

4 Statutory Business –

a) Revised date of APM – the previously advertised date of 14th April 2010 would have meant a late start because of another booking at the Cavendish Hall. The Hall is available on Thursday 15th 2010, and after consideration, it was agreed to take this date instead, proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Sadler, all in favour. **Clerk to notify Booking Secretary**

5 Matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting –

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

- 1) Speeding traffic along Barton Road, Beyton Road, and Station Hill
- 2) Speeding tractors in Heath Road
- 3) Anti Social Behaviour in bus shelter, Barton Road

6 Business Remaining –

- a) Parish Council nominated Trustees to New Green Community Trust – Charles Smith and Roger Ling had served as PC Nominated Trustees for four years, and were requesting re-appointment. Since there should be 6 PC nominated Trustees on the Board of New Green, the Council was asked to appoint Jan Sellick and Ann Verity to those positions, and on the proposal of Cllr Mrs Service, seconded Cllr Weeks, all in favour, it was agreed so to do. **Clerk to notify New Green Community Trust.**
- b) Membership of Recreation Ground Committee – Deferred
- c) Parking issues, School Road – After consideration, it was agreed that a meeting be set up at the site, to include representatives from the Parish Council; local shops; the Primary School; SCC Highways team; Police, and District and County Cllrs. **The matter would be considered again at the next meeting.**

7 Chairman's Communications –

- a) Waste bins – The Council had received an e-mail from a local resident complaining about not knowing the changed dates for emptying of waste bins over the Christmas period, which had inferred that the problem was that the Council had not agreed to take on the responsibility of delivering the MSDC Messenger leaflet, and it had therefore not been delivered before this information had been needed. A reply had been sent advising the reasons for the Council's decision not to deliver the leaflets, and that therefore the problem has not been the responsibility of the Council. It was further agreed to write to MSDC asking them to up the amount of publicity re such changes in the future.

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

9 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING –

i Planning Applications received –

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| 1321/09 | 1 no semi-det chalet bungalow, 20 Barleyfields | OBJECT |
| SCC | extension to Sports Barn, Thurston Comm College | SUPPORT |

ii Planning Decisions received :-

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| 3075/09 | 1 storey rear ext., 10 Furze Close | GRANTED |
| 3209/09 | 1.5 bays ext. to garages, 1-2 The Planche | GRANTED |
| Enforcement request re 85 Barton Road | | NO BREACH OF CONTROL |
| 3260/09 | 4 det bungalows; 2 det double carports; 4 parking spaces, + access, 84 Barton Road | REFUSED |
| 3582/08 | New Access. Elm Farm Park | DECLARED INVALID |

b RECREATION GROUND –

i) Play Equipment Risk Assessment – all assessments reported no problems

ii) Flooring quotations, Pavilion – deferred - the Committee had not met to consider the proposals.

It was reported that guttering at the Pavilion had been vandalised, and that there were a couple of minor plumbing problems too. **Clerk to arrange repairs.**

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS –

i) Cllr Mrs Service had completed a survey of flood sites in Thurston, both past and present, requested by SCC Environmental Strategy Department. She further reported that she had attended the church Carol Service, where Cllr Monk had delivered a reading on the Parish Council's behalf. Council thanked Cllr Monk, and agreed

to ask the Rev'd Mathers to remind the Council of this next year, in order that this honour could be debated by Cllrs, and representative chosen from that process. **Clerk to write.**

ii) Cllr Monk reported that at a meeting of the MS West Community Board the subject of speeding traffic was addressed, and it had been agreed to appoint a committee to oversee the matter. It had been further reported that the Government proposes to install speed signs at the boundary of every village in the country.

iii) Cllr Robinson reported he had attended the recent MS South SNT Tasking meeting.

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

i) Cllr Robinson reported potholes beneath the Railway Bridge in Barton Road, getting worse, and that the surface of Heath Road continued to break up creating a large amount of surface stone chippings. **Clerk to report.**

ii) Cllr Monk reported that a hole in the pavement in Genesta Drive, which he had reported to MSDC had been cordoned off for safety reasons.

iii) Cllr Dashper reported a severe problem for residents of his part of Barleyfields in icy conditions. It was agreed to ask SCC to deliver an amount of grit to this site in case of future problems. It was further agreed to determine whether volunteers' to spread grit would be covered by the CC's insurance policy, and if so to add the names of the people in this village who do so. **Clerk to arrange.** It was further reported that the grit level in the existing grit bins was rather low. **Clerk to report.**

iv) Cllr Mrs Service reported that the street nameplate in Orchard Lane, which the Clerk had reported as fallen over, had still not been re-positioned. She further reported a problem in Furze Close, where residents were parking cars on the grass verge, which was now very pitted and muddy. **Clerk to report to PCSO Myall.**

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - The Chairman reported that the Plan was due for review.

f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported there had been 4 call-outs during December, and that there were now 10 fully-trained responders.

10 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 A request had been received from the Countryside Team at MSDC requesting permission to use the Recreation Ground as part of an activity called Green Tales on Tour. This was scheduled to take place on 18th August 2010, and would take the form of story-telling and mini-beast hunting. The Council had no objections. **Clerk to advise.**

2 MSDC's recommendation for the council tax base for the year 2010 - 2011 to be set at 1203.49 Band D equivalents in this Parish, would be considered by that Council for January 2010. This represents a slight fall from the previous year's figure of 1205.23.

3 The £1,000 payment from C Cllr Mrs Otton's Locality budget for help with the bus shelter in School Road had been received.

4 An e-mail had been received from Carla Beckett, of Flagship Housing, requesting that she and two others attend a PC meeting in order to look at potential site, since Bellway homes had pulled out of negotiations around previously considered sites. After consideration of the proposed Affordable Homes development on land adjacent to Cracknell's Garage, it was agreed not to pursue the matter any further at this time. **Clerk to advise.**

5 The Suffolk Culture and Sport Partnership had announced a grant scheme to support 2012 Open Weekend events held in the run-up to the Olympics and Paralympics in London.

6 Information had been received from SCC re the timetables for 2010 - 11 of the Mobile Library. **Clerk to pass information on to website editor**

7 Having written to Barton Place Farms about the incident involving a tractor driver, and a disabled gentleman in a wheelchair, a reply had been received stating that it was not one of their drivers that had been involved.

8 The Council had asked the New Green Community Trust its views on the provision of fencing for the bottom car park. A reply had been received stating that they cannot clearly see the presumed benefit of such a fence and would be unable to contribute financially.

9 The Precept demand for the financial year 2010 - 2011 had been submitted.

10 Having approached the Rev'd Mathers about the possibility of amalgamating the Thurston Newsletter with the one the PC will be obliged to prepare in order to achieve

quality Council Status, a reply had been received requesting information about what the Council's criteria for a newsletter would be for the PCC's consideration, with a view to setting up a meeting soon.

11 Dog Fouling signs, Recreation Ground – the possible need for some of these had been raised by the Village Handyman. After consideration it was agreed to ask MSDC to take on this responsibility. **Clerk to arrange.**

12 An application had been received from the Explorer Scout Group to hire the Pavilion meeting room two evenings per month for their meetings.

13 POWB Training – All neighbouring Council had been approached to see if any of their members would want to attend this training session. Replies were awaited.

14 A letter had been received from Suffolk Constabulary requesting feedback as to how the Match-funded Scheme was working in this Parish.

11 Resolutions or Recommendation already received – There were none

12 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

| COMPANY | AMOUNT | VAT |
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| Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary | 700.64 | |
| Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses | 60.00 | |
| Ray Austin, Handyman contract | 337.53 | |
| R Sadler, Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c) | 107.25 | |
| R Sadler, Caretaker's Expenses (") | <u>8.47</u> | |
| PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract | 20.00 | |
| Design –a-Web, Website hosting fee | 120.00 | |
| Cllr Monk, travel expenses | 30.65 | |
| SALC, postage for Code of Conduct booklets | 9.45 | 1.23 |
| SCC, Streetlighting contract (2 nd half year) | 3,395.72 | 442.92 |

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

b) Accounts already paid -

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| New Green Comm Trust, Office Rent | 244.95 | 31.95 |
| BT Telephone charges | 43.60 | 5.69 |
| Plusnet (Telephone & Broadband) | 21.94 | 2.86 |

c) Receipts –

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| Cllr Mrs Otton Locality Payment | 1,000.00 |
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13 Any Other Specified Business –

1) Proposed scheme for external staircase to Cavendish hall for scouts access to roof space – this scheme was approved, proposed Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Weeks, all in favour.

2) Allotments – after consideration it was agreed to make contact with the landowner of the Allotment plots to see if the Council could offer administrative help. **Clerk to contact**

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

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 3rd February 2010

Signed..... Chairman Date 3rd February 2010