

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 27th 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 B Mackie Mr R Piesse Mrs L Glover Mr J Denby
Mrs D Bates Mr R Smith Mr G Watt Mr A Bedford Mr A Todd
Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk 8 members of the public**

APOLOGIES

19/09: Apologies were accepted from Mr T East, Mrs V Bell, Miss M Doggett, Mr S Watt and Mr P Cockaday.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20/09: 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 SN Planning Meeting. Mr G Watt and Mr W Dinneen declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 6679 as they are members of the schools governing body. Mrs L Glover declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10(e) as she is a church warden.

ALISON McCABE, GRAHAM BLOOMFIELD FROM BIDWELLS AND SARAH TAYLOR FROM MOTT MCDONALD

21/09: Alison McCabe, Graham Bloomfield both from Bidwells, and Sarah Taylor from Mott McDonald gave Council a full update on the progress with plans they are proposing to submit on land off Townhouse Road. A number of Councillors expressed concern about the visibility at the access point and therefore REFUSED to support Bidwells suggestion that the 30mph zone, which ends at the bridge over the River Tud, should be extended beyond this entrance point. Councils reason for this was that they felt that if a 40mph was in effect at this point it would necessitate a much wider vision splay and a right hand turn lane from Townhouse Road which it felt would be much safer. Council also felt the plan should include a footbridge over the River Tud to allow pedestrians from the site to safely walk to the local shops, etc on Norwich Road.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2009

22/09: After two minor spelling corrections the minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2009

23/09: Min 5/09: **Anglian Water held an exhibition** in the Parish Rooms on 27th January 2009 to give residents information regarding the proposed new water pipeline which went well.

24/09: Min 15/09: Norfolk County Council Highways Department held an exhibition on 29th January in the Parish Rooms regarding the proposed additional **traffic management measures in Costessey**. The day was a success with an estimated 300 people attending through the day.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

25/09: RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications as follows:-

- **6678 – 23 HILL ROAD** – Extension to bungalow to square off side and front elevations and create a new entrance – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

- **6679 – ST AUGUSTINES ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 19 WEST END –** Extension to school building to form improved access lobby and office area: new integrated step/ramp access: relocation of existing vehicular access and service road: provision of additional footway – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6680 – 7 SIDNEY ROAD –** Loft conversion and dormer extension to rear. Porch and living room extension to front. Brick weave driveway – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.
- **6681 – ANTI-WASTE LTD, COSTESSEY WASTE TRANSFER STATION, LONGWATER BUSINESS PARK –** Variations of conditions 3 & 7 of Planning Permission C/7/1998/7015 to alter the site layout to allow the external storage of two lockable containers for the storage of cement bonded asbestos, together with the storage of can, tyres and glass in Bays 1-7 of the outbuilding (as already permitted) – Approved subject to all health and safety regulations being adhered to.

26/09: The Parish Council is to receive land to **extend Costessey Parish Cemetery on Longwater Lane** through planning gain. Welcomed.

27/09: Council RESOLVED to hold a **blissing ceremony** for the extension to Longwater Lane Cemetery.

28/09: RESOLVED to hold the **Parish Council Open Day on 25th April 2009** at the Parish Rooms.

CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)

29/09: **Nominate a Neighbour Scheme** has been launched by South Norfolk Council. Noted.

30/09: **Norfolk Police budget proposals for 2009/10** meeting - 29th Jan 2009 at Wymondham. Noted.

31/09: **SNC Housing Forum** is to be held on 12th Feb 2009 at the Long Stratton offices. Noted.

32/09: **Norfolk Flooding** – a consultation with Norfolk County Council, District Councils, Environmental Organisations and those who live and work in the area has been organised by Churches Together on the Broads and will be held on 7th Feb 2009 at Acle Methodist Church from 9.30-4.30pm.

33/09: **NorfolkALC** is holding its next **meeting for larger councils** on 10th Feb. 2009 in Cromer. Noted.

34/09: RESOLVED to **invite the Wensum Valley Project** to talk to the Parish Council about current projects within the area.

35/09: **Norfolk County Council ‘Assistive Technology Service’**. Noted

36/09: RESOLVED to ask the **Environmental Crime Team at SNC who are due to patrol** in Costessey in the near future, to inform local dog walkers of their obligations and the penalties if the by-laws are not adhered to.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

37/09: A **multi operator bus ticketing system** is to be introduced in the **Norwich and Kings Lynn** areas from 1st June 2009.

FINANCE AND STAFFING MATTERS

38/09: RESOLVED to approve **accounts for December 2008** in the balance sum of £883.82.

39/09: RESOLVED to **defer the quote for rabbit fencing at Costessey Parish Cemetery** until the new area in the cemetery has been set out.

40/09: Completion of **external audit for the accounts for 2007/8**. The Auditors comments were noted .

41/09: RESOLVED to approve the quote for **the two yearly restoration works at Longwater Lane Recreation Ground**. The works will include supplying and spreading 200 tons of top dressing, verti-draining and over-seeding to a total of £3580.00 plus VAT.

42/09: RESOLVED to approve the quote for works to **repairs to St Edmunds Churchyard Wall and a monument**. The total cost is £1373.00 plus VAT.

43/09: RESOLVED to **purchase 4 paintings of Costessey scenes** for a total of £50.00.

44/09: RESOLVED to **approve the quote from J R Vincent-Bunn for verge cutting in Costessey for 2009**.

45/09: RESOLVED to **appoint Mrs Summerson as keyholder for the Breckland Road community buildings** at £20 per week.

46/09: **Parish Council members allowances – new rates**. Noted

COSTESSEY CENTRE

47/09: After discussion RESOLVED to **approve the application for a loan sanction to borrow £1m from the Public Works Loan Board to be used towards the costs of building the Costessey Centre on Longwater Lane**. Council asked that the loan be drawn down in instalments as required through the build if possible.

COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

48/09: Items raised were:-

- Would it be possible for an **outside light** to be used to enable hirers to clearly see the locks when entering or leaving the **Breckland facilities** at night?
- **The works on the Parish Rooms roof are nearly complete.**
- The **telephone box at the junction of Grove Av and Gurney Rd** has now been vandalised several times.
- There are **still parking issues outside St Augustine's School**. The indiscriminate parking is causing problems to nearby residents.
- There is a **large pot hole on East Hills Road**.
- When are the **trees due to be planted on the Oval Road Roundabout?**

The meeting closed at 10.00pm after which Council took PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Items raised were:-

- There is an **old oak tree outside the Crown Public House** which is now causing problems to many pedestrians due to its heavy over hanging branches.
- **The there fresh cut large logs outside the entrance to the Roundwell Travellers Site.**
- When is the **re-planting of hedges due to be started after the splay was made bigger along Ringland Lane?**