

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 in the Queens Hills School, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mrs L Glover Mrs D York Mr G Watt Mr J Denby
Mr A Bedford Mrs D Bates Mr R Piesse Mr D Toms Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk
Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk 6 public**

APOLOGIES

56/10: Apologies were accepted from Mrs V Bell, Mr T East, Mr A Todd, Mr S Watt, Mr R Smith and Mr B Mackie.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

57/10: Mr J Denby 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.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2010 & EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2010

58/10: Mrs D Bates was added to the list of attendees on 2nd February. Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2010 & EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2010

59/10: Min 32/10: RESOLVED to move one of the new heaters from the Youth Centre to the Owen Barnes Room and purchase temporary heating for the Youth Centre.

60/10: Min 36/10: Queens Hills. In answer to queries from residents of Queens Hills present the Clerk informed them that there had been a series of meetings and those taking part were hopeful progress had been made towards providing the infrastructure on the site. However, at the moment all these discussions were being treated confidentially until all had been firmly agreed so residents would not be given any promises which were not currently deliverable.

61/10: A resident reported there was no lighting at all in Cheena Court, St Simons and Solario Rd which was dangerous.

62/10: The resident also felt that traffic calming was required on Sir Alfred Munnings Way as – now the developer's humps had been removed – vehicles were driving very fast into the development.

63/10: It was asked if the Sainsburys bus could also go around Queens Hills for the benefit of the residents there.

64/10: Whilst discussing Queens Hills the Clerk reported having been contacted by SN Planning Dept. They had stated ‘things are progressing’ and they were “hoping to see action on the ground soon. Some of this action could involve the completion of the playing fields, and eventually the Community Centre. Is the Parish Council expecting to adopt and take responsibility for the playing fields? Obviously there would be a commuted sum for maintenance”. The Parish Council agreed it would want to take on responsibility in principle providing the commuted sum was realistic.

65/10: Min 40/10: Your Parish, Your Decision. The Clerk reported that unfortunately we had been unsuccessful in obtaining any funding from this source.

66/10: Min 52/10: Open Day meeting had gone extremely well with lots of people wanting to take part.

67/10: Min 54/10: The potholes in the One Stop Shop car park had been repaired.

Planning - applications, appeals & other planning matters

68/10: Planning applications for consideration:-

- ◆ **6780/1 – 50 West End** - Proposed single storey extension & internal alterations. Approve subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer and no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6782 – Lavenda, Folgate Lane** - Renewal of unimplemented permission NW07/07/0597 for the erection of one dwelling. Approve.
- ◆ **6783 – 2 Myrtle Av** – Single storey side extension. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6784 – Phase 5, Queens Hill, Poethlyn Drive** – Residential development of 142 dwellings & associated structures (Phase 5) 2-4 bedroomed dwellings. Council is concerned about parking areas at the rear of properties and the potential for crime and anti-social behaviour. The Crime Prevention Officer must be consulted. Also previous developments on Queens Hill have shown the roadways are too narrow and there is insufficient off-street parking. This has led to considerable on-street parking in turn leading to restricted access for service and emergency vehicles. This should be addressed in the plan.

69/10: Joint Core Strategy – Broadland, Norwich & South Norfolk meetings to discuss submission. Noted.

70/10: Consultation on Norfolk CC proposals for part night lighting scheme. RESOLVED that whilst the thinking behind this was appreciated it was felt that perhaps it should be done in a phased way to allow residents to acclimatise to it. Many people have had street lighting for a long time, some all their lives, and to be plunged into darkness even in the middle of the night may cause them anxiety. It was noted in Costessey much of the street lighting is provided through South Norfolk and will be unaffected by this. It was questioned whether the cost of the manufacture of the additional mechanism to allow this will be more than the savings it may generate.

Correspondence

71/10: Request to install a commemorative bench on Costessey Parish Cemetery. Approved.

72/10: Proposal to close Costessey High School and replace it with an Academy. Council asked why an injection of money into a school should automatically be expected to radically improve the schools performance. Whilst it was appreciated the school had managed to secure the services of what is generally acclaimed to be one of the best Heads in the country – which council welcomed - it felt that the fact she had been appointed would suggest the process was ‘done and dusted’ and the consultation was therefore pointless. Council asked whether there will continue to be local representation on the Governing Body.

73/10: Mr Dinneen, Mr Amis, Mrs York, Mr Bedford and The Clerk are to attend the Norfolk Association of Local Councils meeting of Larger Councils to be held at Aylsham on 9th March 2010.

74/10: The Clerk reported a meeting she had had with Michael Carpenter of Bidwells regarding the concerns Council had raised over the public consultation exercise and document relating to the proposed development on land off Townhouse Road.

Traffic & Highways Matters

75/10: Report on Joint Meeting with other Parishes re NDR. Noted. The answers to the questions raised were as follows:-

- a. Do you support the construction of a full NDR? Yes.
- b. Do you support the construction of a three-quarter NDR? No.
- c. Do you support the construction of a half NDR? No.
- d. What mitigation measures would you want to see in your Parish if a three-quarter NDR were to be built? A road to join the Southern Bypass to the NDR as no ‘mitigation measures’ will address volume!
- e. What mitigation measures would you want to see in your Parish if a half NDR were to be built? Council felt it needed to consider this and deferred it to the next meeting.

76/10: Council asked **whether South Norfolk is still monitoring the air quality in Costessey.**

Finance Matters

77/10: Accounts and budget reports for January 2010. Approved in the balance sum of £575,834.25.

Report on Costessey Centre

78/10: Suggestion to erect ‘The Costessey Centre’ on the building. So RESOLVED as per submitted design.

79/10: Council agreed in principle to the suggestion that there should be **a short length wall each side of the entrance pillars.**

Report on meeting at Queens Hill School re proposals for a Children’s’ Centre on the site.

80/10: A meeting was held at the school with representatives from a number of sectors. It is proposed to build a children’s centre at the front of the school site adjacent to the land where the shops are supposed to be sited. It will be separate from the school and will be built in sympathy with it. It is a very tight schedule to plan and construct the building if the grants which are available are to be secured. All present thought the facility was needed and would be an asset to the area. AGREED.

Councillors' Question Time

81/10: Items raised were:

- a. Number of **potholes** everywhere.
- b. **'Costessey' sign needing to be cleaned.**
- c. **30mph sign at Stafford Av** junction having been hit.
- d. The **dog bin at the bottom of Gurney Road** having been hit.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

After the conclusion of the meeting there were 15 minutes for **Public Participation**

Items raised were:-

- a. Members of the public being unable to hear some of the meeting.
- b. A resident overlooked by a window in Costessey Centre