

Thurston Parish Council Meeting  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
**THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Recreation Church Road, Thurston

**Present :** Chairman Cllr Campbell, Cllrs Weeks, Mrs Service, Dashper, Button and Monk

**In Attendance :** Kathryn Savage, Clerk, C Cllr Mrs Otton

3 members of the public were present

**1 Opening** - The meeting opened at 7.30pm

**2 Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Robinson Holiday  
Cllr Dolan Work Commitments

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

D Cllr Haley had also submitted apologies.

**3 Declaration of Interest from Councillors** -  
Cllr Dashper Item 7a

**4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - the minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 had been circulated and were approved as a true record subject to the following amendments, proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Dashper, all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Item 10c(i) should read 'Cllr Mrs Service had attended the AGM at Cavendish Hall and reported that the Hall's finances were said to be *improving*; the Scout Group *now had the funds* for the outdoor staircase etc.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT -**

- 1 The Leader of SCC, Cllr Jeremy Pembroke had resigned, and the conservative group were now to hold a ballot to elect a new Chairman.
- 2 A decision ref Old people's accommodation had been deferred pending receipt of a report due in late May 2011.
- 3 The Schools Admission Policy had been changed in that from this time forward, precedence would be given to children with siblings already in the school, and out of the catchment area.
- 4 A new Quality of Life Officer had been appointed and would be evaluating all bids submitted to that fund.
- 5 Managers of the Blackbourne Centre, which holds day care at New Green Centre, had written to Cllr Mrs Otton and the Head of Adult Services, ref the possibility that funds from Social Services might be cut. Referrals had also drastically reduced, meaning that the daily fee to £25 per client. If this could not be resolved, the Centre may have to close.

**POLICE REPORT** - Delivered by the Chairman in the absence of a Police presence - There had been 6 reported crimes in March 2011, as compared to 12 in the same month in 2010. These were 1 x drink driving; 1 x criminal damage to a motor vehicle in School Lane; 1 theft of a motor cycle; 1 x theft of a mobile phone at Thurston Comm College; 1 x breach of a restraining order at Thurston Comm College and 1 x theft of a trailer in Hollow Lane. Speed checks had been carried out during the previous month along Barton Road and were to continue into April. Of 60 vehicles checked, 2 were clocked at speeds over 37mph, and had been issued with earning letters. The SNT had held a meet and greet session at New Green Centre as part of its Connect Weekend, offering crime reduction and security advice. 25 bicycles were also post coded. Cllr Dashper noted that although he had reported ASB at the Youth Shelter, there was no mention of it in the Police report.

**5 Statutory Business -**

- a) APM - this was scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Cavendish Hall. All arrangements were in place. **Clerk to invite new Cllrs to attend this meeting.**

- b) Elections - Details of residents standing for election to the Parish Council were now public, and numbered 12 for 11 seats. Cllr Monk offered to withdraw his nomination, since he was shortly to leave the area. This would mean that the election to Thurston PC would now be uncontested. The May meeting of the Council was deferred to 11<sup>th</sup> May, since elections due to be held 5<sup>th</sup> May were a day later than the original date of this meeting.

**6 Consideration of matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting** - It was agreed that there were no matters for referral to this meeting.

**7 Business Remaining from Previous Meetings -**

- a) Thurston under Fives - The heads of terms for lease had been agreed between SCC and the PC and the matter was now in the hands of the respective legal teams.
- b) Provision of allotments - the Clerk reported nothing had been heard at this time ref the proposal to hand over land in Oakey Field Road from MSDC to the PC for this purpose.
- c) Proposed closure of library - Cllr Dashper reported that a lot of work had been carried out in this matter, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting was to be arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> April. A number of meetings of the Working Group had taken place, which had centred on discussing 3 prime options-
  - 1 To work with the College to take forward the running of the library, ie management of staff
  - 2 To consider asking the CC to continue to run the library, with funding from the PC.
  - 3 To consider forming a partnership with other local authorities with libraries on school sites.

An Expression of Interest was to be submitted to SCC by 30<sup>th</sup> April incorporating an idea of how the library could be run; where funds could come from and who would lead the project. The 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting was to be publicised in all local media. It was proposed by the working group that each home in the village should receive a handout ref this meeting, to ensure a good turnout, and a request was made that the PC fund this exercise. This was agreed, proposed Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Monk with 5 for, and 1 abstention

- d) The dog Poo Bag Dispensers were now all installed. Council thanked Mr R Austin for carrying out this work.

**8 Chairman's Communications -**

- a) Annual Village Litter Pick - the Chairman thanked everyone who had turned out for this event, especially to Cllr Mrs Service who had provided the refreshments. **Clerk to submit expression of thanks to be published in the Newsletter, and to thank MSDC for their help in provision of litter bags etc.**

**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>
3108/10	Install pitched roof dormer window, Barn Lodge, School Rd (Amended)	SUPPORT
0409/11	1.5 storey rear ext., etc, The Rowans, 80 Barton Road	SUPPORT
0528/11	Install solar panels of swimming pool roof, Green Farm, Oak Road	SUPPORT
0634/11	rear ext., Bella Vista House, Church Hill Pakenham,	SUPPORT
0675/11	1 storey rear exts., & front porch etc., 30 Heather Close	OBJECT
0762/11	1 storey det granny annexe, 21 Barton Road (Revised)	SUPPORT
0950/11	Front Porch, The Poppies, 13 Heath Road	SUPPORT
0996/11	Det dwelling, Land adj Apple Tree Cottage, Gt Green	TBC

ii Planning Decisions received -

0136/11	side dormer ext., 47a Genesta Drive	GRANTED
0204/11	front porch, rear conservatory 1 storey side ext & 1 <sup>st</sup> floor rear ext., 18 Heath Road	GRANTED
3530/10	1 det dwelling, Poplar Farm, Great Green	TO APPEAL
0154/11	2 storey front & rear exts etc, 34 Heather Close	TO CTTEE 30/3

- b RECREATION GROUND - Nothing to report.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

- i) Cllr Dashper reported that he and Cllr Mrs Service had attended a community forum at the College where Ms Wilson had given a presentation ref the College's plans ref sports facilities and use of them by the general community
  - ii) Cllr Monk reported that he had resigned from the Ixworth PPA.
- d VILLAGE REPORTS -
- i) Cllr Monk reported that he had observed a problem outside the Fox & Hounds sometimes, when vehicles were parked along both sides of the road.
  - ii) Cllr Monk reported speeding traffic along Beyton Road and Station Hill
  - iii) Cllr Mrs Service reported that ASB at then Youth Shelter had resulted in the litter bin being found in a tree.
- e QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS - a proforma PC Newsletter had been circulated to Cllrs, who suggested some changes to be considered at a later date.

## 11 Reports from Officers of the Council

- a CLERK'S REPORT -
- 1 Mrs J Bolwell had volunteered to litter pick a circular route to include Station Hill, Norton Road, Church Road, School Road and Sandpit Lane on a regular basis, for which the Clerk had expressed Council's thanks.
  - 2 Some issues had arisen regarding providing hirers of the Pavilion Meeting Room with keys to get in, and it was agreed that this would be addressed when the new Council sits.
  - 3 A letter had been received from MSDC advising that the proposal to change the numbering system of houses in Heath Road would not be changed because of the complexity of informing all relevant parties.
  - 4 Information had been received from the NHS that the proposed pharmacy on the Granary Site had now been approved, all criteria having been met.
  - 5 SCC had sent a draft Order for the proposed prohibition of waiting in School Road, School Lane and St Peter's Way, to include double yellow lines. An objection from a nearby resident had also been received.

## 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 - Travel to meeting			26.00
Ray Austin, Handyman contract			340.90
“ “ Install Dog litter bag dispensers			91.00
R & C Sadler, (Rec Grd a/c) Caretakers Salary			107.25
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract			20.00
New Green Comm Trust, fee for Village Fete			10.00
Merit Garden Products, Posts for dog litter bag dispensers	66.83	13.37	80.20
Neat Ideas, Envelopes for Election letter	20.88	4.18	25.06
Suffolk ACRE Services, Pavilion Insurance (Rec Grd a/c)			374.41
Coastline Graphics, poster for Dog litter bag dispensers	108.00	21.60	129.60
Arrow Flexible Packaging, Dog litter bag dispensers	571.50	114.30	685.80
Glasdon UK Ltd, 4 litter bin liners	132.08	26.41	158.49
Drecroft, printing of letters ref Election	81.00	16.20	97.20
SALC, Membership			775.00

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

b) Accounts already paid -

Plusnet, Broadband & Telephone	27.96	5.60	33.56
New Green Comm Trust	213.00	42.60	255.60
Postage (Charge card)			5.00

c) Receipts - MSDC Street Cleaning Grant 746.98

**14 Any Other Specified Business -**

a) Cllr Mrs Service, on behalf of the entire Council, thanked the retiring Cllrs, Paul Button, Brian Monk and Tony Sadler for all the work they had put into the PC over several if not many years.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9pm

**Date of next meeting, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to be held in the Pavilion meeting room.**

**Signed..... Chairman Date 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011**