

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 8th January 2008 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Rd, Old Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman
Mr J Denby Mrs V Bell Mr J Amis Mr G Watt Mr T East Mr A Todd
Mr B Mackie Mrs D Bates Mrs L Glover Mr P Cockaday Mr S Watt Mr J Denby
Mrs Jackson – Parish Clerk PC Barker 3 Public

Apologies

1/08: RESOLVED to accept apologies from Mr Piesse, Mr Bedford, Mr Smith, and Miss Starkings – Parish Clerk's Assistant

Declarations of interest

2/08: Mrs Bell, Mr East, Mr Watt and Mr Denby declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as listed as they are, or may be, a member of the SN 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 SN Council planning meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th December 2008

3/08: It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed.

Matters arising from the Parish Council minutes 18th December 2008

4/08: **Greater Norwich Development Partnership** Exhibition to be held in the Owen Barnes Room on 9th January 2008 – noted.

5/08: Unitary Government for Norfolk RESOLVED that if unitary authorities were to be introduced in Norwich, four as suggested by South Norfolk, and the Borough of Kings Lynn, were probably the most sensible.

6/08: RESOLVED to take items on **Roundwell Monument** and the consideration for the **Clerk's salary** at the end of the meeting in the absence of the public and press.

7/08: Unanimously RESOLVED not to **consecrate the extension to the Parish Cemetery** but to invite representatives from as many religious groups as possible to attend a ceremony of blessing.

Planning - applications, appeals & other planning matters

8/08: Council RESOLVED to respond to applications for consideration as follows:-

- 6550 – Amendment – **135 Norwich Rd** – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- 6555 - **17 Margaret Rd** - Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- 6556 – **72 Gunton Lane** – Approve subject to no neighbour objections
- 6557 – **18 Gurney Rd** – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

9/08: Appeal – **Queens Hills – Bovis Homes** – Erection of 194 dwellings etc. – RESOLVED to support South Norfolk objections.

10/08: Costessey Centre – Outline Planning permission received. Noted.

11/08: 18 Hinshalwood Way South Norfolk has given permission for the removal of a tree branch overhanging the property.

12/08: The Clerk was asked to write to South Norfolk to asked how they ensure '**affordable**' homes stay '**affordable**'.

Correspondence

13/08: NALC Conference – 30/1/08. There was no-one who wished to attend.

Traffic & Highways Matters

14/08: Norfolk Gritting Routes Leaflet - Noted

Police Matters

15/08: PC Barker reported on the work he and the PCSOs had been doing in the Parish. They had been patrolling St Augustine's and the High School at school opening and closing times and dealing with **irresponsible parking**. PC Barker reported having approached the Baptist Church to see if they would allow parents to park on their car park thereby reducing the need for on-street parking.

16/08: PC Barker reported on the local **crime figures** since 18th December 2007 which were relatively low.

17/08: PC Barker reported he would be **talking to Costessey High School** on 22nd January on the topic of 'No crime – Get a Life'. Other agencies would also be involved.

18/08: Items reported under this heading were:-

- a. **Tower Hill road sign** out of the ground and the grit bin turned over
- b. **Vehicles parked partially or fully on the footpath** in Longwater Lane and Oval Rd.

Finance Matters

19/08: Interim internal Audit Report. Council noted there was only one item for action and that was very minor. RESOLVED a letter be written to Amy Starkings commending her on her excellent work on the accounts.

20/08: Agency Agreement for Verge Cutting – RESOLVED to take responsibility for verge cutting from the County Council on an agency agreement. Discussion of the tenders received was deferred to the end of the meeting in the absence of the public and press.

Councillors Question Time

21/08: Items raised were:-

- a. **Items which can be recycled** in the various bins on Longwater Lane Recreation Ground.
- b. **Grit being removed from the bins** provided around the Parish and used on driveways.
- c. The **Cricket Square** is on the agenda for the next meeting.
- d. There is a **Bus Scrutiny Review meeting** on 16th January at St Andrews Hall at 6pm.
- e. Complaints re **dog fouling on Norwich Road and in Grove Avenue**.

The meeting adjourned at 8.15pm after which the Council took

Public Participation.

Items raised were:-

a. **Ionised water** which it is felt **would remove graffiti** from the bus shelters.

The members of the public then left.

The meeting resumed at 8.20pm to consider three deferred items:-

22/08: In view of the growth of the Parish and additional work assumed by the Clerk it was RESOLVED, in line with National Agreement recommendations, to **award the Clerk one additional spinal point.**

23/08: Verge Cutting - RESOLVED, on a vote of 10 for and 1 against, when the agency agreement is completed, to accept the quotation for verge cutting for the forthcoming year from Garden Guardian.

24/08: Roundwell Monument. RESOLVED to keep the Clerk's report on file but take no further action at the moment.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.