

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7pm in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Old Costessey at which the following were present:-**

Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman  
Mrs D Bates      Mr R Smith   Mr J Denby   Mr B Mackie   Mr S Watt      Mr G Watt  
Mrs L Glover      Mr R Piesse   Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk                      PC Barker  
Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk   Mr R Mawby – Kettle Foods   7 Members of the Public

**APOLOGIES**

**92/08:** RESOLVED to accept apologies from Mr W Dinneen – Chairman, Miss M Doggett, Mr A Bedford, Mr T East, Mrs V Bell and Mr P Cockaday.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**93/08:** Mr Denby and Mr Watt declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or maybe, a member of South Norfolk Council Planning Committee. They made it clear that although a view maybe 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, Mr Watt and Mr Smith also declared a non-pecuniary interest in the licensing application at Costessey Golf Club, as they are, or maybe a member of the South Norfolk Council Licensing Committee.

**DISCUSSION WITH RICHARD MAWBY, GENERAL MANAGER OF KETTLE FOODS RE: SITE DEVELOPMENT**

**94/08:** Richard Mawby the General Manager at Kettle Foods addressed Council and explained proposals for development on the Kettle Foods site. Mr Mawby said they would be replacing the production area lost in the fire (although they would still have one fryer less than the number before the fire) and reconfiguring the site so there would be further parking to the Barnard Road side of the site. Deliveries/collections would also in the main be concentrated in this area thereby taking vehicle movements and the associated noise further away from the residential neighbours. The new proposals will also improve safety and working conditions on site. Council appreciated the fact that there had been a significant reduction in the smell from the premises since the chimney had been built. Council generally felt the plan looked to be an improvement for nearby residents but suggested that, in the interests of good public relations, Mr Mawby might like to write to those in Sawyers Close to inform them of the plans and ask for their comments. It was also suggested that Mr Mawby might like to consider ways in which the lorry movements would be completely eliminated from the rear of the premises which would lessen still further the potential for noise disturbance to nearby residents. Council expressed an interest in visiting the site when the alterations are complete. Council sincerely thanked Mr Mawby for attending the meeting and keeping it informed. Mr Mawby left the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**95/08:** RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**96/08:** Minute 75/08 **Closure of Valley Road Surgery** when the new surgery is built. Some Councillors reported having been contacted by residents in the Valley Road area expressing

strong opposition to these proposals. RESOLVED to pass these comments on to the Practice Manager.

**97/08:** Minute 80/08 RESOLVED to **contact NELM regarding their community bus service to Sainsburys and the City Centre from St Edmunds Close** and its service time tables, bus stops and fares.

**98/08:** Minute 88/08 RESOLVED to **grant the Breckland Babes group** £12 in every week that they hire Parish Council facilities between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. This grant is to be used to offset the costs of hiring Council facilities for their sessions.

**99/08:** Minute 91/08 **Suggestion Longwater Lane Recreation Ground car park be extended.** RESOLVED to await the new development on Longwater Lane as the car park is to be extended as part of that scheme.

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

**100/08:** RESOLVED to comment on planning applications for consideration as follows:-

- **6576 – 6 HILL ROAD** – Replace existing rear extension with new and increase size and low pitch roof – Approved subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6577 – TOWER HILL FARM HOUSE, TOWER HILL** – Extension – Approved subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6578 – LAND AT 56 GROVE AVENUE** – Redevelopment of existing site to change former office/store into 1 single dwelling – Approved subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6579 – 52 OVAL ROAD** – Retention of existing conservatory and car port – Approved subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6580 – 26 LIME TREE AVENUE** – Proposed two storey rear extension and front dormer window – Approved subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6581 – 15 SIDNEY ROAD** – Removal of hedge and erection of new fence panels – Council expressed concerns over the visual impact on the street scene.
- **6582 – 6 GLENDA ROAD** – Extension to rear of bungalow – Approved subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6583 – 12 SIDNEY ROAD** – Room in roof conversion including front porch – Approved subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6584 – NORTH –WEST QUADRANT OFF, FAIRWAY, NORTH OF THE RIVER TUD** – Development of 176 dwellings, garaging and associated works – Refuse as it is outside the land allocated in phase 1 of the North of the River Tud site. There should be a reassessment of the needs for infrastructure, community facilities etc before the applications outside phase one are permitted.

**101/08:** RESOLVED the Parish Clerk should draft a response to the **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Framework** before 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**102/08:** RESOLVED to refuse the **Licensing Application from Costessey Golf Club** as the wide ranging events and long hours applied for, some as late as 2.30am and one for all night, is likely to result in noise disturbance (particularly from the outside music events and traffic movements) to a large residential area of Costessey.

**103/08:** Council RESOLVED that a designated **dog walking area on Breckland Hall Recreation Ground** would not be appropriate as there is very limited space on this ground.

**104/08:** Noted that **Affordable Housing stays affordable** as the land is usually sold to housing associations through a Section 106 agreement with the developer.

**105/08:** RESOLVED to contact South Norfolk District Council about the **rubbish blowing around and collecting along the banks on Dereham Road** from the near by building sites.

**106/08:** Information received from South Norfolk District Council regarding the **Low Cost Housing Project**. Noted.

**107/08:** South Norfolk Council **statement of Licensing Policy**. Noted.

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

**108/08:** RESOLVED to defer consideration of setting up a **'no plastic bags'** group to the next Parish Council agenda.

**109/08:** **Norfolk County Council reply re the transfer of its arms length companies**. Noted.

**110/08:** The additional **member for the Standards Committee**. RESOLVED not to vote as none of the candidates are known to members.

**111/08:** RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk and Mr Bedford will attend the **Boundary Committee meeting** at the County Council on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7pm if they are able.

**112/08:** **AWA works off Gunton Lane**. Noted.

**113/08:** Changes in the **Standards Board procedures**. Noted.

**114/08:** **Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils re-organisation**. Noted.

**115/08:** The **Northern Rivers Neighbourhood Forum** is to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the Owen Barnes Room, Costessey at 7pm.

**116/08:** The information on **'Your group can make a difference'** submitted by Mr Piesse was noted.

**117/08:** The **North Norfolk Coast Earth Day** is to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 from 10am until 4pm at Burnham Deepdale.

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

**118/08:** RESOLVED to support the consultation on **Options for Strengthening Bus Passenger Representation**.

**119/08:** Part of **The Croft, Costessey will be closed on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008**. Noted.

**120/08:** RESOLVED there were no objections to the 1 vehicle **Goods Operators Licence application, from Mitchells Demolition, Gunton Lane, Costessey**.

**121/08:** Refusal of application of **Bawburgh Lane, Costessey to New Road, Bawburgh footpath** to be added to the Definitive Rights of Way map. Council noted the only objection the Inspector had to this application was that he did not feel the map with the submission showed the line which was being walked correctly. RESOLVED to support the suggestion that the application be resubmitted with a map showing the correct route.

### **POLICE MATTERS**

**122/08:** PC Barker spoke about the sudden rise in **crime in the Costessey area**. From the 19<sup>th</sup> February a total of 54 crimes have taken place in Costessey, most of these are burglaries from sheds, garages and cars. He urges Costessey residents to secure all their property at all times and to also be aware of elderly residents. Although the Police are getting to grips with many offenders we are still suffering from a high crime trend.

**123/08: Parking around St Augustine's School** at opening and closing times is still giving rise to a number of complaints. PC Barker will endeavour to get officers to visit the area.

### **FINANCE MATTERS**

**124/08:** RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk should not attend a **Larger Councils Conference** on the 24/25<sup>th</sup> April 2008 as it was felt the fees are too costly.

**125/08:** RESOLVED to get further quotes for the installation of **steps to be built to gain direct access to the Owen Barnes Room**, Breckland Road, Costessey.

**126/08: Norfolk Association of Village Halls AGM** is to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at County Hall. Noted.

**127/08:** RESOLVED to approve the **annual grass cutting quote from City Care**.

**128/08:** RESOLVED Mr Dinneen the Parish Council Chairman should attend the **National Association of Local Councils Leaders** meeting.

### **COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME**

**129/08:** Items raised were:-

- What are the **criteria for having The Street, Costessey designated as a 'quiet lane'**?
- The **works entrance/exit to the Lodge Farm development should be restricted to left turn only in and out**.
- The **new school at the Queens Hills Development** is progressing well.

**The meeting closed at 9.45pm after which Council took items of PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

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**Items raised in PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-**

- The **Hopkins Homes Sales Complex** is still going ahead with its planning application appeal.
- The **plastic and other debris from the Hopkins Homes** site on Dereham Road is causing residents problems of Bawburgh Lane problems.