

Thurlby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 22-11) held on Wednesday the 1 March 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room

Present: **Councillors:** R Bill, N Bradley, S Broadbent, M Keene L Lowe, E Lunn, M Owen, M Reece, A Thomas, (Presiding), and D White
Residents: S Holland
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr R Reid, District Cllr B Dobson,

	Open Forum	
	Stephen Holland stated that he had approached Mrs Spooner to see if she could find the minutes of the Thurlby and Northorpe Neighbourhood Plan Group. She could not locate them as yet and she would continue to try and find them. The meeting was formally opened at 19.33	
199.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
	199.1	Apologies were received from P Haley (work) Resolved that the apologies be accepted. It was noted that David White was resigning from the Council at the end of March 2023. This had been accepted and a letter of thanks for his services had been sent.
200.	Declaration of Interest – To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item	
	200.1	No one declared a Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests in any matter on the agenda.
201.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1 February 2023 (Min22-10)	
	201.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 February 2023 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.
202.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
	202.1	County Councillor Robert Reid was able to report the following: Highway's updated position. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good news is that the Pelican crossing has been approved and is scheduled now second in line for delivery by LCC with a Puffin Crossing (like the one at Northorpe) and Budget approved to be in 2023/24. The work was in the program and is the second job on the priority list and should be completed at the end of the next financial year or early into the next 2. Thanks to Cllr Richard Bill for attending, and for preparing a detailed report of that meeting which was circulated. 3. Update Meeting with LCC Highways 28th February 2023 - Brief Notes - Purpose – To discuss and receive an update on various Highway issues within Thurlby/Northorpe This is a follow up on meetings held with previous Highways Managers Kyra Nettle LCC. 22nd April 2021 and Dan Goodman 29th December 2021 and 5th July 2022.Meeting held with Cllr. Richard Davies- Executive Member for Highways, Dan Adams – Highways Manager, Jeanne Gibson-

		<p>Highways, Cllr Robert Reid, & Richard Bill - TPC. At Horseshoe Car park @11.00hrs. For background/further information see previous notes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A15 Thurlby Crossing (discussed at proposed position south of junction) Approved and fully funded by LCC. Installation within next financial year 2023-2024 or latest 2024/2025. Box junction marking to crossroads to be considered. 5. High Street Reconstruction/Resurfacing. Balance of road surfacing/reconstruction to follow rectification of drainage issue at Obthorpe Lane junction, see below. High Street/Obthorpe Lane Flooding. Further drainage surveys recently carried out are currently being assessed to decide on best course of action. 6. Footpath Repairs -Repairs will be carried out when labour is available, current working in other areas. No date given. 7. Vicarage Driveway/Garden flooding -Church Street. Recent additional new road gully installation will be monitored to see if the situation is rectified. Pumping Station – Church Street 8. A15 Footpath Thurlby to McDonald's roundabout. – being considered as is the A15 Speed Reduction. No date yet for speed reduction to 40mph between Northorpe and McDonalds roundabout. Proposals to reduce the speed limit between Northorpe and Thurlby to 40mph will be considered. 9. A15 Overhanging trees/hedge and vehicle debris Northorpe to Bourne. Cutting back is landowner's responsibility- highways will check and advise landowners. 10. Northorpe to Beck Way 'Pedestrian' crossing issue is being considered. LCC proposals to install dropped kerbs on the northside to assist pedestrians crossing, particularly important for school children, pushchairs, mobility users will be further investigated. 11. Realignment of kerbing at the station entrance and installation of a gully/soakaway to the south of the Fen Road to alleviate the road flooding as meeting 5th July to be further investigated. 12. Highways to clear footpath edges where possible. May be widened as part of LCC application for funding to construct a footpath/cycleway from Bourne to Market Deeping. Installation 2-3 years off. 13. I ask for vigilance on the A15/High Street flooding issue that has now received jetting works.
	202.2	<p>District Councillor Barry Dobson had prepared a written report as below:</p> <p>1.Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board</p> <p>I attended my first meeting on 2nd February and was impressed by the organisation. It is confusing though to say the least. The W&DIDB looks after the flooding on farmland mainly and local farmers and larger landowners are rated accordingly. These are so-called Arable Rents and Grazing. The other organisations to do with control of water fall into several areas of responsibility. It is complicated with the rivers being the responsibility of the Environment Agency and the drainage in the village by Anglian Water. It was interesting to hear that Government had forbidden the use of red diesel for the Board's drainage vehicles. However, under pressure from all boards, the government has thankfully withdrawn this action which would have meant an increase in rates on landowners.</p> <p>2. Leisure</p> <p>Bourne leisure facility has now received new equipment in the gymnasium. This goes back to my request when I was cabinet member for Leisure, and I am delighted that this has now happened. It was a much-needed upgrade. As you will have heard or read, the Deepings Leisure Centre, like many others throughout the country has been closed permanently by the Council.</p> <p>3. Mallard Pass Solar Farm</p>

		<p>I attended a meeting of the Action Group held in our sister parish of Braceborough. As you all know, if successfully given the green light, this will be the largest solar farm in the country by far. The road through Essendine will basically disappear so we were told, to lay substantial cables disrupting traffic for a very long time. The project will cover over 2000 acres of countryside, the majority of which is farmland. In other terms, it's 1,300 football pitches, 4.2 miles from end-to-end with a perimeter of 25 miles. We've already seen in recent weeks how empty vegetable shelves are in the supermarket, so I think we should be concerned about this. This proposal is too large for our area. We have until midnight on the 2nd March. Details are available on the mallardpassactiongroup.com website.</p> <p>4. Boundary Changes We will become part of the southern area of SKDC. Our MP will probably change as well due to the restructure to improve the equal distribution of voters to MPs.</p> <p>5. ID Required at Polling Stations IDs are now required at polling stations and the upcoming election will be the introduction of this requirement. Postal votes will remain for the present.</p> <p>6. Almond Court I attended the meeting held at Almond Court on Thursday. Although a lot had been done to improve the complex there is still a lot to be done. I met with two new officers at the meeting, and I am confident that there will be an improvement. I was able to get several improvements through before Christmas for some residents that had contacted me personally, but I am conscious that there is still a lot to do in terms of communication. The new officers are keen to get problems resolved</p>
	203.	Clerk's Report and correspondence received
	203.1	<p>The Clerk's Report was circulated, after he explained that he had kept the report to only what was important. If any Councillor wished to see the e-mails from NALC and various playground equipment companies they should ask the clerk and he would forward them on.</p> <p>After the agenda was posted a bundle of papers were deliver personally to the Clerk which was a bundle of applications to apply to become a Parish Councillor at the next election on 4 May 2023. With the notice were detailed instructions on how to complete the form and that it had to be personally delivered to Grantham between the 20 March and 4 April 2023. The application pack was handed to all those who wished to apply to be considered as a Councillor in the election.</p>
	204.	Planning applications:
	204.1	<p>To consider any Planning Applications received – S23/0168 - Proposal: Use of land for dog exercising/training/activities and formation of associated parking areas and fencing/landscaping at Park Wood Road, Thurlby. Response: 3 March 2023. Resolved: no objections but to ensure that there is adequate screening in place so it will not be too noticeable from the A15.</p>
	204.1.1	<p>S23/0159 - Proposal: Replacement of former entrance doors with glazed screen. New fire exit in side (south-west facing) wall of former vestibule at Thurlby Methodist Church, High Street, Thurlby, Response 2 March 2023. Resolved: no comment</p>
	204.1.2	<p>An application had been received after the agenda was posted. This was S23/0321 for Retrospective application for alterations to external wall finish to dwelling and detached vehicular garage at 119 Northorpe, Thurlby. This had been circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk explained that we could deal with the application this evening but only if no one considered the application contentious and he was given delegated</p>

		authority to respond. If anyone said that it was contentious then a special meeting would have to be called. Resolved that the Clerk be given delegated authority to respond and after considering the application we would have no comments.
	204.2	To note Planning Applications approved: none to note
	204.3	To note any Planning Applications refused: S22/1828 - Proposal: Siting of residential log cabin structure to be occupied in connection with petting farm use at Tiny Steps Petting Farm Park Wood Road
	204.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: none to note
205.	To confirm Expenditure £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £494.64 – B M Champness (salary) £131.00 – Elaine Reynolds (salary) £40.74 – BT (Broadband services February) DD £40.74 – BT (Broadband services March) DD £176.76 – Hereward Stationers & Printers Ltd (ink For printer) £38.00 – B M Champness (green bin sticker for cemetery and paid after 1/4/23) £630.72 – Scribe (annual fee for software to be paid after 1/4/23) £25.00 – D Thornburn (payroll services) £30.00 – C S Harris (cleaning footpaths in cemetery) £300.00 – C S Harris (work on Cremated remains area) <i>[] denotes those payments paid between meetings, which have been approved by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Parish Council or at a previous meeting but not listed</i>	
	205.1	Resolved: that the payments be approved. After the agenda was posted another invoice was received £156.00 – Thurlby PCC (insert in Village Link). Resolved that this be paid as well
206.	To discuss the accounts and for the bank reconciliation to be signed	
	206.1	The Clerk was able to circulate in advance various reports from Scribe for February 2023 which showed the items purchased, money received, and bank balances at the end of the month. The bank reconciliation was circulated, and this was approved and then signed by the Chair.
207.	To discuss the resignation of the litter picker and to decide who we might wish to employ to empty and collect the waste bags from 6 waste bins around the village	
	207.1	A letter of resignation had been received from Elaine Reynolds in respect of the work collecting the waste rubbish from the 6 bins owned by Thurlby Parish Council, but she would continue to litter pick every week. The Clerk had contacted South Kesteven District Council to see if they would take over responsibility of that task and that we would be willing to pay for that service. They had replied saying that if it was a one off they would consider the request but as it was a weekly occurrence they would decline as it was thought that if other Parish Council heard of this they would want the same treatment. The Clerk then contacted Bourne Skip Hire to see if they would undertake that task. They replied saying they would but at a cost of £48.50 + VAT per week. The alternative was to try and employ a local resident to do the work. Resolved: that we accept the quote from Bourne Skip Hire but on the understanding that this would be on a three-month trial to enable either to reconsider the matter further. It was pointed out

		that we received £20 from South Kesteven District Council already for this work and the difference would be taken from the precept.
208.	To discuss a request from Cllr White to be able to purchase plants etc to plant around the village and to set a budget limit.	
	208.1	Cllr White said that he was proposing to spend approximately £140 on plants, compost etc. for this summer and wanted this to be approved by the Council. Resolved: a budget be set at £200.00
209.	To agree a date for the Annual Parish meeting and who we will invite to that meeting and to agree a date for the Annual meeting of the Parish Council	
	209.1	The Clerk explained that as it was an election year, and which would take place on 4 May 2023 the Annual Parish Meeting must take place within 14 days of that date. It was Resolved that the meeting would take place on Wednesday 10 May in the Social Room. The meeting to start at 7 p.m. and followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 8.15 p.m The people to be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting would be, the local PCSO, Lawrance Park, St Firmins Churchyard, Open Gardens committee and both the County and District Councillors.
210.	To discuss the proposals for the Funday to celebrate King Charles III coronation.	
	210.1	<p>There were a number of updates that needed explaining and also Cllr Lowe had sent emails regarding other matters.</p> <p>1 An email from Lisa stating: Just thought I would let you know the meeting went well the other Friday. We have arranged another meeting for Friday 28th April 7.30p.m at 6 Park View Thurlby. This is to finalise everything before the big event. I would like some / or all parish counsellors to be available on the day to help as this is a parish council event & it would be good for them to be seen. Anyone that was interested would contact Cllr Lowe. She pointed out that any helper on the day would be wearing a coloured t-shirt.</p> <p>2. Another email from Lisa regarding the cost of entry to the event - I have spoken to my ladies that are helping with the event for the Kings coronation. We all thought adult price £5 Children £3.50 from age 2 up to 15 years.</p> <p>3. A risk assessment had been prepared and circulated</p> <p>4. Donations were being sought from local charities and businesses and if successful there would be no admission charge made. .</p> <p>5, Coronation mugs were being considered to give to children in the village</p> <p>6. The Police had been notified of the event and stall holders had been confirmed.</p>
211.	To discuss and agree whether to adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct	
	211.1	The new model Code of Conduct had been circulated in advance. After discussion it was Resolved that the code be adopted
212.	To decide how many years minutes do we need to have on the website	
	212.1	The Clerk explained that this was on the agenda as Cllr Bill had pointed out that some of the minutes he tried to access were incorrect. This was taken up with Ian Bratley, who had telephoned the Clerk to apologise for the error but wanted to know if we wanted the minutes to go back so many years. The clerk told him that this would have to be decided by the Council. Resolved: that as many years minutes as possible (minimum10 years) to be on the website for future reference and research.

213.	To discuss and agree nominations for Lawrance Cup 2023	
	213.1	We had received the nomination request for a recipient of the Lawrance Cup 2023, and this had been circulated. After discussion it was resolved that the Open Gardens Committee as the work they did was voluntary, and it made a difference to the village
214.	To discuss the proposals for the future of the Youth Hostel	
	214.1	Cllr Reid was able to report that the meeting held on 15 February had facilitated an onsite meeting in mid-March which will be attended by both YHA's insurance provider and estate agent. This will give us information which will be helpful to both parties on the value of the building in its current state and the cost of repair works that YHA are responsible for. We will then jointly agree next steps and are meeting again on 29 March when we will be able to review the information provided by the agent and insurance company following the site visit
215.	To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.	
	215.1	There was nothing further to add as this was dealt with earlier by Cllr Reid, but it was to be noted that funding for the crossing will be by Lincolnshire County Council and they have budgeted for this.
216.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	
	216.1	<p>Cllr Bill had downloaded data from the reactive sign and reported the following:</p> <p>During February the radar unit was positioned in Northorpe recording traffic in an easterly direction, i.e., towards the A15.</p> <p>The daily volumes for both 5/7-day periods are down 6% and 16% respectively compared with last year's results, corresponding peak time volumes also reflect this. The AM peak time remains the same however, the peak PM time has changed to 15.00 -16.00 hrs. returning to pre-2022. The number travelling above the speed limit has slightly increased to 10.36% & 11.06% compared to last year but is similar to 2020 and way below 2018 & 2019 results. The average speeds above the limit are very similar to previous-to-previous years at 32.68 & 32.66mph for the 5/7-day periods. The overall average speed has increased 18% to 24.60mph returning to 2018/19 levels with a maximum speed of 54mph recorded at 21.50 hrs which is 3mph greater than last year..</p>
217.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	217.1	Cllr Thomas was able to report Mr Harris had carried out the work in the cremated remains area and it was looking neat and tidy. He had also cleared the Christmas wreaths from graves.
218.	To consider if there is anything we need to report to the Neighbourhood Policing Priority Setting Meetings	
	218.1	There was nothing to be reported at this time.
219.	For any Councilor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	

	219.1	<p>Cllr Bill submitted the following report of a meeting he had with Cllr Reid and Highways</p> <p>Update Meeting with LCC Highways 28th February 2023 - Brief Notes Purpose – To discuss and receive an update on various Highway issues within Thurlby/Northorpe. This is a follow up on meetings held with previous Highways Managers Kyra Nettle LCC. 22nd April 2021 and Dan Goodman 29th December 2021 and 5th July 2022. Meeting held with Cllr. Richard Davies- Executive Member for Highways, Dan Adams – Highways Manager, Jeanne Gibson- Highways, Cllr Robert Reid, & Richard Bill - TPC. At Horseshoe Car park @11.00hrs. For background/further information see previous notes.</p> <p>A15 Thurlby Crossing (discussed at proposed position south of junction) Approved and fully funded by LCC. Installation within next financial year 2023-2024 or latest 2024/2025. Box junction marking to crossroads to be considered.</p> <p>High Street Reconstruction/Resurfacing. Balance of road surfacing/reconstruction to follow rectification of drainage issue at Obthorpe Lane junction, see below.</p> <p>High Street/Obthorpe Lane Flooding. Further drainage surveys recently carried out are currently being assessed to decide on best course of action.</p> <p>Footpath Repairs Repairs will be carried out when labour is available, current working in other areas. No date given.</p> <p>Vicarage Driveway/Garden flooding -Church Street. Recent additional new road gully installation will be monitored to see if the situation is rectified.</p> <p>Pumping Station – Church Street (Photo shown of large flooding) Realignment of kerbing at the station entrance and installation of a gully/soakaway to the south of the Fen Road to alleviate the road flooding as meeting 5th July to be further investigated.</p> <p>A15 Footpath Thurlby to McDonald's roundabout. Highways to clear footpath edges where possible. May be widened as part of LCC application for funding to construct a footpath/cycleway from Bourne to Market Deeping. Installation 2-3 years off.</p> <p>A15 Speed Reduction No date yet for speed reduction to 40mph between Northorpe and McDonalds roundabout. Proposals to reduce the speed limit between Northorpe and Thurlby to 40mph will be considered.</p> <p>A15 Overhanging trees/hedge and vehicle debris Northorpe to Bourne. Cutting back is landowner's responsibility- highways will check and advise landowners. Northorpe to Beck Way 'Pedestrian' crossing issue.</p> <p>LCC proposals to install dropped kerbs on the northside to assist pedestrians crossing, particularly important for school children, pushchairs, mobility users will be further investigated.</p>
	220.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link
	220.1	<p>It was agreed that Cllr White would prepare an item for the Village Link and send that to all Councillors for approval. There would be an article to give an update on the Anglian Water pipeline works.</p>

221.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	221.1	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.00
222.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby	

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