

Thurston Parish Council Meeting
5th January 2011
THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Recreation Church Road, Thurston

Present : Chairman, Cllr Campbell, Cllrs Robinson, Weeks, Dolan, Mrs Service, Dashper and Monk (7.40pm)

In Attendance : Kathryn Savage, Clerk, PCSO Ellis, C Cllr Mrs Otton

0 members of the public were present

1 Opening - The meeting opened at 7.32pm

2 Apologies for Absence - Cllr Button Other commitments
Cllr Sadler Unwell

These apologies were formally accepted, proposed Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Dashper, all in favour.

3 Declaration of Interest from Councillors -
Cllr Mrs Service Item 13d
Cllr Dashper Item 7a

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - the minutes of the meeting held 2st December 2010 had been circulated and were approved as a true record, proposed Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Dolan, all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT -

- 1 There was a possibility that the Bury Road park and ride would be taken over by Ipswich buses.
- 2 Liberal Democrat C Cllrs had called in a decision to transfer the fire response service to Cambridge, registering their deep concerns at the proposal.
- 3 Ref a request for a speed limit to be instated along Norton Road, Cllr Mrs Otton had asked the Road Safety Team to investigate this further.

POLICE REPORT - PCSO Ellis reported that there had been three crimes recorded in December, as follows :-

1 criminal damage in Sandpit Lane; 1 breach of a restraining order at an address in Thurston; 1 criminal damage to motor vehicle. In the previous December there had been 4 crimes recorded. The next Priority setting meeting of the SNT was to take place on Thursday 27th December 2011 in the Cavendish Hall.

5 Statutory Business -

a) Consideration of implications of Localism Bill - this document had been circulated, and Cllrs registered their concerns regarding proposals for Planning and Housing.

6 Consideration of matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting - It was agreed to ask the SNT to place speeding issues along Barton Road on their list of priorities.

7 Business Remaining from Previous Meetings -

a) Thurston under Fives - an extraordinary meeting of the Council had been held on 17th December 2010, to consider the terms of the lease identified by Council's solicitor as needing attention. Not all Cllrs had been in attendance at that meeting, and it was now reported that it had been agreed that ground rent amount charged to the TuF's would be reviewed on an annual basis, with regard to current inflation rates of the time.

8 Chairman's Communications -

a) Village Guide - a communication from the Management of Cavendish Hall had revealed that no mention of the Hall had been included in the Village Guide. It was now agreed to write in

apology to the Management Committee. **Clerk to write.** It was further agreed to place an announcement in the Thurston Newsletter, advising any residents who may not have received their copy of the Guide to contact the Parish Office, and the Clerk would arrange to have one delivered.

b) The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended an assembly at the Primary School to announce the winners and runners-up of the Dog Litter Poster competition. Gift cards in varied amounts from WHSmith had been awarded to them all.

9 Questions from Councillors - There were none

10 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING -

i Planning Applications received -

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
3438/10	continued use of building without compliance to various conditions ref 1043/06 Orchard Room, Great Green	SUPPORT
3751/10	COU from office to shop, 24 The Granary	SUPPORT
3530/10	Demolish farm buildings, severance of plot & erect new dwelling, Poplar Farm, Great Green	TBC

ii Planning Decisions received -

3089/10	tree work, 14 Howes Avenue	GRANTED
1710/10	semi-det chalet bungalow, 20 Barleyfields	TO CTTEE 5/1/11
3429/10	Porch, 2 Heather Close	GRANTED

b RECREATION GROUND -

The extractor fans were to be fitted in the very near future.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS - There were none

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

i) Cllr Weeks - the pothole o/s 2 Furze Close had not been repaired

ii) Cllr Monk - pavement in Thedwastre Road, 100yds before the bridge was reported to be unsafe

iii) Cllr Dashper - advised PCSO that when delivering Village Guides, he had found quite a few front doors open, and suggested the PCSO might advise residents otherwise.

iv) Cllr Mrs Service - a) streetlamp 178 was permanently on **Clerk to report**; b) condition of recent improvements at Fishwick Corner now very poor, because of vehicles driving over them.

e QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS - Nothing to report.

11 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 SCC - temporary road closures in Sow Lane, Thurston Road and Mount Road for carriageway repairs 24th January - 4th February and 7th - 11th February.

2 Information ref London 2012 'Open Weekend' grants information

3 Suffolk constabulary - information ref new opening hours of Police Stations - Bury St Edmunds to open 8am - 8pm 7 days per week,

4 Correspondence ref request for 30mph speed limit in Norton Road - see C Cllr Report above

5 Information had been received that an application to be allowed to open a pharmacy in the area around Barton Road had been granted, and that the applicant had 6 months to find a property. He had identified the PC former office on the Granary site, and had submitted a planning application for Change of Use form an office to a shop.

12 Resolutions or Recommendation already received - There were none

13 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	746.84	

Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses - Travel to meeting	26.00	
Ray Austin, Handyman contract	340.90	
“ “ Hedge cut o/s Cavendish Hall	<u>45.00</u>	385.90
R & C Sadler, (Rec Grd a/c) Caretakers Salary	107.25	
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract	20.00	
All Seasons Fencing, Heath Road rabbit fencing	1,045.75	155.75
Neat Ideas, Stationery	147.79	22.01
Cllr Mrs Service, travel exp ref V Guide	6.61	
Elsom, Spettigue Associates, survey fee Rec Grd	587.50	87.50
Cllr Mrs Clark, travel to SALC meetings	48.08	
Suffolk Constabulary, PCSO Match funding	7,182.00	

On the proposal of Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllrs Dashper, these accounts were approved for payment, all in favour

b) Accounts already paid -		
Plusnet, Broadband & Telephone	33.90	5.05
New Green Comm Trust	250.28	37.28
WHSmith, gift cards, (Charge card)	105.00	
Postage (Charge card)	5.00	

c) Receipts - There were none

d) Quotation for rabbit fencing - the original quotation had been misunderstood by Council, and to complete the fencing around the entirety of the boundary, would require approval for further expenditure amounting to £626 + VAT. On the proposal of Cllr Dolan, seconded Cllr Monk, this was unanimously agreed.

e) Confirmation of Budget requirements - after consideration it was agreed to submit a precept for £53,000 for the financial year 2011 - 2012, proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Dashper, all in favour.

f) Travel expenses - after consideration, it was agreed to set the cost per mile of travel expenses incurred by Cllrs and Officers of this Council at 40p per mile, proposed Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Robinson, all in favour.

14 Any Other Specified Business -

- Request ref Dog Show, Recreation Ground - submitted by Cllr Monk (left the room) - after consideration, it was agreed to approve this request in principle, pending further information
- Request for use of Recreation Ground car park - this had been received from 'Walking with a Purpose', the walk to take place on 7th March 2011. After consideration, this was agreed
- Request to take forward proposal to re-number properties in Heath Road - after consideration of possible consequences, it was agreed not to pursue this matter, and deemed not the business of Council.
- Request for dog litter bin, Church Road, Beyton side of railway bridge - **Deferred**
- Request for installation of litter bin, School Road Cavendish Close - to be considered. **Deferred.**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.55pm

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 2nd February 2011 to be held in the Pavilion meeting room.

Signed..... Chairman Date 2nd February 2011