

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 4th November 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 J Denby Mr T East Mr G Watt Mrs D Bates
Mr A Bedford Mrs L Glover Mr B Mackie Mr R Piesse Mr A Todd Mr P Cockaday
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk 3 Members of the public

APOLOGIES

397/08: Apologies were accepted from Miss M Doggett, Mrs V Bell, Mr R Smith, Mr S Watt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

398/08: Mr T East, Mr G Watt and Mr J Denby 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 14th OCTOBER 2008

399/08: The minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2008

400/08: Min 374/08: **Consideration of donation to Rural Crime Initiative.** RESOLVED to give a grant of £100 towards this scheme. LGA 1972. Sec 137

401/08: Min 376/08: **Appeal – NW Quadrant off Fairway, Nth of River Tud (Queen’s Hills) –** Letter from South Norfolk concerning impact. RESOLVED to ask SN Planning Officers to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the implications of this appeal.

402/08: Min 386/08: **Preference for meeting date at Queens Hills if a venue can be arranged.** RESOLVED to enquire whether meeting due to be held on 21st April 2009 can be held at Queens Hills School. However, if Tuesday evenings were not available RESOLVED the meeting should be held near to this time at the school on another evening of the week.

403/08: Min 389/08: **Works at Gunton Lane –** completed, checked & account passed for payment. Noted and approved.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED COSTESSEY CENTRE

404/08: Min 391/08: **Consideration of preparation of technical drawings for the Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane Recreation Ground and architects’ quote for same.** Unanimously RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Buildings Working Group that Council proceed with the drawing up of the technical drawings, all aspects of the detailed planning and submission of tenders in the sum of £60,000 subject to a more detailed account of the exact works this covers being obtained.

405/08: Consideration of **site for the relocation of the small children’s play area.** RESOLVED to resite this play area near to the existing older children’s’ play area so parents will have the opportunity to watch children of different age groups.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

406/08: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications as follows:-

- ◆ **6402 – Appeal – 10 Barnard Rd** – Outline application for hotel and bowling alley. Repeat previous comments.
- ◆ **6656 – 15 Jerningham Rd** – Single storey extension. Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- ◆ **6657 - 41 Ashtree Rd** – Extension to rear of dwelling. Refuse. Over development of the site and loss of neighbour amenity and privacy. (Vote: 7 for, 3 abstentions. Carried)
- ◆ **6658 – 33 Upper Stafford Av** – Replacement of garage. Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- ◆ **6659 – Land north of the River Tud, Ringland Lane** – Re-plan of plots 48-56 & 71-79 to provide 2 bedroomed flats in place of one bedroomed flats previously approved under permission 2006/1646/D. Concern re overcrowding particularly as the change from 1 to 2 bedroomed flats appears to be on the same footprint. Also grossly insufficient car parking as a result of the change.
- ◆ **6660 – 31 Upper Stafford Av** – Single storey extension to rear. Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

407/08 Land to the Nth River Tud, Costessey Quarry, Longwater Business Park – (Additional information) Sand and gravel extraction from 3 areas of land as extension to Costessey Quarry including construction of haul route and Bailey bridge with restoration to mixed deciduous woodland & acid grassland at the lower level: CEMEX UK Operations Ltd Grid Ref:6140031200 – Addendum to the Ecological Assessment of the Effects of Sand & Gravel Extraction – Botanical, Invertebrate, Breeding Bird & Bat Surveys 2008. Reiterate previously stated concerns regarding potential noise and dust nuisance.

408/08: Queens Hills Phase 3 & 5 development – Open Presentation - Mr Dinneen reported few people attending and expressed concern about the plan for 15 flats with only 8 parking spaces and very narrow access roads. RESOLVED to ask for the guidelines for parking spaces in new developments. RESOLVED to notify the Queens Hills Residents Association of any plans received relating to the development.

409/08: E-mails re SN Gypsy and Traveller consultation. Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

410/08: Request for permission to have racks to store bowls mats on in Breckland Hall. RESOLVED to allow subject to the racks being chained to the wall to prevent other hirers from moving them around. .

411/08: Independent Review Service – Social Fund Workshop – 3/12/08. Mr Dinneen to attend.

412/08: Norfolkalc – Community Cohesion meeting – 18/11/08 – Poringland. Mr Amis, Mr Bedford and the Clerk to attend.

413/08: Government proposals re dispensing by doctors. RESOLVED to write to Costessey's MPs opposing this proposed change.

414/08: Saffron – Grays Fair Court – Open Afternoon – 27th November 1pm to 4pm. Mr Piesse and Mr Mackie to attend.

415/08: One stop shop for School Governors. Noted.

416/08: Community composting. RESOLVED there is no suitable location large enough for such a project in Costessey.

417/08: Nfk CC reply re Light Pollution. Council welcomed the use of more energy efficient lighting which also created less light pollution.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

418/08: Longwater Interchange Junction Improvements – Scoping Report – Mr East’s response. Council agreed with and supported all the points Mr East had raised.

POLICE

419/08: Council noted there were two traveller caravans on the land surrounding the Roundwell monument. The majority of the grass area is owned by Norfolk County Council. There are grave concerns about the safety of the children and animals with these caravans as well as the passing traffic at this very busy junction. For these reasons every effort is being made to move them from this site as soon as possible.

FINANCE MATTERS

420/08: Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – Request for donation. RESOLVED to give £50. (LGA 1972, sec 137.)

421/08: Costessey Community Sports Group – Request for funding. RESOLVED to give the £11.45p necessary to close the funds.

422/08: NALC recommendation for new pay scales from 1st April 2008. RESOLVED to increase the pay of all staff as from 1st April 2008 as per NALC recommendations.

423/08: Quotation for survey for listed monument in St Edmunds Churchyard. RESOLVED to ask NALC the exact legal position before making any decision in this matter.

424/08: Consideration of Poppy Day donation. RESOLVED to donate £50 to the annual Poppy Day Appeal. (LGA 1972, Sec 137)

425/08: Consideration of changing annual Health and Safety/Risk Assessment Review to monthly visits. RESOLVED to change to short monthly visits instead of the long annual assessment for one year and then assess the difference in cost if any.

426/08: Verges cutting – Drawing up spec. for 2009/10 & any additional work for this financial year. RESOLVED to ask the Budgets and Staffing Committee to consider the specification for the verges cutting contracts.

427/08: Projects for 2009/10 year. Mr East remained hopeful that Council might provide further Village Signs at Lodge Farm and Queens Hills.

428/09: Future cleaning at Breckland Hall & Youth Centre. RESOLVED to continue with the Contract Cleaning until the new year and then reassess the situation. The Clerk was asked to draw up a list of tasks and the frequency they should be undertaken.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

429/08: Items raised were:-

- When are the **recreational areas to be established on the Lodge Farm** development?
- **Queens Hills School was formally handed over from the builders this week.**
- Those with **hedges overgrowing the footpaths** need to be contacted and asked to cut them back. Perhaps an article could go in the next Contact.
- Some of the **drains in Folgate Lane are blocked.**
- Can the **verges from St Edmunds to the Mill be flattened** to make it easier for pedestrians to walk on them. .
- **Father Shannon is to leave Our Lady with St Walstan's Church** in November. The officiates from St John's in Norwich will take services until a new priest is appointed which will hopefully be next year.

430/08: The meeting closed at 9.40pm after which Council took **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Item raised was:- **Could those in the public gallery have the same papers as Councillors so they could follow the meeting.** Council asked the Clerk to provide one set for the public.