



THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 2004 at 7pm in the Pavilion, Church Road, Thurston

Present : Cllrs. R Bowden (in the Chair), Mrs C Clark, T Sadler, T McCarter, M Shave

In attendance : District Councillor D Haley later in the evening

1. Apologies : Cllrs Mrs E Bendall due to family commitments, Mrs J Service due to holiday

A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr. V Walsh.

2. To receive any declarations of personal / prejudicial interest by Councillors :
none

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs C Clark and seconded by Cllr. T McCarter that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record – all in favour.

4. Matters Arising

Cllr. Shave said he expected to arrange a meeting with the editor of the Thurston Newsletter shortly.

5. Parish Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported she had received letters regarding cars parked on the pavement, overgrown hedges and a request to lower the footpath opposite the Post Office. All points raised are in the process of being actioned. Other issues dealt with included street lighting, planning applications and all general correspondence.

6. Planning

Planning Permission Granted

O/L151/04 Erection of detached chalet bungalow. Orchard Drive, 3 Sandpit Lane, Thurston

1170/04 Add dormer window to north elevation of approved addition. 28 School Road, Thurston

C/TPO/28/04 Carry out works to 3 oaks in accordance with the works schedule from JM Forestry dated 10/9/04. Rear garden to 3 Hunter Drive, Thurston

Planning Permission Refused

1077/04 First floor extensions and ground floor porch and garden room extensions. 14 Howes Avenue, Thurston



Planning Application Withdrawn

O/L121/03 Redevelopment of the Granaries for residential development (Max 98 Dwellings, Flats) and up to 300sqm retail floorspace. The Granaries, Station Hill, Thurson

Planning Group for December : Cllrs. Mrs C Clark, R Bowden, T Sadler.

Reserve: Cllr. Shave.

7. Finance

McAlpine Government Services Ltd – street lighting	88.16
R Austin – to fix 12 grit bins	120.00
R Austin – contract	274.40
C Mason – salary	414.15
Postage	20.00
Royal Mail Redirection Services	22.00
Glasdon UK Ltd – fixing kit for bins	168.44
Glasdon UK Ltd – purchase of 12 sand bins	2074.25
MSDC – business rates	52.00
M & TJ'S Garden Services – Heath Road playing field	42.00

Pavilion

Mrs C Cook – cleaner	88.25
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It was proposed by Cllr. M Shave and seconded by Cllr. T Sadler that the accounts be paid – all in favour. It was further agreed that the VAT content of invoices to be paid be shown in a separate column.

8. Correspondence

SALC – Freedom of Information Act – circulated for information only

MSDC – Parish Plan Information – Cllrs. Shave and McCarter to liaise

Environment Agency – Flood Awareness Campaign 2004/05 – contents noted

MSDC Leisure & Amenities – workshop information. To be sent to Thurston

Newsletter

MSDC Electoral Services – Register of Electors 2005 – copies to be ordered for each Councillor

9. Village Reports

Cllr. T McCarter raised two points : The street lights along Station Hill not working and the number of new potholes in the village. The Clerk to be informed of pole numbers of defected lamps (TMcC agreed to action).

Cllr T Sadler reported that a local resident had complained about the quantity of leaves blown into his garden from the chestnut trees on the Cavendish Field.

A resident has contacted **Cllr. M Shave** regarding a tree root that is causing damage to her pathway.



10. Reports by Parish Councillors : none

11. Thurston Partnership Meeting – Date of next meeting Monday 13th December 2004 at 10.30am in the Parish Council office. Cllrs. Bowden and Mrs Bendall to attend.

12. Barton Willmore meeting – Meeting held on the 11th November 2004. Cllr. Shave expressed his concern that the Parish Council had agreed to a meeting with a potential developer. Cllr. Bowden gave his assurance that no discussions had taken place and its purpose solely informative. In light of possible major development in Thurston it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Clark and seconded by Cllr. Sadler that a letter be sent to Stephen Andrews at MSDC requesting information on what potential developers are prepared to offer the village. With this information to hand the Parish Council would be in better position to make their own provisional recommendations – all in favour.

The meeting adjourned for District Councillor Haley to address the meeting

District Haley reported that :

- a) MSDC will shortly be regulating pollution in the atmosphere and will take legal action against those not conforming to the new regulations.
- b) Stowmarket Service Centre for Customer Service Direct (CDS). Dedicated telephone number 0844 800 0101. Opening hours for the face-to-face walk in centre are 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 4pm on Saturday, while the opening hours for the contact centre handling phone calls are 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 4pm on Saturday.
- c) Other issues covered were the ongoing parking problems on Church Road, an update on the opening/closing times at Merit Sheds and the proposed purchase of the Oakeyfield Road play area.

13. Local Transport Survey Report - Meeting held on 23rd November 2004. Attendees : Thurston Parish Council, Beyton Parish Council, Stowlangtoft Parish Council. With funds no longer available from Central Government Cllr. Bowden felt a list of points raised together with possible solutions should be sent not only to the Countryside Agency but to all local bus companies. This information may help to improve services to outlying villages.

14. Recreation Ground Report

- 14.1 To discuss hiring fees for Ipswich Town Football Club – deferred until the next meeting
- 14.2 To receive an updated report on the proposed new play area – Cllr. Sadler said the updated play equipment drawings have been received from Wicksteed Leisure and would be available for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting. A favourable reply has been received from the New Green Community



Trust in respect of a proposal from the Recreation Ground Committee to create a new play area on the site. Due to the fact the land is not owned by the Parish Council Cllr. Bowden thought funding may be compromised if this area is selected. Further advice to be sought (TS / EB to action).

15. Thurston Community College – Meeting held on 8th December 2004.

Attended by Cllrs. Bowden, Mrs C Clark (observer), Mr C Bowler, Mr A Auger, District Councillor Haley

Cllr. Bowden felt progress had been made in respect of issues raised by both Thurston Community College and the Parish Council. Items discussed included liaison with local community, hiring of college facilities, litter, college car parking and footpath provision.

16. Litter bins / Sand bins

With problems adhering stickers to the new litterbins it was suggested a stencil could prove effective. Before any decision can be made it was agreed to contact the manufacturer for qualified advice.

A piece to be printed in the Newsletter informing parishioners the bins can be used for both litter and dog waste.

17. Appointment of Emergency Officer – The post to be advertised on the Parish Council Notice Boards and on the Village Website

18. Street Lighting

On the proposition of Cllr. McCarter and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Clark it was agreed the quotation received from Alfred McAlpine Infrastructure Services to upgrade two MBFU lanterns on Barton Road at a cost of £215.45 plus VAT each and to upgrade the lamp on the Thedwastre/Barton Road X roads at the cost of £289 plus VAT be accepted – all in favour. Quotations for additional works are yet to be received.

19. Office computer

Cllr. Shave agreed to source a consultancy company for advice on purchasing a new computer system and relevant software.

20. Hire Charges

With the Parish Council heavily subsidising the running of the Pavilion Cllr. Mrs Clark considered it appropriate hiring charges should be raised in line with other local venues. Cllr. Mrs Clark consented to obtain comparable costs for future discussion.

21. Any Other Business - none

Chairman's Comments / Correspondence received since the preparation of the Agenda – none



Date of next meeting – 5th January 2005