

Costessey Town Council

Minutes of the Property & Environment Working Group of Costessey Town Council, held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllrs J Amis (Chairman), M Bedford, G Blundell, D Burrill, L Glover, P O'Connor, J Sealey; P Williamson (Tree Warden), N Bailey (Deputy Clerk), D Bowles (Buildings Manager) & L Trabucco (Minutes Secretary)

To receive apologies for absence

PE01/22: None

To receive declarations of interest

PE02/22: None

To sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 November 2021

PE03/22: Noted that the minutes had already been received by Full Council on 12 January 2022.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record with no amendment

To receive an update on the previous meetings

PE04/22: Min: PE097/21: There was no response from the owners of snooker club regarding use of their car park as an overflow for football teams using The Costessey Centre and Longwater Grounds.

To receive an update from Costessey Gardeners Club

PE05/22: Pauline Williamson updated on regular get-togethers and local initiatives. It was a friendly informal social gathering with 40 members and was now affiliated to the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society. A chilly morning was spent replanting the raised flower beds outside at Breckland Park, and work was ongoing to create an orchard in the community park at Queen's Hills. The area on Fairway needed tidying and the dead trees removing.

Grants obtained by the Friends of the Tud Valley were being used to install five new flower beds at Longwater grounds the following week. The project had been phased whilst an application to CTC for funds was pending for a contribution for the final three flower beds. Pauline wondered if there was any interest in planting trees within the newly utilised area at Longwater and similar next to the library which would be ideal for a seated area.

PE06/22: Pauline Williamson left the meeting at 7.45pm.

To progress a Sensory Garden at Queen's Hills

PE07/22: A resident had been in touch with Cllr Blundell with some ideas and a suggestion was made to engage students at Easton College to develop a design. **ACTION: Deputy Clerk**

To receive an update on improvements to the Queen's Hills Community Centre

PE08/22: The Buildings Manager updated on progress with quotes for internal storage and a canopy. These would be progressed to committee for consideration as soon as possible. The order had been made for the curtains and the privacy screens would be looked at afterwards.

To receive an update on Parish Partnership bids and consider Village Gateways for a future bid

PE09/22: The Norwich Road bus shelter bid had been submitted. Following a request at the last Property & Environment meeting, guidance around village gateways had been circulated from Highways Engineers. The item was deemed more suitable for the Planning Committee under the Highways matters. The previous year's successful bid for road signs designed by Costessey Primary School children had recently been installed in the vicinity. **ACTION: Town Clerk**

To receive an update on the Tud Riverbank Erosion/Treatment

PE10/22: A checklist of items to consider had been received but the Environment Agency representative who previously covered the area had left the organisation. A new contact had been identified at the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

To receive an update on the Breckland Park & Queen's Hills play equipment projects

PE11/22: Work started on the 4th of January with a date for surfacing works pending. There was damage to the ground because of the weight of the lorry collecting the waste. Contractors had made attempts to repair it, and this would be subject to final inspections to ascertain the severity of the damage. The protective matting used had not been strong enough. The recycling truck would be installed within the play area at Poethlyn Drive the following week. A solution to the gap in the fence used as a shortcut was required.

PE12/22: Some anti-social behaviour was occurring on Husenbeth Close play area. Potentially the green was suitable for a sensory garden.

PE13/22: The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 7.30pm

PE14/22: The meeting finished at 8:10pm

Chairman:

Date: