



will have a separate agenda item in future, to identify such issues as it would like put forward for consideration as a priority at one such meeting

**3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> July had been circulated and on the proposal of Cllr Weeks, seconded Cllr Campbell, were approved as a true record, all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes

**4 Statutory Business** – There was none

**5 Business Remaining** –

a) Thurston under 5's Accommodation – Cllr Sadler and the Clerk had met with the Chair of the under 5's group, and two representatives from SCC Planning, at the site to the rear of Cavendish Hall which is currently being considered as a suitable site for the erection of a purpose-built building for the group. It was now up to the Group to agree which type and design of building it prefers, and to thereafter submit formal plans for consideration.

b) Allotment land – Thurston Relief in Need Charity had turned down the Council's request to rent some land in Heath Road for the provision of allotments, stating it was not in the remit of the Charity, and could not be seen to seek best value for the Charity. MSDC had informed Council that they would not be releasing the plot which the PC had requested be made available for this purpose in Oakey Field Road. Mr Paul Myatt had informed the Clerk that he hopes to have the current allotment plot fully re-organised by the end of September

c) Bus Shelter Cleanser – Kirk Shrubshall had visited the office and informed the Clerk that he was willing to take on these duties.

d) Fence, New Green Centre overflow car park – it was proposed to seek quotations for the installation of this fence. **Clerk to pursue.**

e) Hedging behind some Field View properties – information was received re the probable cost of this exercise, and of a suitable plant. It was agreed to contact Mrs Barbara Morris, and ask if she could make arrangements for this. **Clerk to arrange.**

f) Letter to MP re A14 noise – after receipt of information that several parishes would be writing to David Ruffley MP about the high level of road surface noise along the local stretch of the A14, it was agreed to write in support of the problem being addressed at the earliest opportunity.

g) Appointment of representative to oversee Cllrs training requirements – after consideration, it was agreed that Cllr Ian Weeks would take on this responsibility.

h) Computer Maintenance Agreement – the Clerk had been unable to find any other providers willing to tender for this contract, and had circulated advice on the matter received from SALC, which Council received. It was therefore agreed to award the contract to the PC Medic, and to request the clarification of three points in the Agreement before formal authorisation to sign the Agreement at the next meeting. **Clerk to arrange.**

**6 Chairman's Communications** – There were none

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

**8 Reports from Committees and Groups**

a PLANNING –

i Planning Applications received – There were none

1942/09 Replacement church room, rear of Church cottage, Church Lane TBA

ii Planning Decisions received :-

2419/08 Granary Development (OWL) APPEAL ALLOWED

3942/09 Ext etc, Noo's Lodge, School Road TO APPEAL

MS/1686/09 Canopy/Parking space etc., Primary School GRANTED

1673/09 1 storey extension, 11 Barleyfields GRANTED

1592/09 Works under Tree Preservation Order, Whitefriars,  
Pokeriage Corner GRANTED

Cllrs Weeks and Monk had attended a pre-application site meeting at 1&2 Station Hill, re the provision of 2 new dwellings to rear.

b RECREATION GROUND –

i Remedial work to showers, Pavilion – Cllr Sadler reported this work was progressing well.

ii) Cllr Sadler reported a diseased tree alongside the footpath between Church Road and School Lane. The Clerk had already reported this to MSDC.

iii) RoSPA report on play equipment - Cllr Campbell reported that the worst part of the report was concerning a missing handle from the Springer unit in Thedwastre Park. **Clerk to request manufacturer repairs this when the supernova is repaired.**

iv) After consideration of increasing vandalism at the Council's Play Areas, it was agreed that the Council conduct its own risk assessment on a regular basis. The Police had earlier in the meeting advised anyone seeing anything suspicious to dial 999. further agreed to contact Ch Insp Atwell regarding the seemingly less Police cover since the Council match-funded PCSO Myall.

c COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS -

i) Cllr Mrs Service had attended the New Green Trust AGM, where it was reported that the Trust is experiencing financial difficulties. A suggestion had been made to set up a management committee which would include hirers. It had been suggested that the Thurst café's hours might be extended, which was under consideration.

d VILLAGE REPORTS -

i) Cllr Monk reported that ferns in the garden of a resident in Heath Road were obscuring Road signs

ii) Cllr Mrs Service reported an overgrown hedge in Norton Road, and will pass actual address to Clerk for action. She further reported broken fencing along Cycle Route 51 in Mount Road towards Sow Lane. **Clerk to report to Rougham Parish Council.** Cllr Mrs Service had sent a birthday card on behalf of the Council to Mrs Manning who had celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

iii) Cllr Mrs Clark reported that the footpath in Hollow Lane, which is part of Cycle Route 51, was suffering tree root damage. **Clerk to report.**

iv) Cllr Robinson reported that a vandalised street nameplate in Partridge Close, and a defaced Give Way sign in Howes Avenue has still not been replaced. **Clerk to report again.**

e EMERGENCY PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT - The Chairman hoped to call a meeting towards the end of the month.

f EMERGENCY RESPONDERS REPORT - Cllr Robinson reported that the Group had received 6 call-outs during the previous month. The group now had 9 fully trained members with 1 new application to join the group.

## 9 Reports from Officers of the Council

a CLERK'S REPORT -

1 The vandalised 'Supernova' play equipment was to be repaired on 12<sup>th</sup> August

2 Information had been received from E-ON regarding a decrease in electricity charges at the Pavilion

3 Information had been received from MSDC re Parish Planning training sessions to be carried out on various forthcoming dates. Cllr Robinson to organise any attendees.

4 Notification of a 'GreenSuffolk' conference on Climate Change to be held at Trinity Park, Ipswich on 2<sup>nd</sup> October had been received.

5 A memo had been received from the New Green Trust, advising that the monthly Trust meetings were to be open to all hirers, beginning with the August meeting on 26<sup>th</sup>.

6 An offer of a Community Grant towards the cost of the Refurbishment of the showers in the Pavilion had been made and accepted.

7 An extension for full consent for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List had been granted top United Pharmacies by NHS Suffolk re 9 Barton Road. This will mean that the applicant company has until 20<sup>th</sup> November to identify suitable premises for a pharmacy, and there will be no further extensions to this period.

8 Information had been received that a Marathon Race, being held to raise funds for the SSAFA Forces Help, will be run on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010, and that it will skirt Thurston. It was hoped that many notable runners will be taking part, and Council was asked for support in the way of posters and advertising the event nearer the time, to which Council agreed.

9 Following the resignation from the Council of Mr C Pattle, Mr R Flower has once again agreed to take up the mantle of Transport Liaison Office for the Council

10 Insurance claims had been submitted for three recent incidents - the Computer hacking; the vandalised play equipment in Thedwastre Park; and the problems with the showers in the Pavilion.

11 An estimate for the replacement of the rubber matting beneath the swings in Heath Road Playing Field had been received, but in light of the vandalism regularly at this site, it was agreed not to go ahead with this refurbishment at this time.

12 The basketball hoop at New Green had been vandalised. **Clerk to find local person to weld it back together.**

**10 Resolutions or Recommendation already received** - There were none

**11 Finance**

a) Accounts Awaiting Payment :-

COMPANY	AMOUNT	VAT
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Salary	693.72	
Mrs K Savage, Clerk's Expenses	60.00	
Ray Austin, Handyman	337.53	
R Sadler, Cleaner/Caretaker Salary (Rec Grd a/c)	104.00	
R Sadler, Expenses`	18.94	
DJ Evans, Bolts and rope to repair Heath Rd play equipment	7.20	0.94
M&TJ's, ground work Heath Road and Recreation Ground	1,035.00	135.00
MSDC, RoSPA Inspection fee	176.81	23.06

On the proposal of Cllr Monk, seconded Cllr Robinson, 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, Telephone calls	49.86	6.50

c) Receipts - 1 x Advertisement on village website 5.00

**12 Any Other Specified Business -**

a) Flooding issues, Church Road - The Council had been asked to help resolve issues with severe flooding in heavy rain at the junction of Church Road and School Road. The Clerk had contacted Suffolk CC Highways, who had promised to take a look at the site in the near future.

b) SCC Waste Core Strategy - after consideration of the fact that there are no proposed sites affecting this parish, it was agreed not to submit comments in this consultation.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.11 pm

**Date of next meeting, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Signed..... Chairman Date 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009**