

Recreation Ground Committee	Cllrs Sadler (Chair), Campbell, Button and Dashper
Finance Group	Cllrs Sprake (as Chairman), Campbell (as Vice Chairman), Weeks and the Clerk
Website	The Clerk
Standing Orders/Quality Council etc	Cllrs Sprake, Robinson and Campbell
SALC Representative	Cllr Mrs Clark
Cavendish Hall Representative	Cllr Mrs Service
Emergency Plan Group	Cllrs Sprake, Monk and Robinson (Cllr Mrs Long as reserve)
Footpaths Officers	Cllrs Mrs Service and Mrs Long
Thurston in Need Charities Representative	Cllr Mrs Service
Planning Committee	Cllrs Robinson (Chair), Monk, Weeks and Campbell
Ixworth Surgery Representative	Cllr Monk
Transport Liaison Officer	Cllr Dashper
Youth Liaison Officer	Cllr Mrs Long
Community Board Representatives	Cllrs Monk and Weeks

10 Business Remaining -

- a) Boundary Review - it was agreed to submit the same comments as were submitted during the first consultation, in line with the view of MSDC, namely that there should be just one Unitary Authority for the whole of Suffolk.
- b) Bus Shelter, School Road - This had now been installed, and the invoice received. MJ Nunn would install the base shortly.
- c) Thurston under 5's - following receipt of a request for help to find a plot of land in the village to house a building for this group, and a business plan, Cllr Dashper had perused the Plan for the Council and reported that it was unclear, and seemed to suggest that the Group would stay in the premises currently used in Cavendish Hall. Cllr Button stated that the group definitely wanted new premises of their own.

11 Chairman's Communications -

- a) Information had been received at the APM from Thurston Community College of plans for an Enrichment Week to be held 1 - 5 June 2009. The Year 9 pupils would be helping out with whatever could be arranged in the Village, and were asking for suggestions for projects. The following suggestions were to be submitted -
 - 1 Gardening, Computer lessons, Field View
 - 2 Helping with Blackbourne Day Centre, New Green
 - 3 Litter picking and poster removal around the village
 - 4 Assisting with painting needed at Cavendish Hall

Clerk to submit to Jo Bannon at the College

12 Questions from Councillors - There were none

13 Reports from Committees and Groups

a PLANNING -

i Planning Applications received :-

0749/09	Re-configured Window, Noo's Lodge	SUPPORT
1009/09	2 det dwellings, grounds of 13 School Lane	OBJECT
(8 for, 2 abstentions)		
SE/09/0422	use of land for temporary dwelling, Mere Farm, Gt Barton	

ii Planning Decisions received :-

0583/09 & 0586/09	LBC Conservatory, Poplar Farm, Gt Green	GRANTED
0564/09	1 storey front ext., 8 Furze Close	GRANTED
0062/09	1 dwelling + gge, Land, Cedars Close	GRANTED

- b) RECREATION GROUND - ref the sticking door in Gents toilets at the Pavilion (Cllr Button declared and interest) - a letter had been received from the Contractor explaining what they had found, and why they had acted as they did, and after consideration, it was agreed to pay the bill, proposed Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Campbell 9 for 1 abstention.
Clerk to seek quotations for the refurbishment of the floors in both changing rooms
 It was further agreed that the toddler swing seats at Heath Road be replaced.
Clerk to seek quotations.

It was proposed that a litter bin be installed near the play equipment in Heath Road, proposed Cllr Mrs Service, all in favour

Clerk to order.

Concerning the provision of new safety disclaimer signs at Thedwastre Park and Heath Road, it was agreed to order A3 sized signs from Coastline Graphics, at a cost of £40 each, the one at Heath Road to be post-fitted.

Clerk to arrange.

Chairman requested that a meeting be arranged to decide on any remaining maintenance issues at the Pavilion.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

i) The Chairman reported that four Cllrs had attended a meeting of the Community Forum at Thurston Community College, where information had been received re the new sports equipment at the College, which is to be opened to the public, and will be housed in an extension to the existing sports barn. Ms Ange Teggs had distributed handouts asking for comments re what exactly is needed

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

i) Cllr Robinson reported that the street nameplate at Partridge Close and the Give Way sign at the bottom of Norton Road were still defaced. The Clerk confirmed that she had reported these matters to the relevant authorities.

ii) Cllr Mrs Service reported that dustbins are regularly left out on the footpath between Partridge Close and Howes Avenue. **Clerk to write to householders.** She further reported posters seemingly put up around the village by a neighbouring Parish Council, that had not been taken down. **Clerk to write.**

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - The Chairman stated that there was nothing to report and that a meeting would be called in then near future.

f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported that the Group had received 5 call-outs during the previous month. There had been no further interest from volunteers.

14 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 An opportunity for Council members to be a substitute for the regional representative for Parish and Town Councils on the East of England Regional Assembly had arrived.

2 Fishwick Corner - County Cllr Penny Otton had received information from SCC that this site was to be considered as a potential site for accident remedial work during this financial year.

3 A report from the PCSO regarding the fact that when cars are parked up against the bus lay-by in School Road, buses cannot draw in to drop/collect passengers, had been forwarded to SCC, who had promised to formally assess the site to see what could be done.

4 Confirmation of insurance cover at the Sports Pavilion had been received.

5 European and County Council elections will take place on Thursday 4th June 2009

6 Information re a new power, the Power of Well-Being, which eligible Council can use, and which allows them to do anything which promotes the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area, had been received from SALC. 80% of a Council's members must be trained before eligibility is established.

7 Internal Audit - on the proposal of Cllr Mrs Long all in favour, it was agreed to use SALC to carry out the Council's internal audit.

8 A thank you card had been received from the recently retired Chairman for the gift presented to her at the APM. This will be circulated amongst Cllrs.

9 Information had been received that a planning application will be shortly be submitted to MSDC for the site adjacent to Cracknell's' Garage.

10 Cllrs had been invited to attend various events at the College - Thurstie Awards, 7th May; GCSE Art Open Evening, 19th May and the Art Open Evening, 30th June.

15 Resolutions or Recommendation already received - There were none

16 Finance

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	675.22	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	60.00	
Ray Austin, Handyman	332.55	
Ray Austin, Setting 1 x grit bin, and 1 x litter bin	43.96	
R Sadler, Cleaner/Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	104.00	
Garrick Outdoor, Bus Shelter	3790.55	503.55
Cllr Sprake, Cllrs Expenses	150.00	
Play Quest, Heath Road Play Equipment	11,492.82	1,499.06
CPRE Membership	29.00	

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

b) Accounts already paid -

Tiscali Broadband	17.61	2.30
New Green Centre (Office Rental)	244.95	31.95
BT (Call charges)	47.68	6.22

c) Donations - on the proposal of Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Mrs Long, it was agreed to make the following donations :-

Thurston Under 5's	£100.00
New Green Centre	£3,500.00
Thurston Methodist Church	£250.00
St Peter's Church	£1,000.00
Thurston Newsletter	£200.00
ATC	£1,500.00
Scouts	£500.00
Ixworth Patients Group	£100.00
Suffolk Family Carers	£200.00
West Suffolk Voluntary Assoc for the Blind	£200.00
East Anglia's Children's Hospices	£200.00

d) Receipts -

VAT reclaimed	3,135.67
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e) Tender from Village Handyman - after consideration, it was agreed to accept this tender which will be £337.53 from 1st June 2009, proposed Cllr Sadler, seconded Cllr Mrs Long, all in favour.

17 Any Other Specified Business - there was none

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

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 3rd June 2009

Signed..... Chairman Date 3rd June 2009