



4. **Approval and Signature of Minutes** –the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Dashper.

5. **Statutory Business** - There was none

6. **Business Remaining** –

a Fun Run – The date of this event has been moved to 4<sup>th</sup> May, and the New Green Centre will arrange the insurance for it.

b Multi Sports Court – New Green will consider this proposal at a later date

c Skatepark/Basketball hoop – it was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to oversee this proposal. It was further agreed that the Recreation Ground Sub-committee would take this matter on their next agenda.

d Parish Office Accommodation – It was noted that the Council should be able to move into the portakabin supplied by New Green in late May.

e Streetlight, Woodland Close – a quotation for installation had been received from Suffolk CC. It was agreed to contact MSDC for funding.

f Bus Shelter, Heath Road – information had been received from Suffolk CC on the designs of bus shelters they can supply. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. **Chairman’s Communications** –

a The Chairman had received notification that the Thurston date for taking part in the South and Heart of Suffolk Walking Festival is 16<sup>th</sup> May. The walk will begin at the Cavendish Hall at 10am. Notices will be put on the Parish notice boards.

b The Chairman had received 2,500 new leaflets re footpaths in Thurston, which had been printed by Drecroft Printers.

c The Chairman reported that a review to prioritise Council’s objective’s for the coming year had been carried out by herself, the Vice Chairman and the Clerk on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Various projects will be considered in due course.

8. **Questions from Councillors** – There were none

9. **Reports from Committees and Groups**

a PLANNING –

i Planning Applications received :-

2532/07	Erect 2 storey Rear exts., 2&3 Church Cottages	SUPPORT
0017/08	1 new dwelling, Harvey’s Garden Plants	SUPPORT
0118/08	single garage, 28 School Road	SUPPORT
0099/08	1 storey rear ext, dormer window & roof alterations, 10 Heather Close	SUPPORT
0070/08	1 Storey front gge ext., 28 The Hambros	SUPPORT

ii Planning Decisions received :-

3969/07	Canopy work under TPO, 38 Howes Ave	GRANTED
3220/07	2 storey side ext., 12B Furze Close	GRANTED
3841/07	Ext and alterations to include dormer windows etc, 37 Barton Road	GRANTED

b RECREATION GROUND – A quotation had been received to replace the floor in the disabled toilets at the Pavilion, and to replace part of the away team changing room floor. This will be arranged after the football season is over. A quotation had been received to refurbish the floor in the meeting room at the Pavilion at a cost of £450. on the proposal of Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Campbell, all in favour, it was agreed to accept this quotation.

c COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS –

i Cllr Pattle will attend the Cavendish Hall AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> February, and had attended a meeting there from which there is nothing to report.

ii Cllr Monk had attended a meeting of the Ixworth Doctors Surgery Patients Group, and reported that 1 Doctor had been dismissed for reasons not disclosed. Submission of numbers of patients per each village had led to a request for more volunteer drivers.

iii Cllr Button reported that the Thurston Under 5 Group had requested that they be allowed to use the leftover shingle at the Recreation Ground Car Park to fill a ditch left by work to the neighbours fence. This was agreed. He further reported that Mr P, Skoyles is

looking for sponsors of various stalls on the day of the Fun Run. This will be discussed at the next meeting

- d VILLAGE REPORTS -
  - i Cllr Robinson reported that the hedge opposite to the Post Office is in need of being cut back.
  - ii Cllr Robinson reported that a resident had asked Council to look into the possibility of classifying land in Church Road as an Area of Outstanding Beauty. **The Clerk will investigate.**
  - iii Cllr Pattle wondered whether it might be possible to site a paper recycling bin at Thurston Community College. Cllr Mrs Clark will raise the matter at the next meeting of the Board of Governors.
  - iv The Chairman reported two streetlights displaying problems, which the clerk will report to Suffolk CC.
- e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - Cllr Sprake circulated amongst Cllrs a draft copy of the proposed Emergency Plan leaflet for consideration. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for printing 1,500 copies from Drecroft Ltd.
- f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported just 1 call out in Thurston since then last meeting. There are now 12 fully trained Responders in the group and 1 other waiting to be trained. The group is currently recruiting more volunteers.
- g REPORT ON MEETING RE YOUTH CLUB - Cllr Robinson reported that this Group is considering the Policies and Procedures relevant to this initiative. First Aid training is being organised, and a list of needs has been given to County Cllr Otton for consideration. CRB checks are under way and four people are being trained in Child Protection.

#### 10. Reports from Officers of the Council

- a CLERK'S REPORT -
  - 1 Website - Cllrs were consulted on the layout of the website proposed.
  - 2 External Auditors - BDO Stoy Hayward LLP have been appointed as external auditors for this Council for a 5 year periods beginning with accounts y/e 31st March 2008.
  - 3 District Cllr Scott had sent a letter explaining his inability to attend PC meetings
  - 4 Road signs for Heath Road - information had been received from SCC stating the charges for installing a tractor warning sign, and advising that there is no similar warning sign for cyclists that SCC would approve.
  - 5 The printer in the Parish Office no longer functions at 100% efficiency. Some of the problem has been identified as damp in the atmosphere. It was agreed to make no decision on a replacement until the Council has new office accommodation.

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

#### 12. Finance

- a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	658.84	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	65.00	
Ray Austin	322.87	
Claire Hatton/Richard Sadler Salary(Rec Grd)	104.00	
Neat Ideas	70.81	10.55
Does not compute - domain hosting	107.00	
SCC, Streetlighting 1/10/07 - 31/3/08	3,147.87	468.83
Drecroft Ltd (Thurston Walks Leaflets)	248.00	

These accounts were approved for payment, on the proposal of Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Campbell

b) Accounts Already Paid :-		
Tiscali (DD telephone/broadband)	34.12	5.08
c) Receipts :-		
HMRC (VAT reclaimed)	506.99	
Hire of Pavilion (Rec Grd a/c)	80.00	

d) Quotations :-

i Refurbish Fence, Church Road – on then proposal of Cllr Mrs Service, seconded Cllr Mrs Clark it was agreed to accept the quotation received from Mr Austin to complete this work at a cost of £75

ii Grass Cutting for 2008 season – on the proposal of Cllr Sprake, seconded Cllr Monk, it was agreed to accept the quotation received for this work from M&TJ's Garden Services at a cost of £58.75 per cut.

iii Ground work on pitches, Recreation Ground - it was agreed that the Clerk will attempt to procure more quotations for this work for Council to consider alongside the one already received.

**13. Any Other Specified Business –**

a Lea school Governors – it was agreed not to submit any Cllrs name as a candidate for the several governorships vacant in local schools.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.15pm

**Date of next meeting, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**Signed..... Chairman Date 5<sup>th</sup> 2008**