

Thurston Parish Council Meeting
9th January 2008
THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Road, Thurston

Present : Chairman Cllr Mrs Service, Cllrs Pattle, Campbell, Sadler, Miss Fleet, Button, Dashper, and Monk

In Attendance : County Cllr Mrs Otton, District Cllr Haley, PS Colin Curtis, PCSO Simon Myall

0 members of the public present

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

POLICE REPORT – Police Sgt Colin Curtis introduced himself to Council before PCSO Myall delivered the following report :-

There had been three reported crimes during December, all of criminal damage. There is to be a Police Street Briefing outside the Post Office on Barton Road on Saturday 19th January at 3pm. The Police Office within Thurston Community College is now fully operational. Police are keen to have a presence at any events within the village, in order to help upgrade the profile of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR MRS OTTON –

a SCC has received more money in their Government Grant than they had been told to expect. Cuts were expected to be necessary in several services. A Cabinet meeting to be held on 14th January will decide what savings to these cuts can be made.

b The Suffolk Real Nappy Network is to benefit from funding from SCC.

c A target of achieving 60% recycling and composting rate in Suffolk has been pushed back from 2010 to 2015.

d On 5th December the Government announced which bids for Unitary Status had been granted. Although the Ipswich bid failed, the Secretary of State has asked the Boundary Commission to see whether there are any other proposals with alterations to area which might be possible. This means that there is now to be a review of local government boundaries covering all of Suffolk, which is likely to take up to 1 year to complete.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT CLLR HALEY –

a The Grant Settlement in MSDC this year will 1.8%; for the next two years this will be ½ %. In each of these three years there will have to be savings made of £300k.

b The terms of reference for the Re-organisation should be published later this month. MSDC will debate possible options on Thursday 10th January 2008.

c It was reported that the crime of Flytipping is being taken more seriously – one offender who had pleaded guilty to the charge, was recently fined £500 with costs of £700

d MSDC Planning Department is meeting all targets set by the Government

e The hearing into SnOasis should be received by the end of this month

8.04pm

1. Apologies – Cllr Sprake Work Commitments
Cllr Robinson Family Commitments
Cllr Mrs Clark Illness

2. Declarations of personal/prejudicial interest from Councillors :-

Cllr Button declared an interest in items 6b and 7a;

Cllr Campbell declared an interest in item 9a(ii)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2007 were considered.

4. Approval and Signature of Minutes – subject to the following amendments, the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Pattle, seconded Cllr Dashper.

Item 9g should read - *the Police Anti-social Behaviour Unit have donated £500 towards this project*

5. **Statutory Business** - It was agreed to change the November meeting of Full Council to 12th November, proposed Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Pattle, all in favour.
6. **Business Remaining** -
- a Fun Run - the insurance proposal form had been submitted, but no premium quotation received. **Deferred to next agenda.**
 - b Multi-Sports Court - The Chair and Vice Chair had met with representatives from new Green Centre, and had assured them of the PC's support in this venture.
 - c Office Accommodation for Parish Council - An offer of accommodation for the Parish Council Office to be included in proposed extensions to the New Green Centre had been received. After consideration, it was agreed to accept this offer, which will include temporary accommodation while building work is carried out. Proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Pattle, all in favour. **Clerk to advise New Green Centre.**
 - d Bus Shelter, Heath Road - information had been received from County Council with regard to this provision, which was agreed in principle. **Clerk to ask for more information from SCC.**
 - e Response to MSDC Local Development Framework Consultation re Site Specific Allocations. After discussion it was agreed to respond that Thurston needs only Affordable Housing as per the recent Housing Needs Survey.
 - f Provisions of a new streetlight, Woodland Close - after consideration it was agreed that this new light is necessary. **Clerk to contact SCC for advice re funding etc.**

Chairman's Communications -

- a The Chairman had received information from the 68 Club that they are willing to nominate the provision of youth facilities in Thurston as their project for this year. It was agreed to advise New Green Centre of this.
- b The Chairman advised Council that Drecroft Printers are currently printing 2,500 Walks leaflets for the PC, at a cost of £248.

8. Questions from Councillors - There were none

9. Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING -

i Planning Applications received :-

3010/07	Replacement of Existing Dwelling, 84 Barton Road	OBJECT
3969/07	Tree Surgery to tree with TPO 38 Howes Ave	SUPPORT

ii Planning Decisions received :-

3743/07	Canopy reduce 1 tree, 21 Blackbird Close	GRANTED
0401/07	1 Det. dwelling, Cedars Close	REFUSED
SE/07/1527	erection of 12,000 bird production unit, Mere Farm, Pakenham	GRANTED
2583/07	1 st floor addition over existing bungalow, Cherry Trees, Hollow Lane	GRANTED
2949/07	Children's Learning Centre, Thurston College	GRANTED
2513/07	Det gge & new vehicular access, 49 Genesta Drive	REFUSED
3188/07	Rear conservatory, 2 Ryefields	GRANTED
3286/07	Single storey ext, 9 Birch Road	GRANTED

- b RECREATION GROUND - This Group had not had a meeting since the last PC meeting. A quotation from Secelec ref a defective light fitting in the Pavilion, at £118 + VAT to replace various components was accepted, all in favour. A hirer of the Pavilion, who will be a regular hirer, had asked whether there could be a discount for a serial booking. It was unanimously agreed to charge the group for 11 months hire and give the 12th month free of .charge

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS - There were none

- d VILLAGE REPORTS -
- i Cllr Pattle reported that the flag from the bus stop outside Cavendish Hall is missing. **The Clerk will report this to SCC.**
 - ii Cllr Sadler reminded Council of the poor condition of fencing along the Church Road side of the Recreation Ground, near to the recycling bin. **The Clerk will report to the Handyman.**
 - ii Cllr Sadler raised the issue of warning signs for tractors/cyclists along Heath Road. **The Clerk will contact SCC again.**
 - iii The Chairman reported potholes at the junction of Barton Road and Beyton Road. **The Clerk will report these to SCC highways Team.**
 - iv Cllr Sprake (in his absence) reported that it had been noted that many homes in the village do not display their house name or number. It was agreed to place a reminder of the importance of this, in the next edition of the Newsletter.
- e EMERGENCY RESPONDERS & EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - IN the absence of Cllrs Sprake and Robinson, the Clerk read the following report :-
There had been 4 call-outs to the First Responders during December.
The draft Emergency Plan Leaflet had been prepared and a copy will be circulated amongst Councillors for comment.
- f REPORT ON MEETING RE YOUTH CLUB - Cllr Miss Fleet reported that the group is currently putting in place policies and procedures, and is hoping to launch the Youth Club in May this year. There will be two sessions for two different age groups.

10. Reports from Officers of the Council

- a CLERK'S REPORT -
- 1 Sustrans have been awarded a grant from the Lottery to be used on various projects around the country, the nearest of which is in Norwich. The Clerk had congratulated the local group on behalf of the PC
 - 2 The Village Recorder, Mrs Carol Bailey had sent information regarding whether or not certain buildings within the village were listed, which she had gleaned from the Records Office in Ipswich.
 - 3 A letter had been received from a resident of Railway Cottages, who had become alarmed at recent minuted discussion about whether the buildings are listed or not. **The Clerk will write and assure the resident that the PC would not be making any decisions or taking any action without involving all the residents in the row.**
 - 4 Information had been received from Suffolk Police indicating that they have extended the SafeKey scheme to include businesses. The PC will consider this option at a later date

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 Salary owed from June 07)	152.88	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	60.00	
Ray Austin	322.87	
Claire Hatton/Richard Sadler Salary(Rec Grd)	104.00	
SCC (streetlight 293)	662.70	98.70
Playdri Products	587.50	87.50
Suffolk ACRE (Housing Needs printing)	480.24	
Newflame (Maint., fire equipment, Pav)	28.78	4.28
E-on (Office electricity)	86.43	4.12
TBM (Office Copier lease)	91.65	13.65

- b) Accounts Already Paid :-
Mrs K Savage, Expenses re provision of Convector Heater for Parish Office £40.66

These accounts were approved for payment, on the proposal of Cllr Sadler and seconded by Cllr Pattle

- c) Receipts :-
There were none
- d) Budget proposals - On receipt of recommendations from the Finance Group, it was agreed to precept for £63,000 for the financial year 2008/9. proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Campbell, all in favour.
- e) 'Blanket' Hire Agreement, New Green - after consideration it was agreed not to sign this form.

13. Any Other Specified Business -

- a) Correspondence received re 2 Ryefields. Several written communications had been received in complaint against improvements at his address, by both the Parish Council and the County Council. Since the writer had given no address or contact details, and none could be found by other means, no further action can be taken.
- b) Co-operative to purchase a speed gun with Beyton PC and others - after consideration, it was unanimously agreed that this exercise would be prohibitively expensive.

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

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 6th February 2008

Signed..... Chairman Date 6th February 2008