

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2010 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

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

APOLOGIES

1/10: Apologies were accepted from Mr A Todd and Mr S Watt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2/10: 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. All the Parish Councillors at this meeting with the exception of Mrs L Glover and Mrs D Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application number 6776.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2009

3/10: After two small spelling mistakes the minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2009

4/10: Minute 467/09 A video conference is to be held this Friday 15th January between South Norfolk Council and Deloitte, who are based in Glasgow to discuss Queens Hills.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

5/10: RESOLVED to comment on planning applications for consideration as follows:

- **6775 – ROYAL NORFOLK SHOWGROUND** – Change of use to enable flying controlled model aircraft – The Council had no objection to this in principle but feel that Easton Parish Council should be the lead respondent as the site is closer to their settlement, however the Parish Council would ask that if South Norfolk is mindful to permit this application it be limited to one year initially to access possible problems particularly the noise impact.
- **6776 – LAND AT TOWNHOUSE ROAD** – Outline application for a residential development of 70 dwellings and associated works including new access to the south – The Council recommends refusal for the following reasons 1. Highway access 2. Additional traffic 3. Footway problems 4. Intrusion into the River Tudd Valley 5. The site is outside South Norfolk Planning Guidelines 6. Incompatible with the social and economic context of the area and other matters. A copy of the full terms of the refusal is in the minute book.

6/10: Boundary Review Advice on Unitary Local Government for Norfolk RESOLVED to comment that the Parish Council does not support this as it does not satisfy the people of Norfolk at all.

7/10: Renewal of change of use permission on Parish Rooms has been approved. Noted

CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)

8/10: Café Cluster meeting to be held on 2nd February 2010 at Barnham Broom Country Club. Noted

9/10: RESOLVED to approve Nurse Grimes as a suggested road name for the development on the Roundwell Public House Site.

10/10: Invite to meeting to discuss Queens Hill Community Venue on 22nd January 2010 at 2.30pm. Noted

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

11/10: It was suggested that perhaps alternate street lights could be turned off under the new County Council proposals to turn off complete areas to stop total black outs which could be a target for crime and vandalism.

12/10: Traffic calming in The Street will be looked at over a 4 year period and by the time it has been completed there should be a footway the whole length of The Street making it much safer for pedestrians.

POLICE MATTERS

13/10: Open meeting to discuss Norfolk Police Authority Budget for 2010/11 and the 'Future for England's Safest County'. Noted

FINANCE MATTERS

14/10: RESOLVED to approve the estimate for legal work at a cost of £2500 - £3500 to register all Council lands with the land registry.

15/10: RESOLVED to investigate the membership renewals for members of the SLCC to establish if there are changes in positions the memberships can be also updated and changed.

16/10: RESOLVED to pay the £2875.00 fee for external audit and account works. No comments were made and an excellent audit completed.

17/10: RESOLVED to approve the repairs quoted on the bus shelter on Norwich Road for approx £815.00 but not to repair the bus shelter on West End as it is currently not used.

18/10: RESOLVED to approve the courses and prices for staff training which is to be renewed throughout the following year.

19/10: RESOLVED to not replace the broken heater in the Owen Barnes Room until we can transfer another heater from another site to replace it.

REVISED RACIAL EQUALITY POLICY

20/10: The revised racial equality policy. Noted

REPORT ON COSTESSEY CENTRE

21/10: A small section of Longwater Lane that was due to close for utilities to be fitted was unable to do so due to the adverse weather conditions. It now plans to take place this weekend 16th and 17th January 2010. The Parish Office will contact the bus company to stop further disruption.

22/10: RESOLVED to approve a working group to arrange the Costessey Centre Open Day to be held in May. This working group will consist of Mr R Piesse, Mr A Bedford, Mr G Watt and Mr W Dinneen the Chairman.

FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE TIMING FOR CLOSURE OF THE PARISH ROOMS AND COSTESSEY YOUTH CENTRE AND ACCOMODATING EXISTING HIRERS.

23/10: RESOLVED to approve the buildings working group already established to also become the hiring committee for the new Costessey Centre.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

24/10: Items raised were:-

- Mr Watt had informed all users of the Church Car park across the road that they do so at their own risk while the weather is bad.
- There are numerous pot holes that have appeared in and around the Parish including one outside the Dereham Road BP Garage.
- The wall at St Edmunds church that was replaced now has a large amount of ivy on it which will need removing by our grounds men.
- There are still problems in and around Costessey with double decker buses hitting over hanging trees.
- There have been no tickets put in bins to inform residents when bin collections will be.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

At this time 15 minutes were given for public participation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Items raised were:-

- There are a lot of pot holes appearing along Townhouse Road, there are also a lot of manholes that have become loose.