

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, New Green Centre, Thurston

Present : Chairman Cllr Campbell, Cllrs Robinson, Weeks, Mrs Service, Monk, Dashper and Mrs Clark.

In Attendance : Kathryn Savage, Clerk

6 members of the public were present

1 Opening - The meeting opened at 7.35pm

2 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Sadler Other commitments

These apologies were formally accepted, all in favour

D Cllr Haley	Other commitments
C Cllr Mrs P Otton	Other commitments
PCSO Myall	Off-duty

3 Declaration of Interest from Councillors – There were none

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – the minutes of the meeting held 5th May 2010 had been circulated and were approved as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Dashper, all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Mrs Morris, Thurston's Tree Warden, reported that a TPO had been attached to an Oak Tree in the garden of the property known as Barn Hill in Thedwastre Road. She further reported an incident she had witnessed where dogs were seen to be off the lead and had attacked and killed leverets. **Clerk to ask for space in the Newsletter to advise residents.** A report of fly-tipping in Cavendish close nr the railway line as also received. **Clerk to report to MSDC.**

POLICE REPORT – PCSO Myall reported 2 reported crimes since the previous meeting, both of which happened within the grounds of the College, as follows – 1 theft of a mobile phone and 1 assault. He further reported as follows :-

- 1 Youth project – everything was going well with good numbers attending both evenings.
- 2 The committee was in the process of purchasing more equipment.
- 3 There was to be a Grand Opening of the Thurston drop-in centre on June 24th, 5-9pm, to include a BBQ; 46' assault course and face painting. It was hoped the Press would be in attendance
- 4 A new intake of PCSO Recruits was under way, one of which would, after training, replace PCSO Myall, who was moving on into Police Training.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – C Cllr Mrs Otton reported, as follows :-

- 1 She was maintaining contact with PCSO Myall re parking problems in School Road
- 2 Very little progress on the Schools Organisation Review, but Cllrs maintain the urgency for a definitive view on Building Schools for the Future (BSF) funding.
- 3 Cllr Otton had invited an application for funding from her Locality Budget towards the new sports facility at the College.
- 4 The new Minister for Local Government had stated there will now be no Local Government Review in Suffolk

8e (brought forward for public participation) – Thurston under 5's planning application – The Clerk advised Council of the next steps in this process, which were :-

- 1 A valuation survey must be carried out. If the request is for a lease longer than 7yrs, this must be carried out by a member of the RICS.
- 2 A Lease and an Agreement to be drawn up by Solicitors

Cllr Robinson advised the meeting that the PC would be submitting objections to the planning application, based on the facts that not enough room had been shown on the plans, between the

Cavendish Hall and the proposed building to allow for an external staircase to the Hall, and the Disabled Emergency Exit route. After consideration Council asked the Clerk to determine the following from the Director for Children and Young People (the official applicant) at SCC :-

- 1 How long a lease were the CC hoping for
- 2 Would the CC be willing to part fund the expenses of the above mentioned legal processes.

11ai (brought forward for public participation) – Ref : planning application 2632/09 (Refused by MSDC, and now in the process of an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate) & 0928/10 (current), both for infill buildings at 1 & 2 Station Hill :-

The applicants were present, and queried why the PC had objected to the 2nd application. The Planning Group had made this decision, and due to holidays and the possibility of missing MSDC's deadline for receipt of comments, had submitted it before ratification by Full Council. The applicants objected to this, and a meeting between them and the Chairman of the Council and the Chair of the Planning Group was to be held, at a later date.

After consideration of this application, Council approved the Planning Group's comments, proposed Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Dashper, 6 for, 1 abstention

5 Statutory Business – There was none

6 Appointment of Groups and Representatives – after consideration, the Council's Groups and Representatives for 2010 - 2011 were as follows (Chairman *ex officio* on all Groups & Committees):-

Recreation Ground Committee – Chairman, Cllr Sadler, Cllrs Burton, Dashper and Campbell

Finance Group – Cllr Campbell, Chairman, Cllrs Robinson, and Weeks and the Clerk

Website Development – The Clerk

Standing Orders

/ Quality Council Status Group - Cllrs Robinson and Campbell

SALC Representative - Cllr Mrs Clark

Emergency Plan Group - Cllrs Campbell, Robinson and Monk

Footpaths Officer - Cllr Mrs Service

Thurston Relief in Need Charity

Representative - Cllr Mrs Service

Planning Group - Cllr Robinson, Chairman, Cllrs Campbell, Monk and Weeks

Ixworth Surgery Representative - Cllr Monk

Transport Liaison Officer - Cllr Dashper

Cavendish Hall Representative - Cllr Mrs Service

7 Consideration of matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting – It was agreed there were no sufficiently major issues for referral.

8 Business Remaining from Previous Meetings –

a) Parking Issues, School Road – the feasibility study, undertaken by SCC Highways Engineers had been carried out, and their suggestions had been received. These involved use of some of the Amenity Land between School Road and St Peter's Close. **Clerk to ask MSDC to reconsider.**

b) PCSO Survey – the 72 completed survey papers had all been collected, and first indications were that the majority of those residents taking part in the survey were of the opinion that the PC should keep in place the current Match-funding of a PCSO dedicated to Thurston. The survey forms completed on-line showed a similar result. There were many interesting comments about the scheme made on the forms, and **Cllr Dashper will analyse these and report to the next meeting.**

c) Working party re Affordable Housing Exception sites – after consideration, it was agreed that the current Planning Group would take on this extra responsibility, with Cllr Robinson as the main contact. **Clerk to notify the Rural Housing Enabler at Suffolk ACRE**

d) Rabbit problem, Heath Road Playing Field – the Clerk had asked a local Pest Control company to look at this site, and his report was that there is only one active colony of rabbits in the field, which should be exterminated, and then rabbit fencing fixed around the whole site to prevent further incursions. After that the land would need to be levelled for safety reasons. After consideration, it was agreed to ask the Thurston Relief in Need Charity, the landowner, for financial help with this matter. **Clerk to write.**

e) Thurston under 5's – see above

9 Chairman's Communications –

- a) The Chairman thanked Cllrs for their attendance at an extra meeting to discuss the Public Meeting to be held on 27th May, at which, he said, several points had been clarified.
- b) The Noticeboard on the driveway of the Post Office, which had been supplied by the Parish Council some years ago, still bore the Council's name, which had recently caused some embarrassment, since some controversial notices, which residents thought the PC had put there, had been noticed. The Chairman suggested that the Council's name be obliterated, to which the Council agreed. **Clerk to arrange for this, after notifying the Post Office owner of its proposals**

10 Questions from Councillors - There were none

11 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING -

i Planning Applications received -

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
1380/10	TPO work to Oak Trees, 2 & 3 Station Hill	SUPPORT
1216/10	Erect 1 new dwelling garden of 2 Stone Cott. Mill Lane	OBJECT
1369/10	Annexe to Woodlands, Mill Lane	SUPPORT
0928/10	4 Market dwellings; 2 Affordable dwellings, rear 1&2 Stn Hill	OBJECT
2632/09	2 new dwellings, rear 1&2 Station Hill	TO APPEAL
SCC	Construct new timber framed building re TUF's Rec Grd Car Park	OBJECT
	Proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Weeks, 6 for, 1 abstention	
1286/10	1 st floor side ext. + rear conservatory, 43 Oakey Field Rd	TBC

ii Planning Decisions received - none received

b RECREATION GROUND -

i) Flood damage to Pavilion - The Clerk advised that all repair work had been carried out except for the flooring, and the loft insulation. Previously, Council had suggested using ceramic tiles in the meeting room, but these were proving to be too expensive. After consideration, Council agreed to accept the quote to fit Marmoleum Linoleum, from Alan Reach Flooring, at a cost of £980. since the originally selected contractor for the loft insulation had fallen into receivership, another company had matched this quote, which was now accepted by Council. All these decisions proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Robinson, all in favour. **Clerk to liaise with contractors.**

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

- i) Cllr Weeks had completed his New Councillors Training Course at SALC
- ii) Cllr Monk had attended a meeting of the Ixworth Patients Association, and reported new people in the pharmacy, and a new Chairman of the PA.

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

- i) Cllr Dashper reported overhanging branches in the path between Oakey Field Road and Victoria Close, and was to supply house numbers to the Clerk.
- ii) Cllr Monk reported flytipping opposite to 23 Barton Road. **Clerk to report.**
- iii) Cllr Mrs Service reported the following :-
 - 1 the red gates, Bury st Edmunds side of the railway crossing in Heath Road were both rotten
 - 2 the Orchard Lane street nameplate at the junction of Norton Road, was not in good order. **Clerk to report to MSDC**
 - 3 All street nameplates need cleaning. **Clerk to ask Probation Service if Community Payback scheme could carry out this work**
 - 4 A pothole had been noted in the gutter outside 1 Furze Close, **clerk to report to SCC.**

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - No report

f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - No figures were available re this report. Cllr Robinson was no longer the co-ordinator, and it was agreed that this item shall not automatically be included on future PC agendas. The Council recorded its gratitude to Cllr Robinson for his work with this group.

g QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS - nothing to report.

12 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

- 1 MSDC - new Adopted Advertising Protocol had been received - to be circulated
- 2 Suffolk ACRE - invitation to AGM 14th July received
- 3 Details of Thurston Village Fete, to be held 28th August - deferred to July meeting
- 4 Letter rec'd from Mr Hay re dogs on farmland
- 5 SCC - Local Flooding Survey received
- 6 SCC - notification of temporary closure of Thedwastre Road 1st - 5th June to enable gas main repairs
- 7 Received notification of proposal to put TPO on an Oak tree on land near Barn Hill on Thedwastre Road

13 Resolutions or Recommendation already received - There were none

14 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	700.64	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	156.72	
Ray Austin, Handyman contract	340.90	
R Sadler, Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	107.25	
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract	20.00	
TalkTalk, Outstanding Balance	37.99	
M&TJ's, Grd Maint, Recreation Ground	1,680.25	
Suffolk Police, 1 NW sign re Heath Road	41.13	6.13
SALC, Internal Audit Fee	229.12	34.12
Cllr Weeks, Travel to Cllr Training, SALC	48.08	
Neat Ideas, Stationery	110.10	16.40
SALC, Invoice for Cllr Training re Cllr Weeks	105.75	
Cllr Monk, Travel to Ixworth PPA	4.81	
Secelec, replace light fittings, Pavilion	682.68	101.68

On the proposal of Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Mrs Clark, these accounts were approved for payment, all in favour

b) Accounts already paid -

Plusnet, Broadband & Telephone	33.67	5.01
New Green Comm Trust	250.28	37.28

c) Receipts -

Cllr Brand, Stowupland PC, attendance at POWB training	15.00
1 st half precept	25,000.00

15 Any Other Specified Business -

a) Application for preliminary consent for inclusion on the Suffolk Pharmaceutical list - notification had been received from the NHS that a company from Nottingham had submitted this application to open a pharmacy in Thurston. The NHS now had to investigate the need for one. After discussion, Council agreed to object on the grounds of excess traffic and the reductions of similar jobs in the Doctors surgery's pharmacies. **Clerk to notify**

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

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 7th July 2010

Signed..... Chairman Date 7th July 2010