

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 14th October 2008 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Old Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr A Todd Mr G Watt Mr S Watt Mrs V Bell
Mr T East Miss L Glover Mr B Mackie Mr R Piesse Miss A Starkings – Asst Clerk
PCSO Donna Mingay 4 Members of the public**

APOLOGIES

368/08: Apologies were accepted from Miss M Doggett, Mrs D Bates, Mr R Smith, Mr J Denby, Mr A Bedford, Mr P Cockaday and Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

369/08: Mr T East, Mr G Watt and Mrs V Bell 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 maybe 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 23RD SEPTEMBER 2008

370/08: After three small spelling errors were corrected the minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2008

371/08: Min 360/08: **Norwich Distributor Rd.** A copy of the recent letter to the Transport Minister should also be copied to the Environment Agency and English Nature.

372/08: Min 366/08: **Road name sign for ‘The Street’ at the Folgate Lane junction** is missing.

373/08: Min 364/08: **RESOLVED the Parish Office should be open 10am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 10am to 1pm on Fridays** (except the 3rd Wednesday of each month when the office will be open from 10am to 1 pm to accommodate the Old Costessey WI meeting which takes place in the afternoon) as from the new year.

PCSO DONNA MINGAY – RURAL CRIME INITIATIVE

374/08: The Police Force has adopted a Rural Crime Initiative which aids those who have been victims of theft and other similar crimes. PCSO Donna Mingay explained how the Rural Crime Initiative works. It assists the victims of crime in getting locks, alarms, lights, etc fitted to deter further crime. With the current economic situation the number of thefts has risen considerably so it is important that people adequately secure their property at all times. An agenda item will be placed on the next Parish Council meeting to request a grant for this project.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

375/08: **RESOLVED** to comment on the planning applications as follows:

- **6652 – EAST HILLS COMMUNITY HOME, 81 EAST HILLS ROAD** – Replacement of existing windows with powder coated double glazed units and the infilling of 1 window and change of one door to a window – Approved.
- **6653 – GARAGE COURT AT TOWER CLOSE** – Demolition of existing garages for the erection of two flats – Approved.

- **6654 – PLOT 8, CITYGATE DEVELOPMENTS, JOHN HYRNE WAY (OFF ALEX MOORHOUSE WAY)** – Extension to existing office building – Approved.
- **6655 – BP SERVICE STATION, 2 DEREHAM ROAD** – Erection of internally illuminated double sided, freestanding display unit – Approved.

376/08: APPEAL – NW QUADRANT OFF FAIRWAY, NORTH OF THE RIVER TUDD (QUEENS HILLS) – Development of 176 dwellings, garaging and associated works – No comments given. Council would like a representative from South Norfolk Council to come and discuss the implications for the future of this development following a recent appeal. This item will be added to the next Parish Council agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

377/08: Emails received regarding the **works along Gunton Lane**, for information. Noted.

378/08: Sandra Dinneen has been appointed the new Chief Executive at South Norfolk Council and will start on Wednesday 5th November 2008.

379/08: The **proposal to move the 2009** County Council election date to 4th June to avoid two elections (local and European) in 4 weeks. Noted.

380/08: RESOLVED to allow a **toy bank on Longwater Lane Recreation Ground Recycling Area** for a maximum of six months. The Parish Council will then review the situation.

381/08: Costessey Landfill Liaison Group's next meeting is 17th November 2008 at 6pm at the Costessey Landfill Site. Noted

382/08: Initial training for Councillors and Clerks is being held on 12th and 19th November or 9th December 2008. No-one wished to attend.

383/08: An **Emergency Management Seminar** is to be held on 5th November 2008 at 10.00am – 3.30pm at Poringland Community Centre. No-one wished to attend.

384/08: Free **Training for Voluntary and Community Groups** in South Norfolk. Clerks Asst Richard Rymarz is to attend.

385/08 Parish Council meeting dates for 2009 RESOLVED to approve in principle but at least one meeting should be held on the Queens Hills development if a venue can be arranged. This item will be placed in the next Parish Council agenda.

386/08: Letter received from Sonia Bright the Events Asst at South Norfolk expressing her thanks at being able to use the Owen Barnes Room for the **Outdoor Theatre production**. This year the audience numbers increased making it their most successful to date.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

387/08: Mr T East formulated a response regarding the **Longwater Lane Junction Improvements**; a response will also be given from the Parish Council.

FINANCE MATTERS

388/08: RESOLVED to approve the **accounts for August and September 2008** in the balance sums of £174,260.00 and £349,328. Miss A Starkings the Asst Clerk explained a duplicate receipt had been entered but this will be adjusted in October accounts.

389/08: RESOLVED to defer payment of **works undertaken at Gunton Lane Recreation Area** until the Parish Clerk is able to confirm the work has been fully completed and checked.

390/08: Any **suggestions that Parish Councillors may have for projects in 2009/10 financial year** should be given to the Budgets Committee for consideration.

391/08: RESOLVED to defer the quote for the **Production Drawing Package from Vincent and Gorbing** until the relevant questions have been clearly answered.

STAFF MATTERS

392/08: RESOLVED to defer to the end of the meeting and take this matter in the absence of the public and press.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

393/08: Items raised were:-

- The **Community Payback Panel** employs offenders to do Community Service in local Community projects; information available if requested.
- The **Costessey Posse AGM** showed that the community group had been very successful over the past year taking on projects such as Costessey Litter Picks and Bulb Planting. Any ideas for future projects should be directed straight to Costessey Posse itself.
- The **next meeting for South Norfolk Area Partnership** is due to be held on 18th November at Costessey High School. SNAP meetings are now held together with Bowthorpe.
- A **request has been received for a litter bin to be erected at the Jerningham Rd** entrance to Breckland Park.
- There are **very few Planning Applications** in the South Norfolk Area at present **due to the current economic climate**.
- The **road humps near the Wimpey show house on Queens Hills are making the show house shake** when lorries drive over them at any speed.
- There have been some **Otter sightings** in Costessey recently and some residents have had fish from their garden ponds taken and eaten.
- A large number of **Planning Applications in Swaffham** are looked at through the 'Planning Portal' on the internet which apparently saves time as well as paper.

394/08: There were no items raised under **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**.

395/08: The Chairman thanked the remaining members of the public for their attendance and asked them to leave to allow discussion of a staffing matter.

STAFF MATTERS

396/08: The issue was discussed at considerable length after which it was RESOLVED on a vote of 7 for, 2 against and 1 abstention to uphold the previous decision. The solicitor will be contacted first thing tomorrow and informed of the decision and the appropriate action taken on his advice.

The meeting closed at 10.50pm.