

details of several speed checks he had carried out at various sites around the village with several cautions and warnings being issued.

LOUISE WILBY, RURAL HOUSING ENABLER, SUFFOLK ACRE -

Information was received explaining why previous attempts to find a suitable site for an Affordable Housing development had stalled, which had included staffing problems. Ms Wilby requested the formation of a working group from among Council members to consider the provision of an exceptions site, which would provide affordable homes exclusively for Thurston residents. **Deferred to next agenda**

MRS PENISTONE, a resident in Old Norton Road, put forward views from the residents present at the meeting, with regard to the planning application 3166/08, at 1-3 Old Norton Road, which were against the proposal being approved. The Council had been asked to support their views, but Cllr Robinson, Chair of the Planning Group, explained that the PC is a statutory consultee, and had no powers to influence the final decision which would be made by the Planners at MSDC. The matter was to be discussed at item 9a(i) of this agenda, and it was agreed that the Clerk would advise these residents what decision the Council came to as regards their comments to be submitted to MSDC.

STEVEN TAYLOR, 1ST THURSTON SCOUTS LEADER advised that there was to be a second paper bin installed on the Recreation Ground car park, which Council was happy to approve. He also confirmed that the scout group would be happy to be involved in the Village Clean-up day on 10th April.

4 Statutory Business -

a) Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations - The Standing Orders had been reviewed and on the proposal of Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Mrs Service, all in favour, it was agreed no changes were necessary. The Financial Regulations had also been reviewed, and on the proposal of Cllr Mrs Service, seconded Cllr Weeks, all in favour, it was agreed that item 11.1(i) in the Contract section of the Regulations, should be changed as follows :- *where the value is below £1,000 and above £250 (previously £100) the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates.*

5 Police Tasking Meeting -

a) To consider a representative to attend the next meeting in Needham Market - after discussion, it was agreed Cllr Weeks would attend.
b) Matters for referral - after discussion, it was agreed to ask that speeding traffic in Thurston, and parking issues in School Road and Barton Road, be put forward as priorities.

6 Business Remaining -

a) Parking Issues, School Road - The Clerk delivered a report on the meeting held at this site on 2nd March, where it had been agreed a) to pursue the provision of yellow lines around the junctions of St Peter's Way and School Lane, which the Police had stated they would support. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Service, seconded by Cllr Monk, all in favour; b) that residents could apply to the Parish Council for provision of white 'H' markings to prevent cars parking across their driveways; c) to ask MSDC to conduct a feasibility study to decide on the best course of action to provide better parking facilities, either off or on-road, proposed Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Mrs Service, all in favour.
b) Parking Issues, Heath Road - this had been dealt with by the PCSO, resulting in the residents in question clearing his driveway so that cars can be parked off-road.

7 Chairman's Communications -

a) The Chairman raised the matter that the Community College had been awarded Outstanding College Status by Ofsted, and asked Council to approve the writing of a congratulatory letter to the Principal. This was unanimously agreed. **Clerk to arrange**

8 Questions from Councillors -

a) Cllr Robinson asked if further information could be sought from Suffolk Constabulary re their Independent Advisory Group. **Clerk to arrange**
b) Cllr Mrs Service, who had attended the AGM of the Cavendish Hall, passed on a request from them for permission to install a drainage ditch in the Recreation Ground car park, in front of the Hall's main entrance, using the surplus gravel as a soakaway. On the proposal of Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Mrs Service, this was agreed unanimously. **Clerk to advise Cavendish Hall Committee.**

9 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING -

i Planning Applications received -

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
3732/09	ATC Drill Hall	Support
0453/13	Fell 1 sycamore tree, 4 Marley Cl	Object Prop Cllr Weeks, sec Cllr Monk AIF
3166/08	Erect 1.5 storey dwelling, Land rear 1-3 Old Norton Rd	Object Prop Cllr Robinson, sec Cllr Weeks AIF
3181/09	1 storey det annexe, 21 Barton Road	Support Prop Cllr Mrs Service, sec Cllr Weeks AIF
3503/09 & 3504/09 (LBC)	Rear ext., Green Farm, Oak Road	Support Prop Cllr Robinson, sec Cllr Weeks AIF

ii Planning Decisions received :- There were none

b RECREATION GROUND -

i) Flood damage to Pavilion - The Clerk delivered a report on the status of the insurance claim, from which there had been no written decision as yet, but verbal confirmation of the claim being successful had been received. An e-mail had also been sent to the contractors who carried out plumbing work in the changing rooms at the Pavilion last year, advising that it appeared that the problem which led to the leak appeared to have originated from that work. They had requested more details before considering compensation. After discussion, It was agreed to furnish them with the report from the emergency plumber who had dealt with the leak on the first place, for their consideration. **Clerk to arrange**

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

i) Cllr Mrs Service had attended the AGM of the Cavendish Hall Committee, where it had been announced that a rise of £3 per session booked would be put in place.

ii) Cllr Mrs Service had attended the Thurston Relief in Need Charities AGM, where it was reported that income for the past year had amounted to £2,315 from recycling credits; £500 for rent of a 9 acre field in Heath Road; £55 rent for Playing Field, Heath Road.

iii) Cllr Weeks had attended the Police Tasking Meeting, (see above)

iv) Cllr Robinson had attended a meeting of the College Sports Barn Working Party, which had considered proposed opening hours; publicity and the possibility of a questionnaire, and it had been noted that a planning application for floodlighting to be installed was to be submitted to MSDC. The Working Party had asked if the PC would be willing to pay for the questionnaire to be put in the Thurston newsletter. After consideration, it was unanimously agreed not to do this.

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

i) Cllr Robinson reported a large pothole in Barton Road between the railway bridge and Fishwick Corner, which the Clerk said had already been reported to CSD.

ii) Cllr Weeks reported an overgrown hedge in Furze Close. **Clerk to write**

iii) Cllr Weeks reported that barriers were still in place around a manhole in the pavement outside 40 Genesta Drive with no repairs having been carried out. **Clerk to report again.**

iv) Cllr Mrs Service reported that a wall beside the garage block opposite to nos. 28,29 and 30 Partridge Close was partly collapsed. **Clerk to report.**

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - The Chairman reported that the updated Plan had now been circulated, and there were a few further amendments now noted.

f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported there had been 2 call-outs during the last month, but that since 2 responders had resigned, there were now just 8 fully-trained responders.

g Quality Council Status - Cllr Campbell reported that he and the Chairman had attended a 'Quality Lunch' at SALC where they had received useful information..

10 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 The Clerk had begun enquiries about the possibility of making the pedestrian crossing in Station Hill into a pelican crossing, which C Cllr Mrs Otton was supporting. No decision had been made by SCC yet.

2 Tree Warden Mrs Barbara Morris had reported that following a request for a tree to be planted in memory of a previous resident, by the family, a wild pear tree had been planted in the hedgerow of the Playing Field in Heath Road

3 The Clerk read out a letter received from a resident re parking on Heath Road pavements (see item 6b above)

4 Suffolk Wildlife Trust had sent a reminder to pay a subscription. After consideration of a tight budget thus year, it was agreed not to subscribe to this organisation this year.

5 Information had been received with details of the Thurston Fun Run.

6 An e-mail had been received from residents of School Road concerned about the possibility of the Thurston under 5's group building a permanent building in the Recreation Ground Car Park.

11 Resolutions or Recommendation already received - There were none

12 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	700.64	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	77.32	
Ray Austin, Handyman contract	337.53	
R Sadler, Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	107.25	
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract	20.00	
E-On, Electricity, Pavilion	268.03	
Anglian Water, Pavilion	163.87	
SALC, Attend Quality Lunch, Cllrs Sprake and Campbell	35.25	5.25
Cllr A Sprake, Cllr Expenses	44.32	
SALC, POWB Training	235.00	35.00
Newflame, Fire Safety Inspection	27.61	4.11
Secelec, Emergency work, Pavilion	512.14	76.28
Suffolk ACRE, Pavilion Insurance	377.63	
Suffolk ACRE M'ship	25.00	
New Green Centre, Hire of sun Lounge for POWB	23.00	3.43

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

b) Accounts already paid -

New Green Comm Trust, Office Rent	244.95	31.95
Plusnet (Telephone & Broadband)	34.31	5.11

c) Receipts -

HMRC, VAT reclaimed	1319.09
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d) To consider rent to charge Thurston under 5's (if development gets planning permission)
The finance Group had considered this question at its recent meeting, and recommended that this Group and the Cavendish Hall be charged £250 for the use of the car park. This was agreed, proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Weeks, all in favour.

e) To consider proposal from CC to lend the PC money to donate to the Beyton flooding relief efforts, which would then be taken out of next year's precept. After full consideration, this was unanimously not agreed.

f) To consider quotation from MSDC to carry out RoSPA safety inspections of Play Equipment at a cost of £52.50 per play area. This was unanimously accepted

g) Report from Finance Group meeting -

1) Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit - The Group had considered this at its recent meeting, and had agreed that no problems existed. This was then approved, proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Weeks, all in favour

- 2) Appointment of Internal Auditor - the Finance Group recommended the appointment of SALC as Internal Auditor. This was agreed, proposed Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Weeks, all in favour
- 3) Approval of Asset Register - this had been circulated, and was approved, proposed Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Robinson, all in favour

13 Any Other Specified Business - there was none

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.30pm

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 7th April 2010

Signed..... Chairman Date 7th April 2010