

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 in the Owen Barnes Room, Breckland Road, Costessey at which the following were present:-**

**Mr W Dinneen – Chairman**

**Mr J Amis – Vice Chairman Mrs V Bell Mr A Todd Mr A Bedford Mr T East  
Mr J Denby Mrs D Bates Mrs L Glover Miss M Doggett Mrs R Jackson – Parish Clerk  
Miss A Starkings – Assistant Clerk PC Barker 7 Members of the public  
Mr Mark Kelly of Cemex & Mr Stephen Woods of Alliance Planning**

**APOLOGIES**

**158/08:** RESOLVED to accept apologies from Mr R Piesse, Mr P Cockaday, Mr B Mackie, Mr G BWatt, Mr R Smith and Mr S Watt.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**159/08:** Mr Denby, Mrs Bell and Mr East declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning applications as they are, or maybe, 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. Mrs Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application number 6596.

**MARK KELLY, ALLIANCE PLANNING TO SPEAK ABOUT THE PROPOSED SAND AND GRAVEL ABSTRACTION WORKS IN EASTON**

**160/08:** The current quarry which is sited off the Longwater Employment Area, to the west and north of The Range, has approximately 1½ years left. The new site will be to the north of the existing and will take approximately 7 to 8 years to work. A new access track will have to be cut through a band of trees to get to it. A route has been identified which requires the minimum number of trees to be felled (around 35) and those which will have to be felled are not in particularly good health and/or of a significant quality. When the site has been worked and restored 37,000 trees will be planted.

**161/08:** Vehicles will still move to and from the site via the existing access and route and it is not anticipated there will be any more vehicles than currently access the existing site. Dumper trucks will be used rather than the conveyor system and all works will be sited as far away from the proposed new housing on Queens Hills as possible to eliminate noise or dust from the site. Bowsers in dry weather to wet the access tracks and works to stop dust from rising.

**162/08:** Both the existing and the new sites are actually in Easton but are directly adjacent to the Costessey boundary and accessed through Costessey.

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2008**

**163/08:** It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true record and they were duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2008**

**164/08:** Minute 136/08: Retailers in Costessey will still need to be contacted regarding the ‘no to plastic bags’ issue. South Norfolk District Council now awards a certificate and places a commendation on their website to any retailer already participating in this scheme. The Chairman of

South Norfolk Council has already presented a certificate to the gift shop in Gurney Road, the first of its kind, which is a real credit to the Parish.

**165/08:** Minute 133/08: RESOLVED to contact NELM again to ask who can use the **NELM community bus services**.

**166/08:** Minute 138/08: Noted the reply from South Norfolk Council regarding 'The Street' being designated a '**quiet lane**'. Unfortunately the volume of traffic using The Street is such that it is not within the criteria for 'Quiet Lane' designation.

**167/08:** Minute 144/08: The **Safer Neighbourhood meeting** is due to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Costessey High School and will discuss traffic and parking issues amongst other things.

**168/08:** Minute 148/08: The **bollards on the corner of Richmond Road and Dereham Road** have now been erected.

**169/08:** Minute 151/08: Recent works to the **verge and field on Townhouse Road** opposite Eastwood Lodge have left a lot of material, some of which appears to be clay. RESOLVED to bring this to the attention of the Highways Dept.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**170/08:** RESOLVED to comment on the planning applications for consideration as follows:-

❖ **6586 – LAND ADJACENT TO LAVENDA, FOLGATE LANE** – Renewal of outline for single storey dwelling with garage – Approve.

❖ **6587 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST SITE, TAVERHAM LANE** – Installation of one 30 metre high telecommunication lattice complete with three 26/36 antennas, two transmission dishes, two radio equipment cabinets and ancillary development – Approve. (Further RESOLVED to write to T-Mobile re-iterating that this mast is supported in the hopes that there will no longer be a requirement for one on Norwich Road.

❖ **6588 – THE HARTE, TOWNHOUSE ROAD** – Change of use of part of function room to a takeaway – If permission is granted it should be conditional on frequent litter picking in the surrounding area and the allocation of dedicated parking spaces for the takeaway facility.

❖ **6589 – BY THE MILL, THE STREET** – Extension of existing double garage to provide additional 2 spaces – Approve.

❖ **6590 – 101 GROVE AVENUE** – Erection of double garage – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

❖ **6591 – 8 THE STREET** – Side extension and internal alterations – Approve subject to no neighbour objections and providing that there is one car parking space per bedroom.

❖ **6592 – 7 OLIVE ROAD** – Rear flat roof single storey extension – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

❖ **6593 – 9 MARGARET ROAD** – Loft conversion – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

❖ **6594 – 85 GURNEY ROAD** – Replacement dwelling – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

❖ **6595 – 21 ASHTREE ROAD** – Continuation of rear dormer at 1<sup>st</sup> floor to provide shower room – Approve subject to no neighbour objection.

❖ **6596 – ALDREDS YARD, THE LOKE, LONGWATER LANE** – Retention of overnight parking for 2 lorries (but not together with) the use of the land for fencing panels

manufacture as previously approved – Refuse. The highway access and unmade lane are unsuitable for heavy goods vehicle and would create a nuisance to neighbours with noise and dust.

❖ **6597 – RED LION HOUSE, 64 WEST END** – Retention of satellite dish to rear chimney – Approve subject to the approval of the conservation officer.

❖ **6598 – 189 WEST END** – Extension to garage – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

❖ **6599 – 13 OVAL AVENUE** – Front and rear extension – Approve subject to no neighbour objections and providing that there is sufficient off road parking.

❖ **6600 – THE SHOWGROUND, DEREHAM ROAD** – Erection of new branding signs – 4 fascias and 2 totems – Approve.

❖ **6601 – COSTESSEY TRANSFER STATION, LONGWATER EMPLOYEE AREA** – Variation of condition to allow Saturday pm operation before and after each bank holiday – Approve.

❖ **6602 – QUEENS HILLS PHASE 2, LAND TO THE NORTH OF THE RIVER TUDD** – Residential development for creation of 140 two, three and four bed roomed houses, plus associated garages, drives, car parking, roads and footpaths – Refuse. Phase 2 is not yet allocated within the Local Plan/LDF. Assessment of infrastructure and community needs to be undertaken before any Phase 2 sites are approved.

❖ **6603 – SW QUADRANT OFF FAIRWAY, NORTH OF RIVER TUDD** – Development of 38 dwellings, garaging and associated works – Refuse. Phase 2 is not yet allocated within the Local Plan/LDF. Assessment of infrastructure and community needs to be undertaken before any Phase 2 sites are approved.

❖ **6604 – MCDONALDS, WILLIAM FROST WAY** – Installation of customer ordering display and new signage – Approve.

❖ **6605 – MCDONALDS, WILLIAM FROST WAY** – Refurbishment of restaurant – Approve.

## **PLANNING APPEALS**

### **171/08:**

1. **NUMBER TEN GROUP LTD, 10 BARNARD ROAD** – Outline application for the erection of hotel and bowling alley (Norwich City Application) – Hearing date and time noted.
2. **6479 - NORTH OF RIVER TUD, SE QUARTER OFF WOODPECKER WAY** – Residential development of 194 dwellings and associated structures – – Hearing date and time noted.
3. **6484 – NORTH WEST QUADRANT OFF, FAIRWAY, NORTH OF THE RIVER TUD** – Development of 187 dwellings, garaging and associated works – Re-iterate previous comments.
4. **6554 – TANDARRA, TOWNHOUSE ROAD** – Sub-division of cartilage to provide detached dwelling – Continue to recommend refusal on grounds as previously stated.

## **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

**172/08: Planting at the Oval Rd Roundabout** Mr Traverse, Costessey Tree Warden, said he felt the plans put forward so far might be improved on. He would prefer larger trees as he felt they would be less susceptible to vandalism. He thought perhaps the local schools might be approached to see if they would be interested in helping with the planting. Council RESOLVED to initially canvas the local residents to see if they had any views on the planting itself and also whether they had any suggestions for what might be considered.

**173/08: South Norfolk Housing Delivery Plan 2008-2011.** Noted.

**174/08:** RESOLVED the **street lighting for the development at Queens Hills** Costessey is required and should be the responsibility of the County Council.

**175/08:** RESOLVED not to comment on the **proposed upgrade of the 02 Cell Site 10909, Wagon and Horses Public House, Dereham Road,** Costessey.

**176/08:** The **reply regarding the proposed Instrument Approach procedures at Norwich Airport.** Noted.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)**

**177/08: David Moore** has been elected to SN Standards Committee. Noted.

**178/08:** RESOLVED to approve an **application for a Cremation Plaque in the burial area of Costessey Parish Cemetery.**

**179/08:** The **SNC Car Park Review.** No comment.

**180/08:** The **Sustainable Community Strategy for South Norfolk 2008-2018.** Noted.

**181/08:** The **SLCC Training Day** will be held in Cringleford on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

#### **BOUNDARY REVIEW**

**182/08:** RESOLVED to await further information before commenting.

#### **DOG FOULING ON RECREATION GROUNDS IN COSTESSEY**

**183/08:** It was reported that in the next few days SN Cabinet is to consider a proposal making it an offence to allow a dog to foul in any publicly accessible place areas throughout the District a finable offence. RESOLVED to defer any further consideration of this issue until SN Cabinets decision is known.

#### **COSTESSEY LANDFILL LIAISON GROUP MEETING – 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008**

**184/08:** The notes from this meeting will be published shortly. Councillors have been invited to tour the site on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 6pm.

#### **TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**185/08:** Reply re request for **Changes in Times of Bus Lane Operation on the Dereham Road** for information.

#### **POLICE MATTERS**

**186/08:** PC Barker reported on recent crimes in the area. Although there had been a reduction in incidents theft from motor vehicles is still causing problems. A number of people have now been arrested and are currently going through the Court process but the Police are still urging residents to be vigilant and lock their property and don't leave valuables on display for opportunist thefts.

## **FINANCE MATTERS**

**187/08:** RESOLVED to approve the **repairs to the CCTV** at the Breckland Hall site at £1359.00, the system having been damaged by the recent lightning strikes.

**188/08: Subscriptions were RESOLVED as follows:-**

1. **Norfolk Association of Parish and Town Council** - defer to next meeting.
2. **Health and Safety Newsletter** - £20.00 per year for one copy of each issue.
3. **Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management** - £75.00 membership.

**189/08:** RESOLVED to donate £50.00 to the **Children with Leukaemia Appeal**. (Sec 137, LGA 1972).

**190/08:** RESOLVED to approve the **insurance premiums for 2008/9** in the sums of £11434.27, £845.82 and £470.66.

**191/08:** Completion of the Audit for 2006/7. Council were pleased to note there were 'no matters which have come to their attention giving cause of concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.' However they did ask that both the Fidelity Insurance and the Financial Regulations be reviewed regularly. Council noted the Finance Regs had been reviewed earlier this year and, whilst it was felt £50,000 Fidelity Insurance is currently sufficient, asked the Clerk to enquire the additional premium if it was decided to raise it to the recommended level.

**192/08:** A reply regarding an approach regarding an approach for **land purchase** was noted. Although required for community use it was noted the land owner would not consider less than market value for the land.

## **COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME**

**Items raised were:-**

1. The sign on Norwich Road **directing people to St Helens Church** is facing the wrong way.
2. Mr Bedford (as an NCAPTC member) reported on the current position with the **Post Office closures in the County**.
3. Concerns were once again expressed about the **anticipated closure of the Valley Road surgery** when a new surgery is established on the Roundwell PH site.

**The meeting closed at 10.00pm.**

**There were no matters raised in Public Participation.**