

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 27th April 2010 in the Costessey Centre, Longwater Lane, Costessey at which the following were present:-

Mr W Dinneen – Chairman

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mr G Watt Mr J Denby Mr A Bedford Mrs D Bates
Mr R Piesse Mr R Smith Mrs L Glover Mr A Todd Mr R Smith Mr B Mackie
Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk 4 members of the public**

APOLOGIES

156/10: Apologies were accepted from Mrs V Bell, Mr D Toms, Mr T East, Mrs D York and Mr S Watt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

157/10: 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 6TH APRIL 2010

158/10: The minutes were approved and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2010

159/10: Min 148/10: **Auction of machinery** Mr Amis reported a grass cutting machine had been purchased but most of the equipment he and the Groundsman would have liked to purchase was sold beyond their budget.

160/10: Min 152/10: **Names for rooms in Costessey Centre** RESOLVED this should be deferred to the next meeting.

PLANNING - APPLICATIONS, APPEALS & OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

161/10: It was RESOLVED to respond to planning applications for consideration as follows:-

- ◆ **6797 – 30 Olive Road** – flat roof extension to rear. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6798 – Forge Cottage, Townhouse Rd** – Outbuilding conversion & linked extension. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6799 – 12 Longdell Hills** – Single storey rear extension & alterations. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6800 – 26 Grove Av** – Rear single storey bungalow extension. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6801 – Youth & Community Centre, Breckland Rd** – Outline planning permission with all matters reserved, demolition of Costessey Youth & Community Centre, change of use of site to residential use & construction of 4 houses with attached garages, parking spaces & individual front & rear gardens. Council felt it was inappropriate to comment as it was the applicant but it commended the plan to the planning committee.
- ◆ **6802/3 – 50 West End** - Single storey extension & internal alterations. Approve subject to no neighbour objection and consideration of the comments of the Conservation Officer.

- ◆ **6084 – 4 Hilltop Drive** – Proposed replacement of conservatory with new extension to kitchen/utility room, proposed enlarged dormer to master bedroom & replacement of some windows. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6085 – 4 Ringland Lane** – Proposed conservatory. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6806 – 92 Longwater Lane** – Erection of single storey conservatory to rear. Approve subject to no neighbour objection.
- ◆ **6807 – 71 The Street** – First floor extension with dormers, front extension & proposed balconies & conservatory. Approve subject to no neighbour objection and consideration of the views of the Conservation Officer.
- ◆ **6808 – 21 West End** – As this application had only just been received it was deferred to next meeting

162/10: Examination in the Joint Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich & South Norfolk. Noted.

163/10: Offer by Kettle Foods to address Council about a proposed planning application to extend their warehouse. RESOLVED to ask if Council could visit the site and look at the proposals in situ.

164/10: Work to begin on extending Sainsburys. Noted. RESOLVED to ask if they would consider the one way system as previously recommended by this Council.

CORRESPONDENCE (Verbal & written)

165/10: Proposed closure of Costessey High School. It was noted this was part of the process to convert this school to an academy. It was reported there was already considerable investment in the academy from private sources.

166/10: Age Concern sponsored Skydive to raise money for Grays Fair Community Support Centre. As this was for a local facility it was RESOLVED to donate £50.

167/10: Report on Parish allotments. Noted. It was noted the only positive response to the possibility of acquiring further land for allotments had been from Mr Green. RESOLVED the Clerk should discuss this matter further with Mr Green.

168/10: Candidates for Parish Member on SN Standards & Ethics Committee. RESOLVED to support Philip Nightingale.

169/10: SN to end septic tank emptying service. Noted.

170/10: Response re request to acquire land. After discussion it was RESOLVED on a vote of 11 for and 1 against to inform South Norfolk Council that this Council only wants to purchase the woodland next to the Parish Cemetery.

TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

171/10: Temporary road closure of Dereham Rd by the Norfolk Showground on May 1st between 9am & 12 noon to allow the Race for Life to take place. Noted.

172/10: Road works at Costessey Medical Centre & Housing Development. Noted. The Clerk was asked to ensure there are pathways planned which lead straight from the bus lay bys into the development and surgery.

173/10: Closure of the slip roads from A47 for 3 nights 10th to 12th July 2010. Noted.

POLICE MATTERS

174/10: Change to Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Noted.

175/10: It was reported the **Police had called at several homes in Gunton Lane** in the last few days to enquire whether there have been any break-ins recently.

FINANCE MATTERS

176/10: Quote for supply & install curtains & blinds at Costessey Centre. RESOLVED to accept the quote of Cooks Blinds & Shutters dated 20th April 2010.

177/10: Quote from District Valuer to value the Parish Rooms & Youth Centre. RESOLVED as Council has received two valuations from auctioneering companies the District Valuer should not be asked to provide a valuation.

178/10: Valuation of Parish Rooms & Youth Centre by the Auction House. Noted.

179/10: Annual sub. to **Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management** - £85. RESOLVED to subscribe.

180/10: Empty Promotions offer to perform Godspell at Costessey Centre. Although Council felt this might be a good way of promoting Costessey Centre it RESOLVED to defer the matter for 2 months.

181/10: Grant request – **RNIB for Talking Books.** RESOLVED to grant £10.

COSTESSEY CENTRE

182/10: Council noted the report of **Richard Rymarz** and expressed its gratitude to him for all his hard work in working the project through.

183/10: RESOLVED to investigate having **opaque film put on the windows which overlook neighbouring properties.**

184/10: Mr East suggested Council nominate for the **Design Award competition held by South Norfolk each year.**

STAFFING

185/10: Clerks Retirement Update – Two day pre-retirement course - £185 RESOLVED to send the Clerk on a 2 day retirement course.

186/10: Temporary part-time Grounds Asst for the Summer – post has been filled by Alyson Clarke.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

187/10: Items raised were:-

- a. **Waste bins standing on the footway all week** outside the Hairdressers on Middleton's Crescent and near Beechcroft.

- b. Hedges growing into the road in The Street.**
- c. The authorities are taking action over **the heap of rubbish close to the River Tud** off Hall Drive.
- d. Members impressed by the acoustics in the Meeting Room.**
- e. SNAP targeting anti-social behaviour in the Dereham Road, Folwell Road area.**
- f. Two illegal encampments of travellers on Queens Hills** at present.
- g. The speed cushions in West End** need repair.
- h. The graffiti on Longwater Lane Recreation Ground** has not yet been removed.
- i. Eventually there is planned to be **a traffic calming table across the entrance to Longwater Lane Recreation Ground.**
- j. The roadside verges have been cut** for the first time this year.
- k. A number of potholes** still remain around the Parish.

188/10: The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

After the conclusion of the meeting there was **Public Participation**

Items raised were:

- a. A broken manhole outside the doctor's surgery** which is taking a long time to be repaired.
- b. The notice board at St Augustine's School** is too far from the pavement so that its contents cannot be read easily.

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm