

Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 6th January 2009 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr R Piesse Mr A Todd Mrs V Bell
Mrs D Bates Mr P Cockaday Mr A Bedford Mr G Watt Mr S Watt
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES

1/09: Apologies were accepted from Mr T East, Mr B Mackie, Mrs L Glover, Mr R Smith, Mr J Denby and Miss M Doggett.

2/09: Mrs V Bell apologised if at the last meeting anyone had felt her request to return to the agenda had been rude. She had not intended to appear so, but merely wished to expedite the business in hand.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3/09: Mrs V Bell and Mr G Watt declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or might be, members of the South Norfolk Council Planning Committee. They made it clear, that although a view maybe taken by this Council, they will remain open to further information or views, which might be presented at the South Norfolk Council Planning Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER 2008

4/09: After three spelling amendments the minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 16TH DECEMBER 2008

5/09: The Parish Clerk reminded all Councillors that Anglian Water have invited them to look at the treatments works at Little Melton on 13th January at 6.30pm and also that an exhibition will be held on 20th January in the Parish Rooms from 2-7pm concerning the proposed new water pipeline.

6/09: Mr G Watt and Mrs V Bell - both District Councillors - had attended a Scrutiny meeting at South Norfolk and reported that Costessey had been omitted from the list of Parishes to be allocated further housing developments in the emerging Local Development Framework. Parish Councillors remained sceptical.

7/09: It was reported the Highways Department has been seen cleaning and flushing surface waster drains in Costessey recently.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

8/09: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications as follows:-

- **6672 – 126 NORWICH ROAD** – First floor extension to rear – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6673 – 192 NORWICH ROAD** – Extension to existing secure store at rear of pharmacy – Refuse. Delivery vehicles to the rear of the premises already cause a nuisance on a very narrow access. This development will only exacerbate the problems.
- **6674 – QUEENS HILLS PHASE 3, OFF POETHLYN DRIVE** – Residential development of 144 dwellings and associated structures 2 to 4 bedroomed dwellings – As with previous applications on this site, the Parish Council remains concerned that this application, along with others currently being received, are outside the Phase One planned development within the SNLP. The applications will result in more properties being built on the overall development than envisaged but no assessment has been made as to the infrastructure necessary to cater for these or the additional dwellings. The Parish Council asks that, if approved, there should be conditions which provide pro rata section 106 funding towards amongst other things: the Community Centre, additional play equipment, the provision of burial land and the provision of more sports space. The Parish Council is also very concerned that there remains only one access to this site – the bus lane has not yet been opened despite the trigger point having been reached. It asks that urgent consideration should be given to the provision of a second public access to the site given that an accident on the approach road recently made the site inaccessible for a number of hours. This included emergency vehicles.
- **6675 – QUEENS HILLS PHASE 5, OFF POETHLYN DRIVE** – Residential development of 142 dwellings and associated structures 2 to 4 bedroomed dwellings – Same as for 6674 above.
- **6676 – SITE ADJACENT EASTERN COURT, ERNEST GAGE AVENUE** – Proposed access road from Ernest Gage Avenue to service Eastern Court utilising existing access point on side adjacent to Eastern Court – Approve.
- **6677 – COSTESSEY BOREHOLE, TAVERHAM LANE** – Removal of existing borehole housing units and installation of new kiosks and control equipment and ancillary works – Approve.

9/09: Review of the East of England Plan, letter received explaining the current situation. Noted

10/09: APPEAL – 41 ASHTREE ROAD – Detached Bungalow – re-iterate previous comments to refuse.

CORRESPONDANCE VERBAL AND WRITTEN

11/09: Friends of St Edmunds Church are holding their Annual General Meeting on 25th January 2009 at St Edmunds Church at 12.30pm. Noted.

12/09: Norfolk Landscape Archaeology is holding their first meeting on 28th January at Birbeck Hall, Great Hospital from 3.30 – 5.30pm. Noted

13/09: Communities in Control: Real People Real Power – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity consultation document. Noted.

14/09: The Parish Councils updated Risk Assessment documents were presented. Accepted and noted

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

15/09: 2008/9 Proposed Additional Traffic Management Measures for The Street, West End and Longwater Lane. An exhibition is to be held on 22nd January 2009 at the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road from 2-7pm. Highways Officers will be on hand to answer questions.

POLICE MATTERS

16/09: Norfolk Police Authority is holding a meeting on Thursday 29th January at 7pm at Jubilee House, Wymondham to discuss the **Police Authority Budget**.

16/09: The new **Community Police Constable for Costessey is currently injured** but will resume his post as soon as possible.

FINANCE AND STAFFING MATTERS

17/09: The **accounts for December** will be available at the next Parish Council meeting as the relevant bank statements have not yet been received.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

18/09: Items raised were:-

- a. The amount of **Christmas cards sent costs the environment** so much, is there anyway we can reduce the number of cards sent?
- b. The **Northern Rivers SNAP meeting** is to be held on 27th January at Mulbarton Middle School.
- c. **Longwater Lane car park** has been repaired by the Head Groundsman.
- d. There are **pot holes in the Dereham Road** near to the BP Service Station on both sides of the road.
- e. A **pot hole outside number 32 Longwater Lane**.
- f. A **business being operated from a dwelling in Highlands** has moved to business premises.
- g. Is it **possible to put a height restriction on The Mill Bridge, Costessey?**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm after which Council took **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**.

Items raised were:-

- a. Large vehicles using local weight restricted bridges.