

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2010 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr T East Mrs V Bell Mrs L Glover Mr D Toms
Mrs D York Mr S Watt Mr G Watt Mr J Denby Mr A Bedford Mr R Piesse
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk 10 public**

APOLOGIES

25/10: Apologies were accepted from Mr A Todd, Mr R Smith and Mr B Mackie.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

26/10: Mr J Denby, Mr T East, Mrs V Bell and Mr G Watt declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or may be, members 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. Mrs V Bell and Mr a Bedford declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7d – Community Cohesion Action Plan at Three Mile Lane School.

WELCOME TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

27/10: Mr W Dinneen welcomed Mr D Toms and Mrs D York to the Parish Council having been recently elected. Both had previously signed their Declarations of Office.

28/10: Mr Dinneen informed Council of the **death of the well respected local historian, Ernest Gage**. Council wished their condolences to be sent to the family and RESOLVED to send £50 to the Larchwood Nursing Home where M Gage had lived for the last 8 years, in lieu of flowers as the family requested.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2010

29/10: After two small amendments the minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2010

30/10: Mr W Dinneen reported a letter he had received from **Richard Bacon MP congratulating the Parish Council on building the new Costessey Centre** after many years of trying.

31/10: RESOLVED to approve the **membership to the SLCC** for the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk. The subscriptions can be transferred to a new person coming into post if the Clerk retires within the year.

32/10: There have been a number of **complaints from hirers regarding the broken heater in the Owen Barnes Room**. Investigations will be made into moving another heater from the Youth Centre across to the Owen Barnes Room.

33/10: **Dr Torrens letter thanking Council for naming a road after him** was noted.

34/10: Although ‘Nurse Grimes’ has not been used as a road name on this occasion Council agreed it should be a suggestion in the future.

35/10: Mr W Dinneen, Mr T East and Mrs V Bell would like to be involved with the forth coming **tour of the Parish with the Highways Department** from the County Council. The issue of pot holes has been raised and reported but at present the temperature is too low for them to be fixed.

QUEENS HILLS

36/10: A number of residents from Queens Hills were present and expressed concerns about roads, street lighting, lack of shops, community centre, play areas and other facilities on the development all of which have been promised but not delivered. Council assured them they are very aware of the problems on the site and have been lobbying for some time on their behalf. A video conference has taken place between South Norfolk Councils legal department and Deloitte regarding **Queens Hills** but the outcome is confidential at the moment. However, some progress has been made and a further meeting is scheduled.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

37/10: RESOLVED to comment on planning applications for consideration as follows:

- **6776 – LAND AT TOWNHOUSE ROAD - AMENDMENT** – RESOLVED continue to recommend refusal. Council believes the land identified for the vision splay is not all in the ownership of the applicants as stated and understand that on the planning approval for Holkham House, which is adjacent to the proposed entrance for the site, there is a condition stating the hedge must not be removed to retain the character of the area.
- **6777 – 1 THE CROFT** – Single detached dwelling – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6778 – 107 GURNEY ROAD** – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 4 semi-detached chalet dwellings, access drive, car parking and garages – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- **6779 – CALKIM LODGE, TAVERHAM LANE** – Side and rear extensions to dwelling – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.

38/10: **Norwich City Council - Site allocations plan and sustainability appraisal scoping report.** Noted

CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)

39/10: **Training for Councillors and Clerks.** Noted

40/10: **Your Parish Your Decision.** RESOLVED Mr Dinneen, Mr Piesse, Mrs York, Mr Denby and Mr Bedford would attend on Saturday 20th February at Dereham Memorial Hall at 10am. The Parish Council is bidding for funding of £3400 for the Costessey Centre Opening Day.

41/10: **Saffron Housing Inspection of Tower Close area is on March 11th** at 2pm. Noted

42/10: As part of the **Community Cohesion Action Plan children from Three Mile Lane School would like to visit Costessey Centre after its opening.** So agreed.

43/10: RESOLVED to **ask the environmental crime team to look at the rubbish building up in Taverham Lane** after a letter highlighted the issue.

44/10: RESOLVED to investigate the possibility of putting a dog bin in Queens Hills.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

45/10: New Park and Ride Fares. Noted

46/10: RESOLVED to contact the Highways Dept to get their view on the list of requests the Parish Council has received for new grit bins before deciding on which should be provided.

POLICE MATTERS

47/10: Neighbourhood news release. Noted

FINANACE MATTERS

48/10: RESOLVED to **approve the accounts and budget reports for November and December 2009** in the balance sums of ££1,015,868.89 and £744,807.41 respectively.

49/10: RESOLVED **not to allow larger memorials for casket burial plots** and to keep with the original guidelines that the Parish Council agreed for the cemetery.

50/10: RESOLVED to agree **triple cemetery fees for those who are not Costessey residents.**

REPORT ON COSTESSEY CENTRE

51/10: RESOLVED to **approve the contract for signature.**

52/10: **Reminder Open Day Organisation meeting** 11th February 7pm Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road.

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUILDINGS WORKINGS GROUP HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2010 AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONATINED THEREIN

53/10: REOLSVED to approve the recommendations therein and to look at what facilities will be available to hirers at the end of February 2010.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

54/10: Items raised were as follows:

- **Is there any more space in Costessey for allotments?**
- The next **Budgets, Finance and Staffing Committee** meeting is booked for 23rd February at 10am.
- There are **an increasing amount of pot holes in Costessey** and surrounding areas.
- The **tarmac is lifting on the path in Cleves Way.**
- The **drains in Breydon Drive have sunk** near to the pavement causing a build up of water that can not drain away.
- **Can yellow lines be put along Three Mile Court and Rowan Court?**
- There are **two large potholes in the small car park outside the One Stop shop.**

55/10: The meeting closed at 9.30pm at which 15 minutes was given to **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

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Items raised were as follows:

- Some of the sub-contractors on Costessey Centre are parking in the public car park and not on the building site.
- Rubbish has started to accumulate along the A1074 including a mattress and a broken tree house.