

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th September 2009 in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – In the Chair

Mr J Amis Mr J Denby Mrs D Bates Mr R Piesse Mr A Todd
Mr S Watt Mr G Watt Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES

351/09: Apologies were accepted from Mr Bedford, Mrs V Bell, Mr T East, Mrs L Glover, Mr B Mackie and Mr R Smith.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

352/09: Mr G Watt, and Mr J Denby declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or may be, a member 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.

353/09: It was noted there are now two vacant seats on the Parish Council: Miss M Doggett has resigned and Mr P Cockaday vacates by reason of absence. The Clerk has notified South Norfolk Council and it is expected the vacancies will be advertised this week.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009

353/09: RESOLVED the minutes be approved. They were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009

354/09: Min 339/09: Mr Amis reported having attended the Wensum Valley Restoration Strategy public consultation. He said it was admitted the river was dredged too deep in 1953 which had caused long term damage. The plan was to improve the flow of water and encourage marginal vegetation.

PLANNING - APPLICATIONS, APPEALS & OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

355/09: RESOLVED to comment on planning applications for consideration as follows:-

6637 – Horizon Works, 397-399 Dereham Rd – Change of use to taxi operations office with 3 parking spaces.

6738 – 1b Highlow Rd – Roof conversion (amended plan). Approve subject to no neighbour objection.

6739 – 135 Norwich Rd – Replacement of velux windows (app 2007/2542H) with 2 dormer windows & 1 velux window. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.

6740 - 54 Gurney Rd – Retrospective application for the erection of a garden store. Approve subject to no neighbour objection and no commercial activity.

6741 – 83 Sunny Grove – Replacement garage. Approve subject to no neighbour objection and no commercial activity.

6742 – Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association Showground – Permission to run car boot sales for 40 weeks of the calendar year. Approve.

6743 – 21 Sir Alfred Munnings Way – Retrospective application for erection of 1.8m high close boarded fence. Approve.

6744 – 44 Dolphin Rd – Proposed conservatory to the rear. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.

356/09: SN consultation on **Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD)** Council noted in essence the aspirations and targets remain the same as in previous consultation and there are no sites identified in Costessey as it is considered the ‘permitted sites at Eaton and Bawburgh and the site adjacent to the Harford Parish & Ride meet the identified needs in the A47 corridor’. RESOLVED to support the objectives in the document but not to comment on the identified locations.

357/09: Short list of bidders for **proposed PFI Waste Treatment Facility in Norfolk**. Noted. Concern was expressed that incineration of waste is still an option.

358/09: Nfk CC consultation **Norfolk Minerals Site Allocations DPD & Norfolk Waste Site Allocations DPD** – frequently raised questions. Noted.

359/09: River Wensum Restoration Strategy – Wensum Valley Trust reply. Noted.

360/09: EERA- East of England Plan - 2031 Scenarios for Housing & Economic Growth. Noted. Some Councillors wondered where the people were coming from to occupy all these new properties.

CORRESPONDENCE

361/09: The post and rail fence in Greenhills Wood on the western boundary with Hinshalwood Way is in poor repair. It was erected by the Company who completed the development, after the original Contractor went into liquidation, in order to define the boundary line. The Clerk had been unable to find any information to confirm whether or not this fence had been given to the Parish Council as some of the residents thought it had. RESOLVED to write to all the residents on this boundary pointing out the fence is in poor repair and may have health and safety implications and offering to remove it. It was noted that a public footpath had existed for many years along the boundary of the wood without a fence in place and it was therefore RESOLVED the Parish Council should not erect another fence.

362/09: New Church at Queens Hills. Noted.

363/09: Request to have some Geocache sites on Parish property. The information on this was noted and it was RESOLVED there would be no objection to small items being hidden on Parish Council property for this purpose.

364/09: Attendance at forthcoming **Meetings, Seminars, Courses, etc** was agreed as follows:-

- i) **NHS AGM & Health Fair** – 30/9/09 – 12noon to 2pm – Norwich City Football Club. No-one.
- ii) **Norfolk ALC Café Clusters** – Goodies Farm Shop, Pulham Market – 1/10/09 – 2-4pm. No-one.
- iii) **Costessey Youth Posse AGM** – Parish Rooms – 5/10/09 – 7pm. Mr Dinneen, Mr Piesse, Mrs Bell
- iv) **Open Day at Ketteringham & Watton Highways Depots** – 6/10/09 – 1-3pm. Mr Amis, Mr

Dinneen, Mr Bedford.

v) **Cemetery Management** – Dunston Hall 9.30am-4pm - £95 per delegate. Either the Clerk or the Clerks Assistant.

vi) **Norfolk Waste Partnership Conference & AGM 2009** – John Innes Centre – 9.30pm to 4.20pm. Mr Amis, Mr Bedford, Mr Dinneen, The Clerk.

365/09: Request for **Rowan Court to be designated a ‘No Cold Calling’ area.** RESOLVED to support.

Traffic & Highways Matters

366/09: Replies regarding **possible names for new roads.** RESOLVED to suggest roads in Costessey be named after Cecil Sparks and Dr Torrens.

367/09: Costessey’s bus needs. Mr Piesse felt that the Council should assess what needs there are for additional bus services in Costessey so they can be lobbied for specifically. In order to make this assessment it was necessary to ascertain what bus and transport services are available here. The Clerk was asked to try and ascertain this information and, when this is available, bring the matter back to Council.

368/09: Petition to Nfk CC from Cleves Way residents requesting the introduction of parking restrictions in Cleves Way. Noted. Norfolk County Council had responded by saying it would consider the request next year but would not include it in the current traffic calming scheme which is being progressed. Some concern was expressed about where visitors to residents in Cleaves Way would park if there was no room on the driveways and if these parking restrictions were to be introduced.

Police Matters

369/09: Results of ‘Face to Face’ survey – July 2009 results. Noted.

Finance Matters

370/09: Quotes for call-out attendance for Burglar Alarm at Longwater Lane. RESOLVED to accept the quotation of Dardan.

371/09: RESOLVED to give donations under Sec 137, LGA 1974 as follows:-

i) **Children with Leukaemia -£50**

ii) **Breast Cancer Care** - (The Clerk declared an interest in this matter) - £50

372/09: RESOLVED to approve **accounts for July and August** in the balance sums of £819,552.86p and £769,855.88p respectively.

Set Dates for Meetings

i) **With Ringland, Drayton and Taverham PC to discuss Northern Distributor Route Impact.** All Councils have agreed to attend a preliminary meeting. RESOLVED the Clerk should organise avoiding the first Monday, Tuesday & Thursday of each month and all Wednesdays.

ii) **Budgets, Finance & Staffing Committee** – 6th October 2009 at 10am in the Parish Rooms

Update on the Costessey Centre Project

373/09: The report submitted by Mr Rymarz was noted and points put forward accepted. Council agreed it would be necessary to set up a working group to organise the Opening Gala Day proposed for 31st May 2010. Julie Mears, organiser of Costessey Posse, and the Old Costessey WI had already offered to be part of this group. Mr Dinneen and Mr Piesse also volunteered. The clerk was asked to bring this matter to the attention of the next Parish Council meeting.

374/09: Mr S Watt asked if the Contractors could consider closing the site gates more often to prevent members of the public inadvertently driving or walking onto the site.

375/09: The Clerk was asked if temporary parking bays could be painted on the tennis courts to maximise the potential parking.

Annual Parish Assembly minutes

376/09: Council agreed the minutes were an accurate record of what took place.

Councillors' Question Time

377/09: Items raised were:-

- a. Concern about the general **appearance of the junction of Dereham Road and Norwich Road** bearing in mind this is one of the 'gateways' into Costessey and asking whether this Council could write to the Cherry Tree and the BP Garage asking if they could perhaps improve the look of their properties.
- b. **Hinshalwood Way road sign has lost some of its letters.**
- c. The **queues of traffic on Norwich Road at peak times** and the possible effects of the fumes from vehicles on the air quality.
- d. **Syderston winning an award for its Village Hall.**
- e. Mr Piesse **appealing for mens' neck ties** as the WI are proposing to make a Costessey Knot from them entitled 'The Ties That Bind' for exhibit in the new Costessey Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.