

Thurston Parish Council Meeting
7th November 2007
THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2007 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Church Road, Thurston

Present : Vice Chairman Cllr Sadler (in the chair), Cllrs Robinson, Miss Fleet, Sprake, Button, Pattle, Campbell

In Attendance : County Cllr Mrs Otton, District Cllr Haley, PCSO Myall

1 member of the public present

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

POLICE REPORT – PCSO Myall reported 5 crimes in October, 1 theft, 2 burglaries and 2 of criminal damage. The Clerk reported a residents complaint about young cyclists using the pavement in Howes Avenue, which PCSO Myall will investigate. He then advised Council of a project for youth in another parish, where the PC had arranged local businesses and tradesmen to involve youth in building a motor car during a holiday period, a suggestion for the PC to consider. Council thanked the Police for the presence in the village on Hallowe'en. County Cllr Otton will attend the next SNAP meeting on 14th November, and will raise issues local to Thurston. Council was advised that PC Mark Green will not be returning to duties in Thurston. His replacement from 12th November will be PC Graham Haygreen. **The Clerk will circulate his contact details to all councillors.**

REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR MRS OTTON –

- a Cllr Mrs Otton now sits on a panel looking at issues concerning HGV 's. She is attempting to get SCC to consult with Parish Council's on applications for HGV licences.
- b She had attended the first meeting of the Schools reorganisation stakeholders group, where some teachers and parents had expressed concern regarding the possible lack of funds.
- c SCC budget for 2008/9 is likely to require that the Council makes savings to the value of £16m.
- d SCC debated the future procurement of Suffolk's waste disposal services. After debate, the Council voted in favour of proceeding with plans to tender for Energy from Waste (incineration).

REPORT FROM DISTRICT CLLR HALEY –

- a The next workshop of the MSDC Local Development Framework will take place on 11th December from 3-7pm. Parish Cllrs are encouraged to attend if possible.
- b Cllr Haley recorded that he had objected to the retrospective planning application to retain the new fence at 13 Blackbird Close, now granted.
- c The enforcement notice pertaining to 2 Norton Road had now been served with 6 months in which the house owner must comply.
- d MSDC now has an officer of the Council dedicated to the problem of Fly-tipping. Residents spotting someone fly-tipping should note the registration number of the car and report it to the Council.

A member of the public informed Council that he sits on the 6th form Council at the Community College, and would be happy to become involved in the plans for the youth of the Village. He will liaise with Cllr Miss Fleet, and will report to future meetings of the PC when applicable.

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Mrs Service and Mrs Clark – Holiday; Cllr Monk – family commitments; Cllr Dashper – delayed by difficulty returning from Manchester; District Cllr Scott - unwell
2. **Declarations of personal/prejudicial interest from Councillors** – There were none
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2007 were considered.
4. **Approval and Signature of Minutes** - The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record, subject to two typographical amendments, proposed Cllr Pattle, seconded Cllr Campbell.

5. **Statutory Business** - On the proposal of Cllr Sprake, seconded Cllr Robinson, all in favour, it was agreed that the January 2008 meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 9th January.
6. **Business Remaining** -
- a DATE OF NEXT MEETING WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Council approved the proposed date of 14th January 2008, for the next meeting, all in favour.
 - b MAINTENANCE ETC OF PAVILION - After discussion, it was agreed that the Recreation Ground Committee will meet to establish its recommendations to be reported at the next meeting of the Full Council.
 - c FACILITIES FOR OLDER CHILDREN - Proposals were considered from New Green Trust members, the Clerk reminding Council that grant funding is available. The matter will be discussed at a future meeting.
7. **Chairman's Communications** - There were none
8. **Questions from Councillors** - There were none
9. **Reports from Committees and Groups**
- a PLANNING -
 - i Planning Applications received :-

0401/07	1 new dwelling Cedars Close	SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
2513/07	Det gge & new access, 49 Genesta drive	OBJECT
2959/07	1 New dwelling, rear 1-3 Old Norton Road	OBJECT
3188/07	Rear conservatory, 2 Ryefields	SUPPORT
3124/07	Development, Thedwastre White House	details awaited
 - ii Planning Decisions received :-

2548/07	Retention of wrought iron railings, 1 Hunter Drive	GRANTED
2767/07	Dormer window. 15 Maltings Garth	GRANTED
2282/07	Games room over existing gge, 3 Hazelwood Close	GRANTED
1939/07	Retention of fence panels and posts, 13 Blackbird Close	GRANTED
 - b RECREATION GROUND - There was no report.
 - c ACTION PLAN - The Group had not met since the previous meeting of the Council - deferred to next meeting.
 - d COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -
 - i Cllr Pattle had attended a meeting of Cavendish Hall Management Committee on 24th October. The proposed loft conversion, and the outdoor stairway were discussed. He had also received correspondence from Network Rail re rail replacement work in Thurston due to take place 2-19th January 2008.
 - ii Cllr Button had attended a meeting at New Green re the provision of Youth Facilities.
 - iii Cllr Robinson had attended the meeting with SCC re the Proposed traffic calming measures at Ixworth Road.
 - e VILLAGE REPORTS -
 - i Cllr Campbell reported that the glass in the shelter on the Station platform had been replaced with plastic which had now also been shattered. Cllr Pattle will write to Network Rail.
 - ii Cllr Robinson reported the street nameplate in Howes Avenue missing. The Clerk informed Council its replacement is imminent. He further reported that the fence between Howes Avenue and Station Hill has still not been replaced. **The Clerk will report.**
 - iii Cllr Sadler reported that fencing behind the recycle bins on the Recreation Ground car park had been pulled down, and that there is now a gap in the hedge at the Heath Road Playing Field, opposite to number 19 Heath Road.
 - f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS & EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - Cllr Sprake reported 5 call-outs to the responder group in October, and that the 68 Club had held a

collection for the group at the recent fireworks display. **The Clerk will write to thank the Club for organising the bonfire for the village.**

The Emergency Plan has now been updated; a list of local Tradespeople willing to help in emergencies has been compiled for inclusion in the Plan.

- g RISK ASSESSMENT – Cllrs had conducted a risk assessment of the Parish including the Parish Office, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council. The Chairman thanked the Cllrs concerned.
- h REPORT ON MEETING RE YOUTH CLUB – Cllr Robinson reported that he and Cllr Miss Fleet had attended this meeting, and both will be part of the project management group, along with members of the public. A proposal to run clubs for two different age groups is under consideration, and other interested parents are being sought. To this end leaflets will be displayed around the village. New Green Centre are willing to host the clubs and the PC will pay the first year’s room hire costs., proposed Cllr Sprake, seconded Cllr Button, all in favour. The PC will also earmark £2,000 towards the cost of equipment, in its forthcoming budget proposals, proposed Cllr Sprake, seconded Cllr Campbell, all in favour. Council agreed that some control such as membership must be introduced.

10. Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK’S REPORT –

- 1 PC Mark Green will not be returning to duties in Thurston; his replacement from 12th November will be PC Graham Haygreen.
- 2 VAT to the value of £423.90 has been reclaimed
- 3 Following a meeting with officers from SCC re the Ixworth Road traffic calming proposals, a report had been received confirming that the project will not be going ahead. The allotted funds cannot be transferred to other sites within the village. It was agreed to ask SCC to provide some signage in Heath Road at the Parish Council’s expense.
- 4 The problems with the electricity supplier at the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground have now been solved, and the Council’s account stands at £461.54 in credit.
- 5 SALC in conjunction with Leiston Town Council are hosting a showing of the film ‘An Inconvenient Truth’ in the Leiston Film Centre on 30th November.
- 6 SCC are conducting consultations on Minerals Development, and the Waste Development Plan Issues Document
- 7 SALC – Information was noted that the Road Safety Partnership Grant Scheme has funds available for road safety improvement schemes. Applications must be submitted jointly with the local Highways Authority. **The Clerk will get more information.**
- 8 Mrs Carol Bailey, the new Village Recorder had requested £25 to provide acid-proof folders for storage of records and documents. This was agreed, proposed Cllr Robinson seconded Cllr Pattle, all in favour.

11. Resolutions or Recommendation already received – There were none

12. Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerks Salary	637.00	
Mrs K Savage, Clerks Expenses	65.60	
Ray Austin	322.87	
R Cook (Rec Grd)	100.00	
Thurston in Need Charities (Rent of Heath Rd)	55.00	
MSDC Election Costs	89.91	
Royal British Legion	18.50	
Anglian Water (Rec Grd)	162.39	
R Cook Expenses (Rec Grd)	8.00	
SCC, Unit 293, Field View	546.36	81.37
Neat Ideas	158.08	23.54
M&TJ’s Garden Services	52.88	7.88
Mark Bleay, Tree Surgery	317.25	47.25

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

- b) Receipts
 - Mrs K Savage (repayment 6 of 6) 53.25
 - MSDC 2nd half Cleansing Grant 1,425.45
- c) Grant to Ixworth Surgery - it was agreed to advise the surgery that the PC considers its donations at its meeting in May of each year.
- d) Budget proposals - these were circulated. Committees and groups will meet and present their budget requirements to the next meeting of the Full Council, for discussion.

13. Any Other Specified Business - there was none

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.53pm

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 5th December 2007

Signed..... Chairman Date 5th December 2007