

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of Costessey Town Council held on Thursday 12 September 2019 at 7.15pm at Queen's Hills Community Centre, Costessey, Norwich, NR8 5BP

PRESENT: Cllrs S Blundell (Chairman), J Amis (Vice-Chair), G Blundell, D Burrill, F Carter, G Dole, J Flowerdew, G Jones, S Jones, T Laidlaw, S Long, C Mahn, J Newby, & P O'Connor, H Elias (Town Clerk), N Bailey (Deputy Clerk) and 17 members of the public including representatives from Costessey Sports Club and the Norfolk FA.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

455/19: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs M Bedford, T East, S Hannant, J Newby (clashing commitments)

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

456/19: Cllrs D Burrill & T Laidlaw declared an "other" interest in any planning as they are members of the DMC at South Norfolk Council.

457/19: Cllrs G Blundell and S Blundell declared an "other" interest in the planning applications as they live diagonally opposite the site.

TO CONSIDER HOW A QH COMMUNITY CENTRAL HUB MIGHT BE OF BENEFIT (JF)

458/19: The item was deferred to a later meeting.

TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

459/19: a) Planning applications for consideration:

i) **2019/1683:** Markyate Partnership Ltd - Land West of Poethlyn Drive, Queen's Hills - Erection of 9 one bedroom flats with off-road parking, cycle and bin storage – Note: **Cllrs D Burrill & T Laidlaw declared an "other" interest as they are members of the SNC DMC** Cllrs G Blundell and S Blundell declared an "other" interest in the application as they live diagonally opposite the site. **Comments:** Environmental Impact Assessment needed to gauge the impact of the development on trees and wildlife. One parking space per flat is insufficient as most dwellings have two vehicles these days and no visitors' parking spaces have been provided. This will lead to the extra vehicles parking on the roads which already get very congested and chaotic with inconsiderate parking, especially at school drop off and pick-up times – **APPROVE SUBJECT** to additional parking being provided.

ii) **2019/1689:** Markyate Partnership Ltd - Land North of Poethlyn Drive, Queen's Hills - Construction of 4no. commercial units comprising of 1no. retail unit (class A1) and 3no. units with flexible use within retail (class A1), professional services (class A2), food and drink (class A3) and hot food takeaway (class A5), access and parking – **Note:** **Cllrs D Burrill & T Laidlaw declared an "other" interest as they are members of the SNC DMC** Cllrs G Blundell and S Blundell declared an "other" interest in the application as they live diagonally opposite the site. **Comments:** Query if the access is in the best location given the traffic congestion around Poethlyn Drive, Kestrel Avenue, and the school at peak times. Planned new double yellow lines on streets could create chaos within the shop car park. There is no lighting scheme and neighbours are concerned about light pollution. Concern was expressed that the Bench area on the corner of Kestrel Avenue and Fieldfare had the potential for anti-social behaviour and it was suggested that the landscaping of this should be reviewed possibly moving / removing benches and perhaps extending the parking area. S106 / CIL payments should be allocated to improving roads in the area and segregating cycle ways from pedestrian paths. It was noted that shops had been part of the master plan / marketing brochures since the

beginning and were an amenity missing from the area – APPROVE with inclusion of the above additions / conditions

TO CONSIDER THE INCREASED COSTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF TREATING THE CHAFER GRUB AT LONGWATER LANE RECREATION GROUND

460/19: The Head Groundsman was salvaging what he could of the pitches with grass seed, fertiliser and an improvised truck bowser. As an interim measure no training was to take place on the Longwater pitches and only those pitches approved by the Head Groundsman could be played on. The specialist's report would not be available for up to a further 14 days. Whatever treatment was used would require large amounts of water. It would not be possible to get an extraction licence for water from the river as farmers were having their extractions licences removed. Three quotes had been sought for the nematodes, as requested following the misquote at the previous full Council meeting; nematode treatment would not work without constant watering, and some species of chafer grub needed double the dose of nematodes. The option of a standpipe was suggested. The Norfolk FA's Facilities, Investment & Development Manager offered to arrange a visit from their ground's specialist for further support and advice and suggested that there might be grants available to CTC. A little light rolling might also be helpful. Costessey Sports were such a large club with so many teams that they were already using pitches at Breckland Park, various schools and NAMCO, so there was no spare capacity to accommodate misplaced teams. Queries were raised about the conditions in the agreement with the Football Foundation which attracted the grant towards building the Costessey Centre.

RESOLVED to defer the matter pending further information and to take up the offer of an inspection by the Norfolk FA pitch specialist. ACTION: Town Clerk

TO CONSIDER UPDATES FROM NCC HIGHWAYS DEPT

461/19: i) Crossing on William Frost Way: The response from the Local Highways engineer was noted.

462/19: Members of Costessey Sports Club and several members of the public left the meeting

463/19: THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS CONFIRMED as Tuesday 24 September 2019 at 7pm in the Costessey Centre.

464/19: The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman:

Date: