

Minutes of the ON-LINE Executive Meeting of Costessey Town Council held on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs D Burrill (Chairman), J Amis, M Bedford, G Blundell, G Dole, S Hannant, G Jones, S Jones, L Glover, T Laidlaw, J Newby, P O'Connor (Chairman for part), N Bailey (Deputy Clerk) H Elias (Town Clerk). Two members of the public including Teresa Smith from the Ormiston Victory Academy.

Cllr Burrill opened the meeting but explained that the Vice-Chairman Cllr J Amis would take over as he was not able to participate in the planning item.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

033/21: Apologies were received from Cllr T East, as the first item was a Norfolk County Council planning application he could not comment on.

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

034/21: Cllr D Burrill (Academy Employee) & Cllr L Glover (Academy Employee & Neighbour) declared pecuniary interests and immediately left the meeting for the first item.

TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

035/21: RESOLVED to elect Cllr P O'Connor as temporary Chairman of the meeting as Cllr J Amis was having internet connection problems.

TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS, AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ON APPEALS & OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

036/21: Norfolk CC: FUL/2020/0100: Ormiston Victory Academy, Middleton Crescent, Costessey - Proposed expansion by construction of a new stand-alone three storey building and refurbishment works to the existing school, improved secure fencing to the front of the school, an increase of 44 car parking spaces and 60 cycle storage spaces and relocation of the existing on-site temporary modular accommodation.

Teresa Smith from Ormiston Victory Academy gave the background and an overview and answered questions.

Concerns were expressed over the loss and future loss of grassed areas used for the provision of sports and exercise as the wellbeing of children was important, though Council understood the need to expand provision to cater for more local school students. Major concerns were expressed over the extra traffic which would be generated in a congested area, and Councillors called for mitigation measures, either through S106 or other means. Suggestions were – a formal crossing on Richmond Road near Stone Breck to allow safe crossing of the road, plus speed ramps on Richmond Road to slow the traffic in what is supposed to be a 20mph area; remodelling and improvement of the junction of Richmond Road and Dereham Road A1074 to enable safer passage of pedestrians and to enable traffic from Richmond Road to turn right onto Dereham Road, towards Queen's Hills / Lodge Farm development / Easton / Dereham; upgrade / relocation of pedestrian crossing on William Frost Way to enable pedestrians to cross safely; better walkways across the A47 to enable pedestrians from Easton and Bawburgh to access Dereham Road north side paths; provision of double yellow lines on some parts of Richmond Road to discourage school pick-up parking; Concerns were also expressed about the loss of light to some dwellings on Longdell Hills by overshadowing from the three-storey building. Further opportunities for pick-up and set-down of pupils within the school grounds were appreciated.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL WITH TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURES AND COMMENT ON THE CONCERNS OF POTENTIAL SHADOWING OF NEARBY DWELLINGS.

037/21 Cllrs Burrill & Glover returned to the meeting at 7:27pm. Cllr Burrill resumed as Chairman of the meeting.

TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE FIRST INSTALMENT DAG CIVILS FOR £20,000 + VAT

038/21: The item was initially deferred to later in the meeting as a proposal was made to exclude the press & public.

TO RECEIVE A QUARTERLY NCC BRIEFING NOTE ON QUEEN'S HILLS ROADS

039/21: There were no real changes since the last update. A query was raised as it referred to 'Spinal Roads' known to be Fairway, Fieldfare Way, Kestrel Avenue, Poethlyn Drive & Sir Alfred Munnings Road, but there was no mention of the many smaller roads accessed from these. Who would be responsible for their upkeep? It was mentioned that some homeowners paid service charges, so the Town Clerk was tasked with contacting Norfolk CC for clarification. **ACTION: Town Clerk**

040/21: The date of the next full Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 7pm

041/21: RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 on the grounds that it was not in the public interest to disclose discussion on the items below due to the discussions relating to legal issues.

Members of the public left the meeting at 7:35pm

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042/21: RESOLVED to approve the full payment of invoice no. 448 dated 11th January 2021. ACTION: Town Clerk

043/21: The meeting finished at 8:01pm

Chair:

Date: