

Thurston Parish Council Meeting
7th September 2011
THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Church Road, Thurston

In the Chair : Cllr Robinson

Present : Cllrs Weeks, Fawcett, Mrs Bullen, Dashper, Rainbow and Mrs Harvey

In Attendance : Kathryn Savage, Clerk, D Cllr Mrs Powell, C Cllr Mrs Otton, PC Miles

5 members of the public were present

1 Opening - The meeting was declared open at 7.30pm

2 Apologies for Absence -

Cllr Mrs Service	Family Commitments
Cllr Campbell	Business Commitments
Cllr Jefferson	Unwell

These apologies were formally accepted on the proposal of Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Mrs Harvey, all in favour

3 Declaration of Interest from Councillors - There were none

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - the minutes of the meeting held 3rd August 2011 had been circulated and were approved as a true record, proposed Cllr Rainbow, seconded Cllr Fawcett, all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

POLICE REPORT - Delivered by PC Annelly Miles - there had been 15 crimes reported since the previous meeting - 1 interference with a motor vehicle; 1 fraud by false representation; 1 theft of milk bottles; 1 theft of a mobile phone from a jacket. The other 11 crimes all related to damage caused by spray paint on vehicles, houses, fences, street nameplates, highways signs, the youth shelter, litter bins, a meter box and a bus stop. 2 calls ref ASB at the Youth Shelter had been received during July. These had been logged onto the ongoing Tactical Plan. Speed checks had been carried out in Barton Road on 2 occasions. Of 134 cars checked, 2 were found to be exceeding the limit. The SNT had made contact with a group called "Wos up Twilight", who specialise in loaning out sports equipment, laptops. They were currently conducting a reorganisation and would make return contact at a later date. The SNT Sgt Colin Curtin had been re-assigned to the Capel St Mary SNT.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS POWELL'S REPORT

- 1 Voter registration forms had been sent to residents for completion
- 2 MSDC Budget Challenge - D Cllr Powell thanked the P Cllrs for attendance at the meeting ref this
- 3 MSDC Community Achievement Awards presentation ceremony was to go ahead on Thursday 22nd September at 2pm in MSDC Offices, Needham Market

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- 1 Ref schools in Thurston - Beyton was to close as a Middle School, but were considering becoming an academy. Another proposal was that Thurston College would take pupils from Yr7, and use the Beyton site for the 11-16 yr olds. A Consultation was to follow.
- 2 Two local community buildings had been included in the Green Heritage Open Days - Rattlesden Pavilion and Gt Barton Village Hall
- 3 A new Structure ref CC Highways department staff had been sent to the Parish Council
- 4 Suffolk Safecam was now to be funded by the Police
- 5 SCC had agreed to continue funding the school crossing patrols, so long as they meet certain criteria.
- 6 Cllr Mrs Otton had submitted a bid for the cost of a projector for the First Responder Group from her Locality Budget.

Members of the public raised concerns ref the ongoing parking, noise and ASB issues around New Green. They were urged to phone the appropriate agencies at the time of the problem.

5 Statutory Business – There was none

6 Police Matters –

- a) Matters for referral to next Tasking Meeting which was to be held 17th October – nothing new to add
- b) Village Reports of concern to the PCSO – there were none
- c) Proposed Police vehicle – after consideration of the poor response from local businesses to help fund this vehicle, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact all those who hadn't responded to see if they were still considering the matter.

7 Business Remaining from Previous Meetings –

- a) Thurston under Fives – nothing to report
- b) Proposed closure of library – Cllr Dashper reported that this Group had met on 13th of August, and that Thurston library had been chosen as one of several different pilot schemes, which will lead to future discussions with SCC as to which is the most suitable to adopt. Cllr Fawcett added that at the next meeting of the Group, they would have to decide what can be done, and exactly what being nominated as a pilot scheme actually means. Cllr Robinson thanked both Cllrs for their work on this matter.
- c) Youth Shelter – Cllr Mrs Bullen reported improvement in the problems previously experienced, with litter far less of a problem. The Youth Group were to meet on 14th September. **Clerk to ask Handyman to remove graffiti from the Youth Shelter.**
- d) Updating of Emergency Plan – this process was now begun. Agreed to invite Cllr Dolan to join this Group.
- e) Cycling safety, School Road – A parent with a disabled child had approached the Council ref being able to cycle safely to the Primary School with a trailer attached to her bicycle along School Road, hoping that a cycle lane could be instated. It was felt that this may not be possible, but that the footpath between Victoria Close and School Lane would serve the purpose if the staggered barriers could be spaced just a little wider. **Clerk to enquire of SCC Highways.**
- f) Dog Litter Bags – these were still disappearing in vast numbers, and it was agreed to enquire of the manufacturer as to whether they had a device to limit the number of bags dispensed.
- g) MSDC Budget Challenge – several Cllrs were to meet with D Cllrs Mrs Powell and Haley to discuss this project in the following week.

8 Chairman's Communications –

- a) Provision of Facilities in MSDC villages – Rural Services Survey
- b) Cllrs reminded to answer e-mails from the Clerk ASAP.

9 Questions from Councillors previously submitted– There were none

10 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING –

i Planning Applications received –

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
2613/11	Ext time ref Outline permission for residential and retail development Thurston Granary site	SUPPORT
2012/11	Install Air Source Heat Pump, Siskins, Heath Road	SUPPORT
2876/11	Works to Oak Tree, 42 Genesta Drive	SUPPORT
2921/11	6 Houses, 1&2 Station Hill	NO COMMENT

These comments were approved for submission, proposed Cllr Dashper, seconded Cllr Mrs Harvey, all in favour

ii Planning Decisions received –

1654/11	Amendment to gable end, 4 Maltings Garth	WITHDRAWN
2000/11	2 det houses, rear of 1&2 Station Hill	GRANTED
1891/11	2 storey rear ext., Hardwick House	GRANTED
2128/11	3 storey front ext., 36 Barleyfields	REFUSED

b RECREATION GROUND –

- i) Quotations received ref provision of window blinds, Pavilion three quotations had now been received, and after consideration, it was agreed to accept the one from

Baileys Blinds at a cost of £221.67 + VAT, proposed Cllr Dashper, seconded Cllr Weeks, all in favour.

ii) Resignation of Pavilion Caretakers – this had been received giving notice that the last day to be worked would be 19th September 2011. After consideration of the short time period, it was agreed to enquire of SALC as to whether an appointment could be made without advertising the vacancy. Clerk to enquire.

iii) Request from Cricket Club to re-arrange storage containers – a request had been received to replace the older white container with a newer one to be sited in the same place and to re-locate the existing green container to sit alongside the new one, and that they are both painted white on the side facing the cricket pitch. After consideration, it was agreed that this request be approved, proposed Cllr Dashper, seconded Cllr Mrs Harvey, all in favour.

iv) Quotation ref adjustments to outdoor lighting at Pavilion – a quotation had been received to improve the lighting by installing more lights and ensuring that all of them are part of the PIR system, from Secelec, at a cost of £168 + VAT. After consideration, it was agreed to accept this quotation, proposed Cllr Dashper, seconded Cllr Rainbow, all in favour.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS –

i) Cllrs Mrs Harvey, Mrs Bullen and Rainbow had attended the Youth Working Party meeting

ii) Cllrs Fawcett, Dashper and Robinson had attended a meeting of the Library Working Party

d VILLAGE REPORTS –

i) Cllr Weeks reported an overhanging tree at 40 Barton Road.

ii) Cllr Fawcett reported overgrown hedges along Sandpit Lane, adjacent houses in Cloverfields.

iii) Cllr Fawcett reports streetlamp number 14 along the footpath across New Green was not working

iv) Cllr Fawcett reports standing water at Pokeridge Corner following heavy rain.

v) Cllr Dashper reported overgrown hedges including brambles along the footpath from the Rec Grd to the Primary School, and along the footpath between Barleyfields and Station Hill.

vi) Cllr Mrs Harvey reported overgrown hedges in Oak Road, and on a dangerous bend in Norton Road

vii) Cllr Mrs Service had sent reports that posters advertising events were being left in place too long after the event, and wondered why there are no 30mph signs at the village boundaries.

Clerk to report all matters

e QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS –

i) Thurston Voice – The Clerk had drafted a second copy of the Voice, which was approved, with some typographical amendments

ii) Consideration of publishing a PC website on One Suffolk - **deferred to next meeting**

11 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT –

1 A resident had reported that cows had stampeded him and his family along the footpath between Meadow Lane and Sheep Lane. Cllr Mrs Service had spoken with the resident and had passed on the problem to the rights of Way officers at SCC.

2 A resident had asked the PC to look into the possibility of a pedestrian crossing to be installed along Barton Road. After consideration, it was agreed that since the council has attempted this several previous times, it was unlikely to be a successful request at this time of financial constraints.

3 MSDC community Achievement Awards ceremony was due to take place on Thursday 22nd September. Cllrs Mrs Service and Campbell were to attend on behalf of the Council, since the two nominations made by the Council, Mr Neil Paxman and Mr Brian Pettit of the Thurston ATC Squadron had been nominated.

4 Information had been received ref the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields Challenge, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

5 MSDC was to hold a Parish Liaison meeting on 13th October.

- 6 It had been noticed that many copies of the Citizen free newspaper were being dumped in litter bins. Clerk had reported to distributing company
- 7 The Annual Return re the Recreation Ground Charitable Trust had been submitted via the on-line service.
- 8 The junction of Thedwastre Road and Beyton Road has a blind spot caused by the vegetation on the Beyton side of the junction. Information had come to light that on the original plans when Pokeriage Gardens properties were built, the hedge here was supposed to be planted in such a way as to avoid this, but this had not happened. The Clerk had contacted MSDC Planning Department for clarification

12 Resolutions or Recommendation already received - There were none

13 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	COST	VAT	TOTAL
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary			746.84
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses			35.01
Ray Austin, Handyman contract			346.00
R & C Sadler, (Rec Grd a/c) Caretakers Salary			107.25
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract			30.00
Anglian Water, Pavilion (Rec Grd a/c)			90.15
M&TJ's, 2 grass cuts Heath Road Playing Field	100.00	20.00	120.00
M&TJ's, Level, roll & seed Rec Grd (Rec Grd a/c)	865.00	173.00	1038.00
Arrow Packaging, Dog Litter Bags	40.00	8.00	48.00
HMRC, employers NI conts., 06/04 - 05/09			108.90
Suffolk ACRE, Council Insurance			1,315.30
Staples, Ink Cartridges	60.95	10.52	63.14

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

b) Accounts already paid -

Plusnet, Broadband & Telephone	27.47	5.49	32.96
New Green Comm Trust	213.00	42.60	255.60
British Gas, Pavilion Electricity (Rec Grd a/c)	128.92	6.45	135.37
121 Computers, New Router (C/CARD)	50.00	9.99	59.99
Dell Projector (C/CARD)	298.00	59.60	357.60

c) Receipts -

M&J Minibus Hire re Ad on Village Website	10.00
Thurston Croquet Club, Hire of Facilities (Rec Grd a/c)	196.00

d) Receipt of Budget to Actual statement to 30th August 2011 - this was now received.

e) Consideration of transfer amount to Recreation Ground a/c - after consideration, it was agreed to transfer £3,000 from the PC bank account to the Recreation Ground bank account.

14 Any Other Specified Business -

- a) Queen's Diamond Jubilee - after consideration, it was agreed to ask local organisations of they would like to be involved in a celebration event of some kind. **Deferred**
- b) Village DVD proposal - deferred to next meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.58pm

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 5th October 2011 to be held in the Pavilion meeting room.

Signed..... Chairman Date 5th October 2011