

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd June 2008 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey at which the following were present-:

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman
Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mrs V Bell Mr A Bedford Mr S Watt Mrs D Bates
Mr J Denby Mr G Watt Mr R Piesse Mr B Mackie Mrs L Glover
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk 7 Members of the public Adrian Frame –Speedwatch Co-ordinator

APOLOGIES

222/08: Apologies were accepted from Mr T East, Mr P Cockaday, Miss M Doggett, Mr A Todd, Mr D Smith, Miss A Starkings (Clerks Asst) and PC Barker.

223/08: Mr Adrian Frame, who has been appointed the Co-ordinator for the Speedwatch scheme, introduced himself to Council and advised that 13 volunteers had attended the training session and that he was in the process of organising the first ‘watch’. Mr Frame left the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

224/08: Mr J Denby, Mrs V Bell and Mr G Watt declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications 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.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th MAY 2008

225/08: RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13th May 2008

226/08: 210/08: Gunton Lane Mr Amis reported that on the recent ‘Springwatch’ television programme the fact that vegetation was being allowed to grow on the banks of the River Wensum was praised as this provided ‘valuable habitat’ for many different insects, birds and animals which supported Council’s decision to allow vegetation to grow on the banks of the River Tud in the Gunton Lane Recreation Area for the same reason.

227/08: 196/08 & 197/08: Budgets & Emergency Committees. It was noted Mr B Mackie will substitute for Mr D Smith on both Committees when/if available and Mr A Bedford will act as second reserve.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

228/08: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications as follows-

- ◆ 6615/6 – **119 The Street (Listed Building)** – Demolish rear extension & re-build 2-storey extension on smaller footprint. Associated internal alterations. Removal of wooden shed to give parking area. Alteration to boundary wall. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections and the approval of the Conservation Officer.*
- ◆ 6617 – **Garage Court** – Demolition of existing garages for the erection of 2 flats. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ◆ 6618 – **The Round Well, Dereham Rd** – Screening opinion for medical centre & related health care unit, residential development & extension to Parish Cemetery. *Accept that an EI is not required as justified in the submission. However, for consideration in the full planning application Council suggests double yellow lines on the access road to the surgery (experience*

at the Beechcroft surgery shows that resident and patient on-road parking causes significant access problems). Also Council remains concerned at the high level of affordable housing proposed for this site as there is already a high proportion of affordable and social housing in the immediate vicinity and they would prefer to see more integration.

- ◆ 6619 – 7 **Norwich Rd** – Single storey rear extension with internal alterations. Demolition of asbestos garage & new replacement single. *Approve subject to no neighbour objections.*
- ◆ 6620 – **40 The Street** – Single storey rear extension. Demolition of dilapidated out-buildings. Refuse. *Over-development of the site, detrimental to residential amenity and out of keeping with the character of the property and the area.*

229/08 APPEAL: Squirrels, (Plot 5) Ringland Lane – Erection of timber residential structure & timber decking area. Resolved to write in support of South Norfolk's decision.

230/08: Opinion sought on change of use of St Edmundsbury House, The Street to C2 use as a residential home for adults with learning difficulties. The 4 people present who are promoting this scheme told Council the premises would house 9 adults with learning difficulties who would have 24 hour supported care but there would be no live-in staff. There would be no wheelchair users as the premises were unsuitable. Council's questions were answered and Council pointed out problems which had been experienced with another similar premises in New Costessey but were assured that there would be no noisy residents and that members of staff would be conscious of noise when working at night. Council also warned about the traffic and lack of footways in The Street and Folgate Lane making it difficult for pedestrians to walk with any degree of comfort. The advocates of this scheme left the meeting.

231/08: Mr Amis reported having attended the exhibition concerning **the proposed extension to Attlebridge Landfill Site**. There are no concerns to raise about the proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE (Verbal and written)

232/08: Voluntary Norfolk: Funding & Networking Event – 4th July, 10-2.45 – SN Council. Mr Piesse and Richard Rymarz to attend.

233/08: Wensum Valley Trust AGM – 10th June, 7pm - Norvic Training Centre, 232a Fakenham Rd, Taverham - Noted.

234/08: Proposal for a new GP-led Health Centre in Norwich After discussion Council RESOLVED they agreed with the idea in principle but required much more detailed information before making a full decision. However, concern was expressed as it is believed the Dussindale Walk In Centre may be closed and Mr Amis said that the statement that no surgeries were to be closed was not altogether true as the Valley Road surgery is closing when the new facility is built on the Roundwell site.

235/08: Boundary Review meeting organised by Taverham PC – 17th July, Taverham VH. Noted.

236/08: Vacancy on Governing Body at Costessey High School Mrs Glover said she would consider taking the position but would have to look into whether, with other work she has, there would be a conflict of interests.

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

237/08: County Wide – Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements Lay-by on Dereham Road opposite the junction with Richmond Road. Council were not opposed to the idea but felt the lay-by needed to be extended slightly to allow buses to pull completely off the road. Also the footpath

from Bowthorpe needed railings at the end to prevent cycles coming straight out onto the road. It is presumed that if this is adopted, use of the lay-by opposite the junction with Stafford Avenue will be stopped. However, if this is not the case a proper footway needs to be constructed to it and possibly a central road island installed nearby to assist pedestrians getting to and from the stop safely.

238/08: Costessey Posse's Parish Clean Up – 21st June 2008 – SN offer to undertake some additional street and path sweeping. It was suggested this should be in the nips of the traffic calming build out in West End and Longwater Lane and on all the access routes to the High School including the footpath from the school gate into East Hills Wood.

239/08: Bawburgh Lane to New Road Footpath It was noted a new application would have to be submitted. This is to be done by Bawburgh Parish Council with support from Costessey Parish Council as required.

240/08: Joint Scrutiny Review of Local Bus Service provision in Greater Norwich 2007/8 – Noted. South Norfolk is to consider this week so it was RESOLVED to defer discussion.

241/08: It was suggested a **further bus stop opposite that at the Snooker Club in West End** would be useful.

242/08: Mr Mackie reported having spoken to an officer from one of the bus companies who had stated that it would be currently difficult to establish a **bus service from Queens Hills via Ringland Lane** as the highway from the bus lane to Taverham Lane is not currently wide enough.

FINANCE MATTERS

243/08: HM Revenue & Customs – Agreement to pay long-outstanding vat claim for £79,866.24. Council were very pleased with the outcome.

244/08: Request to allow **Costessey Posse** free use of the Parish Rooms on 'Costessey Clean up Day' – 21st June 2008. So RESOLVED.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

245/08: Items raised were:

- a. **Sainsburys** still have the **wrong address** on their receipts
- b. The **drains in West End** are blocked once again.
- c. There is a **manhole cover** which has become dislodged in the verge at the junction of **Carrs Hill Close** and Folgate Lane.
- d. The **traffic management table outside St Augustines School** is worn.
- e. There are **puddles on Longwater Lane car park**. Can they be filled?
- f. Mr Mackie reported on the progress with **Queens Hill School**
- g. The application for the **telecommunication tower off Ringland Lane** has been refused.
- h. South Norfolk Council has toured the sites where **new travellers sites** are proposed. None of these sites is in Costessey.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.