

Costessey Contact

Costessey Parish
Council

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WANTED Speed Gun Operators

Costessey now has additional Police cover. It has its own dedicated Police Constable, Michael Barker, and two Police Community Support Officers, Nick Smith and Donna Mingaye.

Funded by the South Norfolk Crime Reduction Partnership the Bowthorpe/Costessey area has been given a 'speed gun' to monitor traffic speeds. We are now urgently seeking local volunteers who would be willing to be trained to use the speed gun.

Once trained the volunteers would monitor traffic speeds in the Costessey area noting the in-

dex numbers of any vehicles exceeding the speed limit. The owners of the vehicles would be identified and a letter would be sent from the Police warning them that they had been recorded exceeding the speed limit.

Two local residents have already volunteered but approximately six more are needed. It is hoped the training will start around the end of March/beginning of April.

Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk, Rachel Jackson, at the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey, NR8 5BS (tel: 01603 742958).

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Parish Council's Budget for 2008/2009

The Parish Council has formulated its budget for the 2008/2009 financial year. **It has set its precept at £355,000.** This is £25,000 more than last year. However, although the increase in the figures is 7.58% over last year, because of the increase in the number of properties in Costessey it will only be a 2.95% increase in the Parish Council tax at Band D equivalent. This is within current inflation.

Last year the Parish Council's Auditors expressed concern about the surplus (or rather lack of it) on the Parish Council's General Fund. It is recommended there should be a minimum of three months day to day expenditure and, ideally six months. This budget expects to provide for a general fund surplus of three months. A breakdown of the budget under general headings is given on page 2. Further information and detail can be obtained from the Parish Office. (01603 742958).

2008/2009 Budget

REVENUE EXPENDITURE

Administration (incl Salaries)	£265110
Civic Activities	4550
Breckland Hall	16600
Longwater Lane Pavilion	1540
Parish Rooms	6605
Youth Centre	14710
Breckland Hall Rec Grd (incl Loan Repayments)	36924
Longwater Lane Recreation Ground	6100
Community Sports Group	630
Cemetery and Closed Churchyard	1165
Allotments	590
Open Spaces	1815
Street Furniture	4000
TOTAL	360339

INCOME

Administration	3000
Breckland Hall	14000
Longwater Lane Pavilion	1600
Parish Rooms	3595
Youth Centre	7000
Breckland Hall Recreation Ground	600
Longwater Lane Recreation Ground	1500
Cemetery & Closed Churchyard	7009
Allotments	250
TOTAL	38554
Net Revenue Expenditure	321785
Capital Projects	25000
Contingencies/Reserves	8215
FUNDING (Precept) REQUIRED	355000

Dog Foul- ing on the Recreation Grounds

Despite having installed bins for dog faeces on the Recreation Grounds, selfish and irresponsible dog owners are still allowing their dog to foul and not clearing it up. This is especially deplorable on the football pitches particularly as most of those who play on them are children and young people..

Anyone who sees an owner not clearing up after their dog can confidentially inform the Parish Office and the owners will be reported to the authorities. Heavy fines are now levied on those found guilty.

From the Minutes

In recent months a number of graves at the Parish Cemetery have had **wind chimes** placed on them. Some mourners have found these unsettling to the peace and tranquillity of the area and particularly disturbing whilst interments are taking place. The Parish Council have therefore decided that wind chimes should not be permitted on graves in **Costessey Parish Cemetery**.

The Parish Council continue to **lobby T-Mobile not to erect a telecommunication mast on the land in front of Freshstore on Norwich Road** despite having recently received planning permission.

The Parish Council were disappointed to learn the Planning Inspector **refused to confirm an order to add the footpath from Bawburgh Lane to New Road, Bawburgh to the Definitive Rights of Way Map**. It is understood an application for a new order may be submitted.

Peter Iddon, Managing Director of First Bus Eastern addressed the Parish Council and answered questions concerning the **local bus service**. The Parish Council expressed its concern about reliability, punctuality, cleanliness and other issues and Mr Iddon expressed his commitment to addressing all these matters and

providing a good, efficient and reliable service.

A plaque is to be mounted on Falcon House in West End to commemorate the fact that the artist, Sir Alfred Munnings, lived and worked there for part of his life.

Planning permission is to be sought for an **extension to the Parish Cemetery**. It has been decided not to consecrate the area but to hold a service of blessing with representatives of as many religious denominations as possible present.

Have Your Say ...

The Northern River Valleys Neighbourhood Forum meets on Wednesday 19th March, 7.30pm in the Owen Barnes Room at Breckland Hall, Costessey, NR5 0RW. The meeting is open to everyone and is to discuss local issues and ideas for improvements.

The Northern River Valleys area covers Cringleford, Costessey, Hethersett, Mulbarton and surrounding smaller villages. The Forum involves local Councillors and community representatives.

Further information about the Neighbourhood Forum is available on the South Norfolk Council website www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/haveyoursay/3012.asp or by contacting either Neighbourhood Forum Chairman, Councillor Margaret Dewsbury on 01603 759693 or Neighbourhood Manager, Georgina Hirst on 01508 533933, e-mail neighbourhoods@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

Costessey Centre Update

The Parish Council recently received outline planning permission for the Costessey Centre. Now we are in the serious business of raising the funding. Grant applications will be sent to a number of bodies but we also need to fund raise ourselves. Has anyone out there got any fund-raising ideas—we would be pleased to hear them.

It's time to try the bike.

With leading scientists pressing the government for an 80% reduction in CO₂ emissions by 2050, there's never been a better time to get on your bike. Not only is it very environmentally friendly, but it gets you fit and saves you money. It's also a very reliable and quick form of transport. No waiting in a long tailback to get onto Dereham Road, no waiting forlornly for a bus to show up. And, you always get your own seat!

So, next time you want to go to work, school or just pop to the shop for a paper, why not try getting on your bike. If you don't possess a bicycle or don't feel that it's for you, at least be aware of cyclists and give them enough space as you pass.

Lets face it, it does not cost the earth to be green, but it might if we do not at least try. Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said "This is the new politics. Personal responsibility. Not leaving it to others. I am my planet's keeper."

Written by Paul Cole.

CD & DVD Recycling

The organisers of the CD & DVD recycling at the Parish Rooms are to stop the scheme. However, these items can still be recycled at Sainsburys.

Could YOU be a Teleshopping Volunteer

Norfolk County Council needs Teleshopping volunteers. They are looking for people who can be called upon to put groceries away for elderly and vulnerable service users. So, if you can spare a minimum of half an hour a fortnight to help out, why not get in touch with them and find out more. For further information call 01603 495138, or visit www.athomenotalone.co.uk

Teleclub Volunteer

Are you a sociable person who enjoys a chat on the phone? Would you like to volunteer but have limited time? By giving a short amount of time you can volunteer for Teleclub chatting to our Age Concern members from the comfort of your own home at times convenient to you. Regular social contact helps to alleviate social isolation and depression and entertainment provides mental stimulation and increases mental wellbeing. To be a Teleclub volunteer you need to be a chatty sociable person with an empathy for older people. If you think this is you then. Phone Age Concern Norfolk now on 01603 785261 and make a real difference to someone's life.

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Costessey Parish Council is here to serve YOU

The Parish Council owns and manages the Parish Rooms, Breckland Hall, the Owen Barnes Room, the Youth Centre, the Pavilion on Longwater Lane, Breckland Recreation Ground, Longwater Recreation Ground, Gunton Lane Recreation Ground, Bunkers Hill Woodland, Greenhills Wood, the Parish Cemetery and the Roundwell Monument. It shares the High School flood-lit hard-surface play area which offers facilities for 5-x-side football, tennis, & netball; maintains St Edmunds Churchyard and various other smaller areas such as the green on which the Village signs stands and it manages the allotments. It is also the Trustee of the Old Cricket Ground.

In addition it considers every planning application submitted in Costessey; is consulted on a huge range of local and national issues; lobbies and liaises; and much, much more.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled for:
February 19th *
March 11th
April, 1st & 22nd *

All meetings begin at 7pm. All are held in the Parish Rooms except those marked * which are held in the Owen Barnes Room at Breckland Hall.

The agendas for these and any other meetings arranged will be advertised on the Parish noticeboards a few days before the meeting takes place.

Why not come to a meeting—you might find it interesting!

Parish Office Opening Hours

Except for times of unavoidable absence (eg outside meetings, annual leave, sickness) the Parish Office is open:

Monday 1.30pm to 4.00pm Tuesday 9.30am to 4.00pm
Wednesday Closed all day Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm
Friday 9.30pm to 1.30pm

The Parish Clerk is available at other times. Please ring the Parish Office on Norwich 742958 to make an appointment.

COUNCILLORS FOR COSTESSEY

John Amis	96 Olive Road Costessey NR5 0AW	746665	Parish Council Vice-Chairman
Diana Bates	55 Longwater Lane, Costessey, NR5 0TE	746757	
Allan Bedford	2 Valley View Crescent, Costessey, NR5 0HU	743380	
Vivienne Bell	8 Parklands, Costessey, NR8 5AL	744952e	Also District Councillor
Paul Cockaday	33 Wheeler Crescent, Easton, NR9 5FF	741287	
John Denby	11 Hillvue Close, Costessey, NR5 0NQ	744276	Also District Councillor
Bill Dinneen	108 West End, Costessey, NR8 5AJ	742324	Parish Council Chairman
Michelle Doggett	High Oaks, Folgate Lane, Costessey, NR8 5DP	594932	
Tim East	7 St Walstans Close, Costessey, NR5 0TW	743241	Also District & County Councillor
Libby Glover	78 Middleton Crescent, Costessey, NR5 0PX	748374	
Brian Mackie	290 Dereham Road, Costessey, NR5 0SL	745179	
Reg Piesse	1 Longwater Lane, Costessey, NR8 5AH	744233	
Dick Smith	64 The Street, Costessey, NR8 5DD	740006	
Alex Todd	Sarum Hall, Hinshalwood Way, Costessey, NR8 5BN	748400	
Gerard Watt	Busy Bee Cottage, Folgate Lane, Costessey, NR8 5DH	749590	Also District Councillor
Simon Watt	79 Haverscroft Close, Taverham, NR8 6LT	865555	

Parish Clerk—Mrs Rachel Jackson
Clerk's Assistants—Amy Starkings & Phil Leach

FOR YOUR COMMENTS

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