

Thurston Parish Council Meeting  
7th December 2005

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2005, at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Road, Thurston Parish Council

**Present :** Cllrs Mrs J Service, Mrs E Bendall, C Pattle, A Sprake, A Sadler, B Monk, M Shave

**In Attendance :** District Cllr D Haley, Community Police Officer Mark Green

No members of the public were present

Before the meeting was declared open, the Chairman made a presentation of a framed picture of the Old Station to the retired Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Roger Bowden, in recognition of his services. He was also presented with a bouquet of flowers for his wife. The Chairman took the opportunity to express appreciation to Mr Bowden on behalf of the Parish Council and the Villagers. Mr Bowden, in reply, expressed his gratitude for the gesture, and wished the new Chairman well.

**Police Report**

PC Green reported that there have been three crimes in the village since the last meeting - 1 of criminal damage, 1 burglary and 1 theft. He stated that as he is newly appointed to the post of community Police Officer, he has been familiarising himself with facilities in the village, and has recognised a problem with the car park at the Pavilion. He suggested that a barrier of some sort be erected around the car park to stop cars being driven across the grass. The Clerk will write to MSDC with this suggestion. PC Green then informed Council of a signwriter who can supply signs which suggest that CCTV is in operation. It was unanimously decided that 2 such signs be purchased for use at the Pavilion. Various nuisance reports were given to Council as was an observation by the Head Teacher of the Primary School that yellow lines outside the school have worn away. The Clerk will contact Suffolk CC to have these lines repainted. The lines on the road at the junction of School Road and Oakeyfield Road have also become faded, and will be brought to the attention of Suffolk CC also. PC Green also reported that he is now trained to use a speed gun and will be doing so in the village.

**Report by District Cllr D Haley**

Cllr Haley mentioned the problem of accidents at Fishwicke Corner, which he thinks can only get more frequent, since the road is much busier than it once was. He suggested that the Council write to Guy McGregor, Transport Portfolio at Suffolk CC to arrange a site visit. He reported that a Planning meeting held at New Green Community Centre was well-attended, and that the owner of Little Hough Hall has been asked to submit a planning application for an airstrip etc.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 8pm

**1. Apologies :**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Chris Clark who had other commitments

**2. To receive any declarations of interest :**

Cllr Sadler declared an interest in the Cricket Club

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting :**

Amendments to the following were highlighted :-

Public Forum : should mention the cost of the domain name which is £145 + VAT

Public Forum : should read that Ray Austin was going to clean the village road signs

Item 13 : second sentence should read **If so, it was considered unnecessary to meet them again. If any changes emerge, a meeting will be arranged in the New Year.**

Subject to these amendments, on the proposition of Cllr E Bendall and seconded by Cllr A Sadler, the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

#### **4. Matters arising :**

The Chairman mentioned the Development of the Granary Site for which there is to be a site inspection meeting on Tuesday 13th December at 10.45am

#### **5. Parish Clerk Report :**

The Acting Clerk reported that the electricity will be cut off from the Pavilion all day on the 17th January 2006, and that the Parish Accounts are still with the Auditors.

#### **6. Finance :**

Nick Haywood Roofing Ltd	24.00	4.20	28.20
Design a Web	100.00	17.50	117.50
One Tel		3.43	19.59
SALC	7.00	1.22	8.22
McAlpine	499.86	87.48	587.34
MSDC Business Rates	62.00		62.00
E-on energy	1142.27	199.90	1342.17
Wicksteed Leisure	729.09	127.61	856.70
BT	29.90	5.23	35.13
Neat Ideas	31.98	5.60	37.58
G signs	50.88	8.91	59.79
DJ Evans	13.87	2.43	16.30
Robert Cook	115.00		115.00
St John Ambulance Supplies	127.65	23.39	151.04
C Mason	414.15		414.15
C Mason travel expenses SALC	39.67		39.67
Mrs J Service expenses	43.53		43.53
Mrs Service Chairman's Allowance	50.00		50.00
Mrs Bendall expenses	21.78		21.78
R Austin	313.40		313.40
Thurston in Need Charity	55.00		55.00
M&TJ's Garden Services	42.00		42.00
Cllr Sprake Expenses	35.64		35.64
Pavilion			
Glynda Bartrup, Cleaner 12 hrs	74.28		74.28

#### **7. Planning :**

##### **Planning Applications Recommended**

2019/05/FUL Amendments to previously approved scheme, plot 6 Land at Pokeridge  
2296/05/TPO Works in accordance with schedule 2/11, Andrew Hastings Landscape Consultants Ltd. Items listed T25, T26, G3 & G4

2101/05/LBC Erection single storey extension to creat add. Accom. & gge store

2079/05/FUL Erection of 1.8m closely boarded fence & veh entrance gate, The Stables, Church Road

##### **Planning Application Not Recommended**

2145/05/FUL 2 Storey Extension, 1st Floor Addition & new double garage, 17 Heather Close

#### **8. Correspondence :**

Correspondence discussed

Letter from Russell Williams regarding the printing in full of the minutes in the Thurston Newsletter.

E-mail from Barton Willmore re: Highfield Nurseries, Meadow Lane site.  
Notice of temporary closure of Station Hill on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December  
Letter from defra re: Proposed Works on Chalk Pit Common  
E-mail from Sheila Chalmers re: bicycle path and Fishwick Corner. The Clerk will write to her informing her that these issues were discussed at the last meeting of the Council.  
Letter from Mid Suffolk District Council re: Parish Precept deadline  
Letter from Elaine Hawkins, Jasmine Cottage, re: application for Premises Licence for entertainment at Cavendish Hall. It was agreed to write back expressing that the Council has noted her concern, and to advise her that MSDC are dealing with this.

#### **9. Village Reports :**

Cllr Sprake reported that there is no salt at the junction of Hollow Lane and Church Road. The Clerk will advise Suffolk CC. It was agreed to ask Mr R Austin to advise the Council of any sites he thinks need a new salt bin.

Cllr Sprake reported standing water in Church Road outside Planche Hall. The Clerk will report this to Suffolk CC.

The Chairman reported that the Rights of Way Office will replace any missing street signs on production of a list.

Cllr Sadler reported that the street sign at the bottom of Heath Road is in the garden of the house call Triecassyn. The Clerk will report this.

#### **10. Reports by Parish Councillors :**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman E Bendall have attended a Course for Chairmen and Vice Chairmen at SALC's offices at Claydon.

#### **11. Recreation Ground Report :**

Cllr Sadler, having declared his interest in this item, reported that the Cricket Club is purchasing a new roller, which will also be of use to the football club. The current storage at the Pavilion is insufficient and he asked the Council to grant permission for the provision of a new storage container about 20 feet long. The Council granted this unanimously. Cllr Sadler also told the meeting that parents want to form a young cricketers club, which will necessitate the purchasing of extra equipment. The Council unanimously agreed to support this, proposed Cllr Bendall, seconded Cllr Sprake. Cllr Sadler asked the Clerk to obtain quotes for the re-surfacing of the Car Park at Cavendish Hall, to include repositioning sleepers at the bottom of the bank, and the provision of some gates.

Cllr E Bendall reported that the application for a grant for the Play Area has been successful, and there is now a total of £49,711 available from outside sources. It was now hoped that the PC would not have to contribute the full £10,000 to the project as originally anticipated. If this was the case any of the agreed amount left over after completion could be put towards the replacement of equipment at the Cavendish Field. A fence will be placed all around the Play Area to keep dogs out of it, and although leases still have to be drawn up and signed, Cllr Bendall asked for Councils approval for work to go ahead, which was unanimously agreed - proposed Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Monk. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bendall for her work in procuring these arrangements.

#### **12. Fishwick Corner :**

The Clerk will write to Suffolk County Council Highways department to arrange a site meeting, in the light of the increase in the number of accidents at this location.

#### **13. Parking :**

It was reported that a letter should have been sent to Highways requesting a site meeting about the parking outside the Post Office in Barton Road. The Clerk will check whether the letter has been sent, and if not will send a new request.

#### **14. Parish Plan :**

Cllr Shave raised the subject of the Village questionnaire, and given the deadline that the Council has set, reported that Kalkwik can do a quick job of printing. It was decided to post the questionnaires out, and collect them by hand. Cllr Shave suggested numbering the

questionnaires and holding a draw as an incentive for residents to actually fill in and return the forms.

**15. Meeting with College :**

This item will be carried over to the January meeting, since Cllr Clark was not at the meeting, when an agenda for a meeting at the College will be agreed by the Council.

**16. Emergency Officer's Report :**

Cllr A Sprake reported that the First Responder equipment is now live, and that there is a full page in the Newsletter, explaining the whole service.

**17. Cavendish Hall Cycle Rack :**

A letter has been received from Penny Kelly, requesting permission to site two or three cycle stands adjacent to the Cavendish Hall. There were no objections from Council and the Clerk will write to advise Mrs Kelly that permission has been granted.

**18. Omega Accounts Software :**

Cllr Shave reported that this software is now obsolete. The Clerk will ring ACS Business Systems to confirm.

**19. Headed Stationery :**

It was agreed that a new letterhead and compliment slip will be produced using the symbol of an Oak tree. The Clerk reported that these do not need to be printed and stored, but can be produced and used direct from the computer.

**20. Bonfire Night :**

The Clerk was asked to check whether the Council's insurance policy covers public liability for holding a bonfire on November 5<sup>th</sup> each year.

