

New Building for Longwater Lane

The Plan

In the last issue it was reported that the planning application for the new building had been submitted. It was hoped the decision on it would be reached within 8 weeks. However, South Norfolk have asked for much more detail on this outline plan in order to assure themselves that the proposals are as 'neighbour friendly' as they can be and also that no valuable trees will be lost or damaged in the course of construction. As the questions raised required an expert survey and advice the plan was withdrawn whilst the information was gathered and will be submitted once again shortly. It is hoped the plan will be considered by South Norfolk Planning Committee in November.

The Name

The Parish Council received a number of suggestions for a name for the project following the last issue of *The Contact*. The Parish Council considered all those submitted and decided to call the project 'Costessey Centre'. It was felt this encompassed all that the Parish Council wishes this building to be - ie. for Costessey as a whole and to provide the Parish with a focal point—a centre. Whilst the Parish Council has decided on this name for the project they have not ruled out giving the building a different name once it is completed.

The Parish Council wishes those who submitted other names that these suggestions will be retained and considered as names for individual rooms within the building. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who took the time to send in their suggestions.

The Small Children's Play Area

When Costessey Centre is built the small children's play area will have to be moved. The Parish Council is asking residents whether they would like to see it re-sited near the existing older children's play area or adjacent to the new building. Please let the Parish Office know your views.

Managing Director of First Bus to attend Parish Council Meeting

The Managing Director of First Bus, Peter Iddon, has agreed to attend the Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th November 2007 at 7pm in the Owen Barnes Room, Breckland Road, Costessey to discuss the bus services in Costessey. Members of the public are most welcome to attend and take part in the discussions.

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New Youth Group in Costessey

Young people in Costessey are setting up a group called Costessey Youth Posse (CYP) which plans to meet on Monday evenings in the Parish Rooms, Townhouse Road, Costessey. The group will be open to people aged between 11 and 16 living in the Costessey area. It is interested in arts and crafts as well as sport and leisure activities and aims to get involved in voluntary work in the community. Other family members will be invited to take part in activities when possible.

On 29th August the Costessey Youth Posse went canoeing along the River Wensum after which friends and family joined in for a fundraising barbeque. Over 60 people came along and raised more than £200.

If you would like to join Costessey Youth Posse or volunteer to help in any way, or if you have any suggestions for community work that the group could do, please get in touch with either Julie Mears on 749717 or Carole Morgan on 747465.

New Bus Service Links Costessey with Wymondham

On Monday 3rd September, Konectbus introduced a new, off-peak bus service to Wymondham. The service 9 leaves Sainsburys, at the Longwater Retail Park, (opposite Pizza Hut) at 9.55, 11.55, 13.55 and 15.55. It calls at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Little Melton and Hethersett en-route. The return service leaves Wymondham at 9.10, 11.10, 13.10 and 15.10. For a timetable either ring Konectbus on 01362 851210, download from www.konectbus.co.uk, pick one up at Norwich Bus Station or ask the driver on the 9 service.

Construction of the **new school on the Queens Hills Development** is to begin shortly.

The detailed **Statement of Accounts for the 2006/7 financial year is complete** and was approved. Any member of the public wishing to view the accounts can do so by phoning the Parish Office (01603 742958) to make an appointment. The accounts have been passed to the District Auditor for signing off.

Following recent floods the Parish Council has expressed its concern about the state of local rivers. It

From the Minutes

is concerned the vegetation which growing on the river-banks and in the water and the silt on the river bed may be affecting the amount of water it can hold and its flow.

Taverham Lane is to have a 40mph speed limit imposed on it.

The **Parish Council is to investigate** the possibility of assuming responsibility for the **grass verge cutting** in Costessey currently undertaken by Norfolk County Council.

The Parish Council continues to fight against the **installation of a mobile telephone mast** in front of Freshstore. The planning application was refused but the applicant has now appealed against the decision.

The Parish Council has expressed its **support for the so-called Route 6 option for the proposed road link between the A1067 and A47.**

A further **Community Police Support Officer** has been appointed to the Costessey area. Costessey now has 2 CPSO's. A dedicated Police Constable for Costessey is promised shortly.

**New
dedicated
Police
Officers for
Costessey**

Community Archive Launch

Residents of all ages are being asked to help to create a picture of Norfolk by contributing to the county's biggest ever community archive. The £260,000 ARCH (Archiving Rural Community History) project was launched on 5th September and over the coming months teams of volunteers are being set up in local libraries to help to record people's memories and impressions of where they live.

The material collected will be collated on a website — www.remebernorfolk.org — where visitors from all over the world will be able to add their photographs, written recollections, film clips and audio accounts. In addition, communities will be encouraged to extend the archive through arts and crafts related projects.

There will be a total of 13 local groups set up—with eight up and running by the end of the year—King's Lynn, Hunstanton, Wymondham, Attleborough, Diss North Walsham, Stalham and at The Bridewell in Norwich. Next year Swaffham, Holt Harleston, Dereham and Watton will be added. Memory jogging activities are planned over the coming months which will include reminiscence sessions involving school children and older people.

Most of the funding—£230,000—has come from the Heritage Lottery Fund, with additional funding from Norfolk County Council and the government Renaissance fund.

Felling of Pines in Greenhills Wood

Many years ago, when Greenhills Wood was owned by the Forestry Commission, they planted the only flat area in the wood on top of the hill alternately with two rows of pines and one row of broadleaf. The Parish Council has its woodlands inspected annually and this year the Arboricultural Consultant has this year advised that the pines have reached their maturity and should be 'harvested'. The Parish Council has wanted to see the wood returned to its original and natural state for some years now and feels this is the time. The scheme is also supported by the Costessey Tree Warden and the Forestry and Landscape Officer at South Norfolk.

The felling will be extensive as there may be as many as 100 pines to be felled. However, initially no replanting is planned as there are some broadleaves coming through and these will be given a chance to grow and strengthen.

It is hoped grant aid can be secured to help with the costs and that the trees themselves will have some marketable value.

Norwich Unitary Status Bid

The two unitary status bids made by Norwich City Council, one on their existing boundaries and one on extended boundaries which was referred to as Greater Norwich (and would have encompassed Costessey) have both been rejected by the Government. However, the rejection was worded in such a way as to suggest they find this more acceptable in the future. The Par-

Waste Recovery Facility for Costessey

NEWS have recently submitted the planning application for a Mechanical Biological Treatment and Anaerobic Digestion Plant for the treatment and recycling of 150,000 tons of waste. Norfolk County Council originally favoured a Waste Incinerator which was to be sited in Costessey but, reportedly, because of problems accommodating the facility on the identified site and public pressure, changed their preference to the above system. The plan submitted is for the design which was favoured by the majority of the public who attended a number of public consultations on the project. The Parish Council has expressed support for this process and for the plan.

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Costessey Parish Council is here to serve YOU

The Parish Council owns and manages the Parish Rooms, Breckland Hall, the Owen Barnes Room, the Youth Centre, the Pavilion on Longwater Lane, Breckland Recreation Ground, Longwater Recreation Ground, Gunton Lane Recreation Ground, Bunkers Hill Woodland, Greenhills Wood, the Parish Cemetery and the Roundwell Monument. It shares the High School flood-lit hard-surface play area which offers facilities for 5-x-side football, tennis, & netball; maintains St Edmunds Churchyard and various other smaller areas such as the green on which the Village signs stands and it manages the allotments. It is also the Trustee of the Old Cricket Ground.

In addition it considers every planning application submitted in Costessey; is consulted on a huge range of local and national issues; lobbies and liaises; and much, much more.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled for:
October 16th
November 6th & 27th*
December 18th

All meetings begin at 7pm. All are held in the Parish Rooms except those marked * which are held in the Owen Barnes Room at Breckland Hall.

The agendas for these and any other meetings arranged will be advertised on the Parish noticeboards a few days before the meeting takes place.

Why not come to a meeting—you might find it interesting!

Parish Office Opening Hours

Except for times of unavoidable absence (eg outside meetings, annual leave, sickness) the Parish Office is open:

Monday 1.30pm to 4.00pm Tuesday 9.30am to 4.00pm
Wednesday Closed all day Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm
Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

The Parish Clerk is available at other times. Please ring the Parish Office on Norwich 742958 to make an appointment.

COUNCILLORS FOR COSTESSEY

John Amis	96 Olive Road Costessey NR5 0AW	746665	Parish Council Vice-Chairman
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Simon Watt	79 Haverscroft Close, Taverham, NR8 6LT	865555	

Parish Clerk—Mrs Rachel Jackson

Clerk's Assistants—Amy Starkings & Phil Leach

FOR YOUR COMMENTS

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