

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Church Road, Thurston

Present : Vice Chairman Cllr Campbell (in the chair), Cllrs Robinson, Dashper, Mrs Clark, Weeks and Mrs Service

In Attendance : C Cllr Mrs Otton, D Cllr Haley, PCSO S Myall

1 member of the public was present

The meeting opened at 7.36pm

1	Apologies for Absence -	Cllr Mrs Long	Other Commitments
		Cllr Sprake	Work Commitments
		Cllr Sadler	Illness

On the proposal of Cllr Mrs Clark, seconded Cllr Weeks, these apologies were accepted.

2	Declarations of Interest -	Cllr Robinson	item 9f
		Cllr Campbell	item 12f

3 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - the minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2009 had been circulated and were approved as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Mrs Clark all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

COUNTY COUNCILLOR -

- 1 Cllr Mrs Otton had written to Network Rail highlighting residents' and Council's concerns about the railway crossing point in Heath Road.
- 2 Cllr Mrs Otton had met with the Thurston Under 5's Group to discuss their plans and finances.
- 3 The Schools Organisation Review had held a meeting on 20th October. No progress was reported, and officers hope to have revised timetable for consultation by the end of term and were to lobby the Minister for Education for confirmation on the Building Schools for the Future money.
- 4 Waste Core Strategy - the CC had announced that all but one of the potential sites had been put forward as possibilities for waste treatment plants in the County. None of these are in this parishes vicinity
- 5 The County Council had been awarded the ability to trial the Governments Zero Waste scheme, which will mean that one street in each District will be given the privilege of attempting to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill sites.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR -

- 1 Cllr Haley had attended the Police Action day on 2nd November, which had been successful
- 2 MSDC budget - there were to firm proposals on which the Parish and Town Councils will be invited to comment.
- 3 MSDC had organised activities for scholars during the half-term break.
- 4 The MSDC Business Board, a meeting for local businesses were to meet on 17th November 8-9pm in The Grange Hotel in Barton Road.
- 5 Cllr Haley was unable to attend the next Police Tasking meeting which was to be held on 26th November in Bramford.
- 6 No Planning Application for the proposed Sports Barn at the Community College had been received by MSDC.
- 7 MSDC will no longer be supplying bags for garden rubbish.
- 8 Councils are invited to inform the Tourist Information Centre at MSDC in Needham Market of any upcoming events, for them to advertise them.

POLICE REPORT -

PCSO Myall reported there had been 5 crimes during October, which was less than the previous month, which included 2 assaults, 1 theft and others at the Community College. Halloween had passed without incident. PC Haygreen and PCSO Myall had been in the village all that evening. The monthly Tasking meetings will now be held in different villages around the SNT, and will be open to the public. The November meeting was to be held in Bramford on 26th, and the December meeting will be in Thurston on 17th, and will be held in the Pavilion. The public will be invited to come along for ½ hour before the meeting proper begins. PCSO Myall reported that the Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Heath Road and Hollow Lane were up and running, awaiting purchase of the relevant signs.

4 **Statutory Business** – There was none

5 **Matters for referral to Police Tasking Meeting** – Cllrs asked for the following issues to remain as in need of priority attention at the next SNT Tasking Meeting:-

- 1) Anti Social Behaviour at the Youth Shelter in particular
- 2) Speeding traffic along Barton Road, Beyton Road, and Station Hill
- 3) Vandalism to Play Areas

6 **Business Remaining** –

a) Bus stop lay-by, School Road – No further information/correspondence had been received from CC re asking DC to allow use of amenity land behind the bus shelter in School Road to be made available for car parking. **Clerk to contact CC**

b) Cllr Training – Cllr Weeks advised that a new date for Power of Well being training was being sought, and informed Council that the Chairman wants Cllrs to consider attending a Code of Conduct training session

c) Parish Council Office Accommodation – Since other avenues of obtaining permanent premises for the Parish Council Office had stalled, consideration was given to providing office space at the Sports Pavilion. After consideration of the fact that the Pavilion sits on land which is a Charitable Trust, it was agreed to check the Trust Deed. **Clerk to do so.**

d) SCC Problem solving meeting re Youth Activities – this was to be held on 18th November at the Community College. Cllrs were invited to attend, as were residents and the meeting would include Police. The purpose was to look at Youth Provisions throughout the local area

7 **Chairman's Communications** –

a) The Chairman informed Council that a letter had been received from MSDC asking if Council would like to be responsible for delivery of the What's On in Mid Suffolk leaflet each month, for which they would pay 15p per copy. It was agreed to advise them to contact the staff of the Thurston Newsletter. **Clerk to arrange**

8 **Questions from Councillors** – There were none

9 **Reports from Committees and Groups**

a **PLANNING** –

i **Planning Applications received** –

2632/09	2no dwellings, rear of 1&2 Station Hill	TO COMMITTEE
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2604/09	Insertion of rooflight, House 2, Thedwastre White Hse	OBJECT
3075/09	1 Storey rear ext., 10 Furze Close	SUPPORT

3804/09	Erect and Alter dormer windows & change roof from thatch to tile, Popples, Barrells Rd	SUPPORT
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ii **Planning Decisions received :-**

2634/09	Ext Etc, Noo's Lodge	GRANTED
2166/09	Land behind 1 Barn Close	GRANTED
2553/09	Detached dwelling 13 School Lane	WITHDRAWN
2632/09	2 no dwellings, rear 1&2 Station Hill	REFUSED

b **RECREATION GROUND** –

i) Play Equipment Risk Assessment – Graffiti had been found on Play Equipment in Thedwastre Park, and removed

ii) Flooring quotations, Pavilion – The Clerk had determined that the quotations received earlier in the year were still valid. Cllr Dashper took them to present to the next Rec Grd Cttee meeting for their recommendation. Mention was made of the fact that Cllrs

with an interest in any of the Sports Clubs who use the Pavilion should not be part of any decision making process re the Pavilion.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

i) Cllr Weeks reported that he would no longer be available to represent the Council on the Community Board. **Clerk to advise Sara Blake, and determine if there is still need of a representative, given that the Boundary Review had stalled.**

ii) Cllr Robinson had attended the Police Action Day along with Sgt Curtis, Pc Haygreen, PCSO Myall, representatives from HMRC who were checking fuel in cars tanks, and members of the MSDC Recycling Team. The idea behind arranging days such as this is Community Engagement, and many residents attended.

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

i) Cllr Weeks reported overgrown hedges in Furze Close, Barton Road and Sandpit Lane. **Clerk to report**

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - no report

f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported that the Group had received 6 call-outs during the previous month. 5 members of the group were to attend Heart-start Courses in order to become Emergency Life Support Trainers.

10 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 The Annual Update for the Recreation Ground Charity had been submitted to the Charities Commission

2 Plans received from SCC re safety measures to be installed at Fishwick Corner were received, and Council's comments had been invited. After consideration, all were in favour of the scheme going ahead.

3 The Thurston Sunday Football Club had folded, and an approach had been received from the Rattlesden Sunday Club to use the Recreation Ground until the end of the season, which had been agreed.

4 Planning Enforcement officers were to investigate developments in Barton Road, following enquiries from residents as to whether Planning Permission had been sought.

5 The Chairman and Clerk were to meet with the SNT Inspector, Gary Duncan on Friday 6th November in the Parish Council Office

6 Information had been received from SALC re networking opportunities for Councils, the nearest of which was to be held in the Suffolk Hotel and Golf Club, Bury St Edmunds on 2nd December.

7 Information had been received about the St Nicholas Hospice 'Light up a Life' Ceremony to be held 6th December

8 The subscription fee for this Council's SALC membership for the year 2010 - 2011 was to be £752

9 Council were advised of a public meeting to be held in Needham Market Community Centre on 13th November regarding the potential closure of the High Street Car Park

10 Reports had been received re dog owners not picking up their dog's litter. It was agreed to ask the Newsletter to print a reminder of their responsibilities in the next issue

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	71.76	
Ray Austin, Handyman contract	337.53	
R Sadler, Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	107.25	
PC Medic, Computer Maintenance Contract	20.00	
Suffolk ACRE Svcs, Insurance re bonfire	275.00	
SALC, Invoice for supper at AGM re Cllr Mrs Clark	17.25	2.25
Suffolk Police Authority, PCSO 1.6.09 - 30.11.09	7,000.00	
SCC, Contribution to Library opening hours	2,660.32	

Secelec, inspect etc fans, Pavilion (Rec Grd a/c)	47.22	6.16
Cllr B Monk, Cllr Expenses, travel to Ixworth PPA meeting	8.41	

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

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| b) Accounts already paid - | | |
| New Green Comm Trust, Office Rent | 244.95 | 31.95 |
| c) Receipts - | | |
| MSDC Community Development Grant | 3,000.00 | |
- d) Budget – After consideration, this was deferred to the Finance Committee to see if any cuts could be made.
- e) Increasing Fidelity Guarantee – after consideration it was agreed to increase this to £75k which will attract an increase of £67 on the insurance premium
- f) Provision of Neighbourhood Watch signs – after consideration it was agreed to fund the provision of one sign per scheme, as in previous scheme set-ups, proposed Cllr Mrs Service, seconded Cllr Weeks all in favour
- g) Quotation re fencing bottom car park, New Green Centre – after consideration, it was agreed to ask the New Green Community Trust if they would part-fund the project. **Clerk to write.**

13 Any Other Specified Business -

- a) Provision of Community Speed Gun – Cllr Weeks asked for Council to consider this , and after consideration of the costs involved, and that volunteers would be necessary, it was agreed to place an article in the Newsletter seeking the views of the residents. **Clerk to arrange**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.44pm

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 2nd December 2009

Signed..... Chairman Date 2nd December 2009