

- 3 Fly tipping in the MSDC area is costing the District Council £100,000 per year.
- 4 A decision in the Local Government Review had again been delayed
- 5 Cllr Haley recorded his congratulations to residents of Thurston who had been successfully nominated to receive an award, as follows - Mr P Robinson; Mr & Mrs J Johnson; Mr S Taylor.
- 6 Mid Suffolk is one of the best places to live in Suffolk, according to recent results published by the DCLG following a survey conducted by them.

POLICE REPORT -

PC Haygreen delivered a report prepared by PCSO Myall, as follows :-

There had been 4 crimes reported in August - 1 arson; 1 attempted burglary; 1 burglary and 1 criminal damage. Information regarding any of these crimes is requested. PCSO Myall had held a 'surgery' at the Post Office, which had gone well. Leaflets regarding the damage at Heath Road Playing Field had been distributed, and further surgeries were planned for the 4th and 25th September. PCSO Myall had delivered letters to residents in Heath Road regarding the next stage of their Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, which was to hold a meeting on 9th September in the Pavilion. He also had plans to talk to residents of Woodlands Close.

4 Statutory Business - There was none

5 Matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting - Cllrs asked for the following issues to be raised for priority attention at the next SNT Tasking Meeting:-

- 1) Anti Social Behaviour at the Youth Shelter in particular
- 2) Tractors speeding along Heath Road
- 3) Vandalism to Play Areas

6 Business Remaining -

a) Regular Risk Assessment of play equipment by the Parish Council - Cllr Robinson had conducted an initial assessment; taken photographs for equipment which had been dated for reference, and produced a file of all this which will be held in the Parish Council Office. Cllrs Sadler and Campbell will assist Cllr Robinson by rota to be drawn up by Cllr Robinson, proposed Cllr Campbell, seconded Cllr Sadler, all in favour.

b) Minor repairs to play equipment - after consideration of how best to address any forthcoming needs for this, it was agreed that since Mr Austin is covered by the Parish Council's insurance, we should ask him to take on this responsibility. **Clerk to arrange.**

c) Parish Council Office accommodation - The Chairman proposed that a letter be sent to the New Green Community Trust for an update on the progress of their plans to extend the accommodation at the Centre. **Clerk to write.**

d) Hedging, Field View - This matter had been discussed at the recent meeting of the New Green Trustees, where some trustees were not happy with the suggestion of providing hedging for reasons such as setting a precedent and health and safety of children. At that meeting it had been agreed that one of the trustees would speak with the resident concerned to see if anything else can be done. Cllr Dashper had attended this meeting, and reported that another issue raised there had been the shrubs around the Youth Shelter along Station Hill, which it had been agreed ought to be cut down. Cllr Dashper had suggested that maybe the Council would fund this exercise as a one-off arrangement, and now proposed this to Council. The motion was seconded by Cllr Robinson with all in favour. **Clerk to get quotations for the work.**

e) Computer Maintenance Contract - the revised Agreement had been circulated, and on the proposal of Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Mrs Long, was approved, all in favour.

6 Chairman's Communications -

a) A copy of the full S106 Agreement pertaining to the development of the Granary had been received, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Cllrs for information.

7 Questions from Councillors - There were none

8 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING -

i Planning Applications received -

2166/09	1 Det. Dwelling to rear Barn Lodge, Thedwastre Road	SUPPORT
2007/09	19 Affordable bungalows, rear Cracknell's Gge	SUPPORT
2482/09	front porch, The Dell, Beyton Road	SUPPORT

ii Planning Decisions received :- There were none

- b RECREATION GROUND -
- i) Vandalism Issues - the Chairman, and Cllrs Robinson and Mrs Service, had attended a meeting with the Suffolk Constabulary Crime Reduction Officer, from which a report had been produced, which was to be reproduced in the next edition of the Thurston Newsletter. A copy of the report is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The Perspex panels in the Youth Shelter were now badly defaced, and it was agreed to remove them. Cllr Mrs Long is liaising with the village PCSO.
 - ii) Cllr Sadler reported that the new shower heads fitted in the Changing rooms at the Pavilion, appeared to have the wrong tilt on them, and that he was in touch with the builders to put this right.
 - iii) Cllr Sadler reported that the company which cuts the grass at the Heath Road Playing Field was recommending the need for a complete weed kill dressing. **Clerk to ask for a quotation and then speak to Thurston Relief in Need Charities.**
 - iv) Flooring, Pavilion changing rooms - deferred.
 - v) Cllr Sadler informed Council that the sports clubs who use the Pavilion, no longer use the lockers there, and wondered if any of the local schools could make use of them. **Clerk to contact Thurston Primary School and Thurston College with the offer.**
- c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -
- i) Cllr Dashper had attended a meeting of the New Green Community Trustees, representing the Council as one of their hirers. (see item 6d of these minutes for reference).
- d VILLAGE REPORTS -
- i) Cllr Monk reported -
 - a) Sighting of adults cycling on pavements around the village.
 - b) A tractor with ploughing gear attached speeding along Heath Road, taking the bend too fast for safety.
 - c) A house being painted a bright colour. **Clerk to check out the planning position for this with MSDC.**
 - d) Youngsters kicking litter bins in Thedwastre Park
 - e) Dogs being walked on and off-lead on New Green. The meeting was advised that New Green Community Trust are in the process of installing 14 new signs prohibiting this activity.
- e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - nothing to report
- f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported that the Group had received 3 call-outs during the previous month. The group now had 9 fully trained members with 1 new member to be trained in November.

9 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 Information had been received from an organisation called Unlock Democracy, regarding the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill, details of which had not been circulated to local Councils by the Government, even though it will involve more powers being devolved down to them. Copies of the correspondence were circulated to the Council.

2 Council's insurance renewal quotation had been received from the current provider, but SALC had sent information re another company providing PC insurance with greater benefit sums, and promising a 15% reduction on any existing quote. After consideration, it was agreed to ask this company for a quotation. **Clerk to arrange.**

3 Information had been received from MSDC planning department re representations made re potential breach of planning issues at a property, that after investigation, there was no case to be answered.

4 Flooding, Church Road/Stoney Lane - Following C Cllr Mrs Otton's efforts to get a resolution to this problem, the County Council's West Area Highways Manager had contacted the Clerk for detailed information of the problem which she had supplied.

5 Copies of two press releases had been received from the Localities Officer at SCC re the Community Boards.

6 The Clerk had made contact with Ch Insp Atwell of the SNT to set up a meeting to discuss reports the Council had received from members of the public regarding the ma5ch-funding of a PCSO. His reply outlined that Inspector Gallant had left the team, and that he would ask her replacement to make contact with the Council.

7 Suffolk ACRE had sent details of the date/time/place of their AGM
 8 further information had been received from the organisers of the SSAFA Marathon
 to be held in July 2010. After consideration, it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Myatt
 family to see about the possibility of them allowing a water stop for this event to be sited
 outside the creamery in Pakenham Road. **Clerk to arrange.**
 9 The insurance claim for work in the Pavilion changing rooms had been refused.

10 Resolutions or Recommendation already received – There were none

11 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	693.72	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	60.00	
Ray Austin, Handyman	337.53	
R Sadler, Cleaner/Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	104.00	
Kompan, Repair to 'Supernova' Thedwastre Park	955.80	831.13
Anglian Water, Rec Grd a/c	167.50	
David Martin, Welding to Basketball Hoop	11.85	1.55
Suffolk Brick & Stone cleaning Co, Monument Rec Grd	224.25	29.25
RG Carter, work to Pavilion changing rooms	7,124.25	929.25
RG Carter, work to outside drains, Pavilion	497.74	64.92
N&S Pest Control, work to Rec Grd	181.12	23.62
D Brown, repair Pavilion handrail	55.00	
Cllr Robinson, memory stick for Play equipment risk assessment	19.99	

On the proposal of Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Sadler, these accounts were approved for payment, all in favour

b) Accounts already paid -

Tiscali Broadband	17.61	2.30
New Green Centre (Office Rental)	244.95	31.95
BT, Telephone calls	36.67	4.78

c) Receipts – MSDC Cleansing Grant 746.98

d) Initial budget requirements – the Clerk asked Cllrs to consider this matter, which will be discussed further at the next meeting.

e) Quotations re fencing, New Green car park – deferred

f) Council's tendering process – flaws had been identified in the current process of opening sealed tenders at the Full Council meeting, in that full detail was difficult to absorb. The Chairman proposed that Council's committee's receive sealed tenders in future, and report to the next Full Council meeting for resolution, all in favour.

g) Hire charges, Pavilion – the Recreation Ground committee will review these, and report to Full Council at the next meeting.

Pavilion Cleaner's pay – after consideration that this had not been raised since the commencement of the contract in November 2007, an interim increase was agreed, and the matter will, in future, be reviewed in May of each year.

12 Any Other Specified Business –

a) Parking issues, School Road – a letter had been received from one of the business owners in School Road, highlighting the problems with parking there. The person had read that it had been proposed to extend the bus stop lay-by to allow the buses to actually pull in, which they cannot do at present. The person claimed that this would result there being fewer car parking spaces than at present, which might affect the businesses there. She suggested using the land behind the bus shelter. After speaking with Land Management at MSDC, whose land this is, the Clerk had determined that the land is classed as amenity land, and that this permission could not be granted. **Clerk to write to complainant.**

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

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 7th October 2009

Signed..... Chairman Date 7th October 2009