site new facilities where requested providing there was a perceived need and a suitable site could be agreed and where necessary, licence obtained.

**68/08:** Min 60/08d. **South Norfolk Alliance Partnership** – Mr Piesse gave a verbal report of this group to date and asked if any other Councillor would like to take his place as the Costessey Parish Council representative on it. No-one came forward.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

**69/08:** RESOLVED to comment on planning application for consideration as follows:-

- ❖ **6563 – 17 MARSHALL CLOSE** – Log cabin for office & storage unit for business use *Unsuitable development for a residential area; poor highway access; disturbance to neighbours; possible expansion of existing business*
- ❖ **6564 – 32 WEST END AV** – Ground floor extension to bungalow. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ❖ **6565 – LAND TO REAR OF 164/166 NORWICH RD** – New dwelling. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ❖ **6566 – 22 OVAL AV** – Extension to dining area. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ❖ **6567 – 18 STAFFORD AVENUE** – Recovering of roof & extending pitched roof over flat roofed area, adapting roof space to accommodate attic bedroom. Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- ❖ **6568 – COMMUNITY CENTRE, RINGLAND LANE** – New Community Centre to service existing locality & new housing estate. *Refuse. Insufficient car-parking given likely use by people from outside the Parish (eg 2 football teams, etc). Ringland Lane entrance should not be used as this has poor highway vision at this point. (The plans for Queens Hills Development stated the Haul Road onto Ringland Lane would be closed.) There should be a further car park on the playing field close to the junction of the bus lane with Ringland Lane to facilitate users approaching from Old Costessey (as previously agreed). There is currently no vehicular access to the car park shown from the Queens Hills Development. This needs to be created. The filtration pit needs to be substantially fenced to prevent accidents. It is felt the design of the building has been improved but should not have cedar cladding on the exterior as this needs a significant degree of maintenance to prevent it looking shabby.*
- ❖ **6569 – 50 GURNEY RD** – Single storey extension to form utility room. *Approve.*
- ❖ **6570 – 48 GURNEY RD** – Single storey extension to form utility room. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ❖ **6571 – LAND NORTH OF RIVER TUD, RINGLAND LANE** – Variation of condition 3 of approval 2005/2296 – to extend time period for the temporary access to sales complex – *Approve.*

- ❖ **6572 – 90 LONGWATER LANE** – Rear extension. *Refuse. Intrusive on neighbours and detrimental to residential amenity.*
- ❖ **6573 – 26 NORTHVIEW ROAD** – Rear extension to form kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ❖ **6574 – 13 FARMLAND ROAD** – Conversion of chalet bungalow first floor level. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ❖ **6575 – EASTWOOD, FOLGATE LANE** – New conservatory – *Approve.*

**70/08:** RESOLVED to discuss the **Norfolk Waste and Minerals Development Framework** at the Parish Council next meeting.

**71/08:** At 9.15pm it was RESOLVED to take **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** after which the meeting resumed. The items raised in this section are listed at the end of the minutes.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)**

**72/08:** Rachel Jackson the Parish Clerk has been admitted to the **Institute Of Local Council Management**. Noted

**73/08:** **NRCC Training on Play Area Management** -13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Noted

**74/08:** **NRCC Open meeting regarding Post Office Closures** - 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Mr Bedford to attend.

**75/08:** The closure of the **Valley Road surgery** when the new surgery is built. Noted

**76/08:** The letter regarding the **trees in Greenhills Wood**. RESOLVED to accept the advice from the Conservation Arborist on the trees in question.

**77/08:** Changes to Standards Board procedures. Noted

#### **TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**78/08:** Request to **plant roundabout to west of Longwater Interchange**. Welcomed and supported.

**79/08:** **Closure of part of Stafford Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008 for 5 days**. A diversion will be put in place.

**80/08:** RESOLVED to inform residents of St Edmunds Close re the reply from **NELM regarding a community bus service to St Edmunds**.

#### **POLICE MATTERS**

**81/08:** PC Barker informed the Council that Costessey is currently a ‘hot spot’ and more resources are currently being used to combat growing crime and anti social behaviour. In the last 21 days there have been a number of burglaries in sheds, garages and vehicles. The Police are urging all residents to be vigilant and to secure all their property at all times. They also advise not to approach criminals but to contact the Police however small the incident to allow the professionals to deal with the matter. He was pleased to report that violent crime has dropped significantly in the area.

## **FINANCE MATTERS**

**82/08:** RESOLVED to approve the **accounts for October, November and December 2007** in the balance sums of £33,503.47, £22,068.48 and £34,817.77 respectively.

**83/08:** **Budgets for the year 2007/8 to December 2007.** Noted.

**84/08:** RESOLVED to approve the **appointment of External Auditor.**

**85/08:** RESOLVED to pay the £10.00 **subscription for Norfolk Association of Village Halls.**

**86/08:** RESOLVED to sincerely thank **Hopkins Homes for their generous donation of £500** towards a further village sign.

**87/08:** RESOLVED to pay **employer pension contribution rates** as stated over the next three years.

**88/08:** RESOLVED to request a copy of **Breckland Babes accounts** to enable a decision to be made regarding a concessionary session fee.

**89/08:** RESOLVED not to donate to **Norwich Fringe Project Funding Appeal 2008.**

## **NOMINATION OF MRS V BELL TO FILL TRUSTEE VACANCY ON COSTESSEY PAROCHIAL CHARITY**

**90/08:** So RESOLVED to appoint.

## **COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME**

**91/08:** Items raised:-

- a. A **residential caravan has appeared in a garden along Norwich Road**, does this require planning permission?
- b. **Need to erect signs at the top of Longwater Lane to clearly direct large vehicles/lorries into Longwater Lane Industrial Estate** and stop them turning into Longwater Lane and causing confusion and traffic problems. Highways are looking into this.
- c. Agenda item for the next meeting the **possibility of extending Longwater Lane car park.**
- d. Large holes on **Longwater Lane Car park.**
- e. **Konect Bus driver stopped his vehicle safely at a bus stop and helped an old age pensioner safely across the road.** Extremely good customer service.
- f. **South Norfolk Council is dealing decisively on noise nuisance neighbours.**

**The meeting closed at 9.55pm.**

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Items raised in **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-**

- a. **Buses are still not using the new bus lane to and from Queens Hills.**
- b. **A hole has appeared in the road on West End**, the problem has been ear marked for repair by Highways.