

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Road, Thurston

Present : Chairman Cllr Mrs Service, Cllrs Robinson, Button, Sadler, Dashper, Miss Fleet, and Pattle.

In Attendance : Mr J Oldknow

0 members of the public were present

The meeting opened at 7.33pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

Mr Oldknow advised Council of the progress of planning applications re the Granary site.

COUNTY CLLR PENNY OTTON - Delivered by the Clerk in Cllr Mrs Otton's absence

- a) The County Council is developing a transport plan for the primary school. Funds have been allocated to improve the bus are, and to improve all stops to DDA standard.
- b) The health scrutiny committee is looking into the transfer of head and neck cancer services to Norwich from Ipswich.
- c) The contractors carrying out the repairs at the Haughley bends on the A14 say the work is on target, but there will be considerable disruption while they renew the surface. Work starts 18th July over 6 weekends excluding the Bank Holiday weekend in August.
- d) The County Council has agreed to consider that members of the public should be allowed to ask questions of the Cabinet. The CC's Constitutional Working Party will now look into the issue and will report to Full Council in September.

POLICE - Delivered by the Clerk in the absence of Police presence

There were 12 reported crimes during June - 4 thefts; 1 burglary; 2 criminal damage to vehicles; 1 possession of an offensive weapon; 1 possession of Class C controlled substance; 1 assault occasioning actual bodily harm and 2 making off without payment. PCSO Myall had been on sick leave with an injured back. A new crime trend to watch out for is the theft of heating oil.

DISTRICT CLLR DERRICK HALEY - Delivered by the Clerk in Cllr Haley's absence

- a) MSDC's Strategic Housing Services team has been rated good after an inspection by the Audit Commission.
- b) The Boundary Committee will publish its draft proposals for Suffolk for consideration on 7th July. They will be writing to all Parish Councils.
- c) Local Authority Health Profile - a new updated profile has been received , showing that Thurston is in the least deprived fifth of areas in England, and similarly placed in MSDC's own area.
- d) MSDC have taken back the in-house cleansing of the A14, joining forces with Babergh and Ipswich to tackle the problem of litter on the A14 and the A12. The area stretches from the Orwell Bridge to Thurston on the A14 and from Copdock to the Essex border near Stratford St Mary on the A12

1 Apologies -	Cllr Campbell Cllr Sprake Cllr Monk District Cllr Haley C Cllr Mrs Otton Cllr Mrs Clark	Family Commitments Work Commitments Holiday Holiday Holiday Business Commitments (rec'd after the meeting)
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2 Declarations of personal/prejudicial interest from Councillors :- Cllr Button, item 6b

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2008 were considered.

4 Approval and Signature of Minutes -the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Dashper

5 Statutory Business - There was none

6 Business Remaining -

- a) Basketball hoop, youth shelter - This equipment was to be installed the week following the meeting.
- b) Office Accommodation - After considering pictures of a proposed replacement portakabin, it was agreed to write to New Green advising them of Council's concerns re such things as security; the timescale of the proposed new building and the detail of the proposed hiring agreement. **Clerk to write.**

7 Chairman's Communications -

- a The Chairman had received a request from the 68 Club that the PC might consider paying for the insurance for the bonfire, as in previous recent years. On the proposal of Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Pattle, this was agreed, all in favour.

8 Questions from Councillors - There were none

9 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING -

i Planning Applications received :-

2092/08LBC	Removal of part of interior wall, Thedwastre White House	SUPPORT
2118/08	1 storey exts., to north and south of 6 Howes Ave	Referred to Cttee

ii Planning Decisions received :-

3191/06	1 new dwelling, 20 Barleyfields	APPEAL DISMISSED
1546/08	Gge with store & home office, Glebe Cottage, Church Rd	GRANTED
1665/08LBC	Demolish rear ext, & replace, Thedwastre White House	GRANTED
1885/08	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	GRANTED
1588/08	Retain 1 storey ext to out building, 2 Norton Road	GRANTED
1851/08	Replacement dwelling minus condition 10, 84 Barton Rd	GRANTED

It was agreed to write to Peter Burrows for an explanation of the permissions granted to 84 Barton Road and 2 Norton Road. **Clerk to write.**

- b RECREATION GROUND - At a meeting of this group, it had been noted that some taps at the Pavilion need to be renewed; the Pavilion roof needs repair; and the floors in the toilets and 1 of the changing rooms need refurbishment. Quotations will be sought for this work. It was further noted that there are some joints in the guttering at the Pavilion which have come apart. **Clerk to arrange for this work.** Advice will be sought as to whether there is any regular maintenance work needed on the hot water tanks at the Pavilion.

9.28pm Cllr Miss Fleet left the meeting.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

- i The Chairman reported that Vice Chairman Sprake had attended a forum at Thurston Community College, and heard that they intend to install an all-weather pitch on the tennis courts. The College will be closed for the summer - most activities will take place at Beyton Middle School instead, therefore this Council will not be providing the necessary funding.

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

- i Cllr Sadler reported that the new streetlight in Woodland Close still appeared not to have been connected.

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - There was no report made

- f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported 1 call out in June. 2 more volunteers will be trained in July.

10 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 Notes of thanks for donations made by this Council had been received from St Peter's Church and the ATC.

2 Written approval had been received from the New Green Trust for the installation of a Youth Shelter and a Combination Goal Unit at New Green. Also received were one letter from a resident in objection to the Youth Shelter, and another on the same subject from an anonymous author.

3 The Annual Update of the Thurston Recreation Ground Charity had been completed by the Clerk on-line.

4 Information had been received from the Safer Neighbourhood Team with details of a two-stage review of their services they are carrying out.

5 SALC are hosting events regarding Sustainable Communities, designed to illustrate ways that the challenges of issues such as Planning, Transport and the environment, among others, can be met.

6 A more in-depth proposal re hiring the Recreation Ground and Pavilion as part of wedding celebration next year had been received. **This item will be debated at the next meeting, but only if three Cllrs request it in writing, since the original resolution is less than 6 months old.**

11 Resolutions or Recommendation already received - There were none

12 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	675.22	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	71.15	
Ray Austin, Handyman's Contract	332.55	
Pavilion Caretaker/Cleaner Salary(Rec Grd)	104.00	
Cllr Dashper, Travel Expenses (SALC)	23.48	
Neat Ideas	246.69	36.74
Thurston Under fives, 2x Car Boot Pitch	30.00	
SCC, Contribution to Library opening hours	2,600.00	
Alan Reach Flooring, Pav Meeting Room	528.75	78.75
Playdri Products, Office Rent May & June	392.50	58.50
UK Safety Wear, Hi-vis vests	107.45	16.01
Cllr Monk, travel expenses	10.57	
Cllr Mrs Service, expenses	45.31	
M&TJ's, ground work, Cricket Ground	1,116.25	166.25

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

b) Accounts already paid -

c) Receipts :-

Hire of Pavilion (Rec Grd a/c)	60.00
Cricket Club (Rec Grd)	112.00

17 Any Other Specified Business - there was none

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.10pm

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 6th August 2008

Signed..... Chairman Date 6th August 2008