

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2009 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr J Amis – Vice –Chairman in the Chair

Mr Bedford	Mrs L Glover	Mr J Denby	Mrs D Bates	Mr R Piesse
Mrs V Bell	Mr B Mackie	Mr A Todd	Mr S Watt	Mr G Watt
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk		Miss A Starkings – Asst Clerk		

APOLOGIES

332/09: Apologies were accepted from Mr W Dinneen, Miss M Doggett, Mr T East, and Mr R Smith.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

333/09: Mr G Watt, Mrs V Bell and Mr J Denby declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or may be, 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. Mr A Bedford declared an interest in Item 9a. – McMillan Coffee Morning.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH AUGUST 2009

334/09: Mrs Bates said she declared an interest in planning application number 6733 and took no part in the discussion. RESOLVED the minutes be approved subject to this amendment.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 18TH AUGUST 2009

335/09: Min 322/09: The travellers who were illegally encamped on Longwater Lane Recreation Ground had left the site after being issued with a Section 61 by the Police.

336/09: Min 328/09: The Clerk thought the secure store would be purchased at around £1200.

337/09: Min 329/09: Mr Piesse asked if we could request better looking recycling bins when Costessey Centre was built.

PLANNING - APPLICATIONS, APPEALS & OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

338/09: It was RESOLVED to comment on planning applications as follows:-

◆ **6735 – Queens Hills Phase 2B, Land north of River Tud, off Ringland Lane** – Reserved matter application for the re-plan & house type substitution of 54 units & creation of 16 additional 2,3,& 4 bed houses & bungalows with associated garages, drives, parking roads & paths. Approve subject to the highways, street lighting, sewage, drainage, etc being constructed to an approved standard of the adopting authorities prior to the sale of homes.

◆ **6736 – Roundwell Works, Dereham Rd** – Change of use to storage of vehicles & equipment in conjunction with business of gardening & landscaping. Refuse. This is a retrospective application and the activities currently taking places on the site, such as burning and vehicles maintenance is not acceptable given the close proximity of residential property.

339/09: River Wensum Restoration Strategy: Invitation to local drop-in session. Noted.

340/09: Consideration of closure of entrance to Longwater Lane Recreation Ground by the River Tud Bridge. RESOLVED to close this entrance on Health and Safety Grounds

CORRESPONDENCE

341/09: Energy Saving Trust – Find out more what local authorities can do – 10/9/09. Noted.

342/09: Gypsy & Traveller Seminar – Breckland Hall – 4/11/09. Noted.

343/09: Honouring Volunteers. There were no suggestions for the present.

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

344/09: Costessey Bus Stop Improvement – First Bus services 19 & 20. Noted.

345/09: Costessey Bus Stop Improvement – Dereham Road (roughly opposite the Jet Garage. Noted but it was felt the bollards to prevent vehicles crossing the grass verge into the old Dereham Road should be installed first.

POLICE MATTERS

346/09: There are still **motorcycles travelling at speed along Marriott's Way**

FINANCE MATTERS

347/09: McMillan Coffee morning in Youth Centre - 25/9/09. RESOLVED to donate £23 to the Coffee Morning to be held at Costessey Youth Centre. (LGA 1974, sec 137)

STAFF MATTERS

348/09: RESOLVED to discuss this matter confidentially as it involved staff. Further RESOLVED to defer further consideration of this matter until the Clerk had gathered all the information necessary.

COSTESSEY CENTRE PROJECT

349/09: The report by Mr Rymarz was noted. It was also noted that Council would have to begin to consider in detail how the building was to be staffed. Mr Denby felt that Council should review all it does and how it is organised and suggested a meeting of the Finance and Staffing Committee should be organised once the Chairman of the Parish Council has returned from his holiday to begin to consider this matter. So agreed.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

350/09: Items raised were:-

- a. Ask the **Wensum Valley Projects view of the River Wensum Restoration Strategy.**
- b. Clerk to seek **details of the Norfolkcalc AGM** for Mr Amis and Mr Bedford.
- c. Clerk to chase up **joint meeting regarding the Northern Distributor Route.**
- d. **Speed cushion outside the Snooker Hall** on West End needs marking.
- e. **Directional signs at the Dereham Rd/Norwich Rd junction** need replacing.
- f. Continued concern about vegetation overhanging the highway and/or footways.
- g. **Bump in the path in Margaret Rd** thought to be a tree root.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.