

.Thurston Parish Council Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009  
THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Church Road, Thurston

**Present :** Chairman Cllr Sprake, Cllrs Campbell, Weeks, Sadler, Mrs Service, Monk and Mrs Clark

**In Attendance :** PCSO S Myall

0 members of the public was present

The meeting opened at 7.34pm

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Mrs Long Other Commitments  
Cllr Robinson Holiday  
Cllr Dashper Business Commitments
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Mrs Service, Thurston Charities  
Cllr Sadler, item 9b  
Cllr Sprake, item 9f  
Cllrs Campbell and Mrs Clark, item 9a i)3209
- 3 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 had been circulated and were approved as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Mrs Clark all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

##### **POLICE REPORT -**

PCSO Myall reported there had been 13 crimes since the last meeting - 2 harassment; 3 assaults (domestic); 4 break-ins of vehicles; 2 criminal damage; 1 theft at College; 1 assault at college. Speed checks had been carried out in Barton Road and Beyton Road. The Police had agreed to pay for 6months hire of the New Green Centre for the film nights for young folk.

##### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR -**

- 1 Cllr Mrs Otton had attended a meeting re flooding in Beyton, at which the package put forward to resolve the situation would cost £38,000. Parish Councils were to be invited to contribute.
  - 2 A response had been received from Network Rail re the crossing in Heath Road, stating that they had sent the information to Transport Police, and the SNT are also involved. Cllr Otton had asked the CC level Crossings team to advise on the status of this crossing, since the requirement for signalling or manning of a crossing is based on a quantified risk assessment of the crossing.
  - 3 At the recent Locality meeting with the young people, transport was seen as a major issue for youngsters living 'in the stick'. Ideas had been put forward regarding a Job Shop and training for life skills
- 4 **Statutory Business -**  
a) Meeting dates, 2010 - a list of meeting dates for the coming New Year was circulated, and will be published. Concern was raised about the date of the Annual Parish Meeting which will again coincide with a meeting of the Brownies. **Clerk to request alternative date for APM from Cavendish Hall.**

##### **5 Matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting -**

The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Robinson had met in the Parish Council Office with Inspector Gary Duncan from the Police SNT. Inspector Duncan had explained how the Tasking meetings were to be made more open to member of the public, who, it was planned, would also share in the charring of these meetings.

Cllrs asked for the following issues to remain as in need of priority attention at the next SNT Tasking Meeting:-

- 1) Anti Social Behaviour at the Youth Shelter
- 2) Speeding traffic along Barton Road, Beyton Road, and Station Hill

- 3) Speeding tractors in Heath Road
- 4) Anti Social Behaviour in bus shelter, Barton Road

**6 Business Remaining -**

- a) Bus stop lay-by, School Road - the CC had informed Council that they had been unsuccessful in their attempt to persuade MSDC to make amenity land available for parking in School Road, which would become less when the bus lay-by is extended. Council's agreement for this work to go ahead was sought, and given. **Clerk to advise. Clerk to write to local businesses re possibility of some parking on the hard stand in front of their premises.**
- b) Power of Well Being training - Cllr Weeks advised Council of dates offered by SALC for this training to take place back to back with Code of Conduct training. After consideration, it was agreed to ask for further options. **Clerk to arrange.**
- c) Community Board - it had been thought that a new representative to this Board was needed, but Cllr Monk said he could continue to attend these meetings
- d) This group had contacted the Parish Office intimating that they would be seeking a formal meeting with the Council and other groups when their architect had drawn up revised plans. The Clerk had advised that the Council would prefer to consider the plans when once the application was submitted.

**7 Chairman's Communications -** There were none

**8 Questions from Councillors -** There were none

**9 Reports from Committees and Groups**

a PLANNING -

i	Planning Applications received -	
3126/09	Remove crittal window & replace with Oak Mullion, Mill Farmhouse, Mill Lane	SUPPORT
3209/09	1.5 Bays addition to gge block, 1-2 The Planche	SUPPORT
3260/09	4 Det bungalows, land at 84 Barton Road	OBJECT
SCC	extensions to Sports Barn etc, Community College	TBC
1312/09	1 semi detached bungalow, land at 20 Barleyfields	TBC

The Clerk read out a letter received from an applicant outlining the reasons he hoped the Council would support his proposals.

ii Planning Decisions received :-

2632/09	2 no dwellings, land rear of 1 & 2 Station Hill	REFUSED
2604/09	request to retain velux rooflight, Hse 2, Thedwastre White House	GRANTED
2804/09	Alterations to dormer windows etc., Popples, Barrells Road	GRANTED

b RECREATION GROUND -

- i) Play Equipment Risk Assessment - all repairs had now been made, and there were no other problems
- ii) Flooring quotations, Pavilion - deferred - the Committee had not met to consider the proposals.
- iii) 'No Dogs' signs for Recreation Ground - after consideration of reports received that dog owners were allowing their pets to foul this site, it was agreed to ask MSDC for 2 extra Dog Fouling signs which will be erected at the Rec Grd. **Clerk to arrange.**

Concerns had previously been raised regarding Cllrs who sit on the Recreation Ground Committee declaring an interest when they had involvement with Sports clubs using the Pavilion and Ground, or whether such Cllrs should not sit on this Committee. After consideration, it was agreed that the declaration of an interest would be acceptable, proposed Cllr Mrs Service, seconded Cllr Monk. The membership of this Committee was to be considered at the next meeting.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

- i) Cllr Monk had attended a meeting of the Ixworth PPA, at which arrangements for the upcoming AGM had been discussed. No Doctors had been present
- ii) Cllr Monk had attended an extra meeting of the Mid Suffolk West Community Board, where transport for youngsters had been discussed.
- iii) Cllr Monk had attended an extra meeting of the Mid Suffolk West Community Board where speeding traffic and provision for Broadband were discussed

iv) Cllr Mrs Clark had attended the SALC AGM, where various awards had been handed out, and delegates were apprised of the Associations new website which was to be launched soon. From this website, legal support could be accessed, which the Association had arranged to be provided by Pretty's firm of Solicitor's in Ipswich.

v) Cllr Mrs Service had attended a meeting of the Thurston Relief in Need Charity, at which it was agreed to distribute gifts of money to 57 residents of Thurston and the Blackbourne Centre

vi) The Chairman had met with the SNT's Inspector Gary Duncan, along with Cllr Robinson and the Clerk, where complaints re the seemingly less Police presence since PCSO match-funding began was addressed. The Inspector will look into the matter and report back. Information was also received about new arrangements re the monthly Police SNT Tasking meetings.

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

i) Cllr Sadler referred to reports received of a tractor in Heath Road refusing to move to allow a gentleman in a disabled buggy meeting to carry on along the road.

ii) Cllr Mrs Service reported flooding beneath the railway bridge in Barton Road. **Clerk to report.**

iii) Cllr Monk reported various incidents of cyclists travelling along pavements.

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - No report

f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - No report

## 10 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 S137 expenditure for 2010 - 2011 was to be limited to £6.15 per elector

2 Information had been received that the hedges along Sandpit Lane in need of cutting back were to be done by MSDC by the end of November

3 Cllr Mrs Long had tendered her resignation form the Council. The vacancy would be referred to MSDC

4 Thurston kids club had asked permission to make use of the Recreation Ground as does the Primary School. On the proposal of Cllr Mrs Clark, seconded Cllr Mrs Service, this was agreed. **Clerk to notify.**

5 Information had been received that the C562Ixworth Road, would be closed for carriageway repair and reconstruction between the C559 Norton Road and the C689 Pakenham Road, from 29<sup>th</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> January.

6 Following a request for financial help with ground problems at Heath Road Playing Field, a letter had been received from the Thurston Relief in Need Charity from whom the Council leases the land, advising that felt this is the responsibility of the Council, and suggesting the Council contacts the 68 Club for help with this problem. **Clerk to find original lease for clarification.**

7 MSDC legal Services had advised that Council must apply for a licence for the new bus shelter in School Road, and enquired if the Council would be instructing a solicitor to act on its behalf in the matter. **Clerk to seek advice from SALC**

## 11 Resolutions or Recommendation already received - There were none

## 12 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	700.64	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	67.63	
Ray Austin, Handyman contract	337.53	
Ray Austin, fit handle to play equipment	18.00	
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	355.53	
R Sadler, Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	107.25	
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract	20.00	
Does not Compute, Web Hosting (Feb 09 - Feb 10)	75.00	
Kompan, Replacement Handle, Thedwastre Park	42.34	
BDO Stoy Hayward, Audit Fees	488.75	5.52
Suffolk ACRE Svcs, Premium re increased Fidelity Guarantee	53.88	63.75
Mrs C Clark, travel to SALC AGM	9.62	

E_ON, electricity, Pavilion (Rec Grd Account)	170.45	8.12
Playquest, replace slide, Heath Road	115.00	15.00

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

b) Accounts already paid -		
New Green Comm Trust, Office Rent	244.95	31.95
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c) Receipts -		
MSDC Cleansing Grant	746.98	
Football Club (Rec Grd a/c)	288.00	
Millennium Farm Trust - hire of Pavilion (Rec Grd a/c)	20.00	

d) Budget - The Finance Committee had reviewed the first draft of the Council's budget for 2010 - 2011, and had made some suggestions where cuts could be made. A review of the provision of energy supply and maintenance of the Council's streetlights had also been undertaken, and it was agreed to maintain the contract currently held with SCC, proposed Cllr Campbell, seconded Cllr Weeks. After full consideration, it was agreed to precept for £50,000 for the financial year 2010 - 2011, representing no increase on the previous year's Council Tax. Proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Campbell, all in favour.

e) Flooding problems, Thurston Road, Beyton - a letter had been received from the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership, requesting financial help from this Council for the work needed at the above location. After consideration, it was agreed not to contribute, proposed Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Mrs Clark, all in favour.

a) **Any Other Specified Business -**

1) Appointment of PC Nominated Trustees of New Green Community Trust - Council had been asked to nominate two new Trustees, and to re-appoint two existing PC nominated trustees. Concerns were raised regarding the legal implications. **Clerk to obtain legal advice, matter deferred to next meeting.**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10pm

**Date of next meeting, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Signed..... Chairman Date 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010**