

# Thurlby Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council

### (Min 23-02) held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room

**Present:**        **Councillors:** R Bill, N Bradley, L Day, M Keene, L Lowe, M Owen, and A Thomas (presiding)  
                       **Residents:** M Harrison, H Daines  
                       **Others:** Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr Reid, and District Cllr B Dobson

	<b>Open Forum</b>	
	Although members of the public present there was no Open Forum. The meeting was formally opened at 19.30	
<b>26.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies &amp; noting of resignations received</b>	
	<b>26.1</b>	Apologies were received from S Broadbent (work) P Haley, (work) <b>Resolved</b> that the apologies be accepted.
<b>27.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> – 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	
	<b>27.1</b>	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
<b>28.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Min23.01)</b>	
	<b>28.1</b>	<b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes of the annual meeting held on the 10 May 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
<b>29.</b>	<b>To Co-opt two (2) Councillors</b>	
	<b>29.1</b>	Matthew Harrison and Hayley Daines had applied to be co-opted onto the Council and the applications had been circulated in advance. Both were asked to introduce themselves to the Council and then answer questions that might be asked. The Clerk explained that he had two questions which were, were you an undischarged bankrupt and have a criminal record? Both were able to confirm a no to both questions. Questions were asked and answered, and it was <b>resolved</b> that both would be co-opted onto the Council. They were invited to take a seat and the Clerk asked them both to complete and sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Which they did and then signed by the Clerk. They were also given The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 form and were asked to complete the same as soon as possible after the meeting. They were also given a copy of the Code of Conduct. Each Councillor introduced themselves and the Chair gave a brief explanation of how the Council worked
<b>30.</b>	<b>To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby</b>	
	<b>30.1</b>	County Cllr Robert Reid has sent a report as follows: <b>A15 Speed Reduction</b>

		<p>The Speed limit between McDonald's Roundabout and Northorpe has now been reduced to 40mph. The request to also reduce the present 50mph between Northorpe and Thurlby is now in the system and awaiting assessment.</p> <p><b>A15 Thurlby Crossing.</b> The Thurlby crossing is one of several crossings in Lincolnshire going through a Feasibility and Design process with delivery anticipated within the next two years. The Thurlby crossing is near the top of the list and Cllr. Reid is keeping the pressure on for an early delivery. The request for yellow box markings at the crossroads will be considered after the crossing installation when the traffic impact will be monitored.</p> <p><b>High Street/A15 Junction flooding.</b> Some jetting works carried out, possibly linking drainage to the A15 system to act as an overflow is under consideration.</p> <p><b>Church Street Pumping Station</b> Grips have been cut to alleviate the road flooding and works have been instructed to improve the parking situation for tankers serving the pumping station.</p> <p><b>High Street Drainage (Obthorpe Lane Junction)</b> Major drainage repairs are still to be carried out to alleviate flooding and allow High Street resurfacing to continue.</p> <p><b>Footpaths Repairs</b> Footpaths marked up awaiting repairs.</p> <p><b>Park View Flooding.</b> This is likely to be a riparian issue, still to be resolved.</p> <p><b>A15 Overgrown Hedges (Northorpe to Bourne)</b> Flailing works now complete, arrangement for removal of debris made but outstanding.</p> <p><b>Lawrence Park (Land between Park and Chapel Lane)</b> Proposal for temporary parking - Property Portfolio handed to Barry Dobson.</p> <p>Cllr Reid did say that he would get someone out to look at the problem with the Park View flooding</p>
	<b>30.2</b>	<p>District Cllr Dobson had sent a report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Kesteven District Council has had their first Full Council meeting and it transpired that a group, consisting of various parties has formed a coalition and taken over the leadership of the council with a slender majority. The Conservative Group is still the largest party and they have been joined by three members of a separate independent group which has now taken the collective title of South Kesteven Coalition. This makes for a strong unified coalition group, collectively ensuring robust scrutiny.</li> <li>2. The leader of the Council is Councillor Richard Cleaver (Ind) and Deputy Leader is Councillor Ashley Baxter (Alliance SK). Opposition Leader is Councillor Graham Jeal (Con) and Deputy Opposition Leader is Councillor Richard Dixon-Warren.</li> <li>3. Currently, councillors are receiving training especially on the committees that they have signed up to. There are certain training sessions that are mandatory for all councillors, such as Prevent which deals with radicalisation and associated issues.</li> <li>4. As such, there has not been too much to report on other than three planning applications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. S23/0743 at 7 Maple Avenue and the case officer is Simon Rees.</li> <li>b. S23/0809 at Double Yew Nurseries and the case officer is John Hiscox.</li> <li>c. S23/0810 at Double Yew Nurseries and the case officer is John Hiscox.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

		<p>5. The Greater Lincolnshire &amp; Rutland Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Framework 2023 has been issued which basically is a continuation of the collaboration and shared strategic vision to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Grow the productive capacity of key sectors.</li> <li>b. Strengthen and future-proof connective assets.</li> <li>c. Underpin inclusive growth to present opportunities for businesses and residents.</li> <li>d. Support skills delivery and achieve net zero emissions.</li> </ul> <p>Flooding at Chapel Lane from Park View, Cllr Dobson is now a SKDC representative on the Welland Internal drainage Board. He will raise this issue with them.</p>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Clerk's Report and correspondence received</b>	
	<b>31.1</b>	<p>The Clerks Report had been circulated and explained that he had received various emails from NALC, ICCM and various playground equipment providers but if anyone wished to see copies they can be forwarded on.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that he had received an email from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The owner of 6 Tudor Close, Mr Taylor, explaining that the bin placed at the end of the Close by the council was never given permission to do so. He was of the opinion that it lowered the tone of the Close and should be moved to somewhere more suitable. He complained that the Parish Council never helped with the maintenance of the grass verges in the Close but used it as and when it suited them. It was agreed that the bin would be moved, and Cllr Thomas said that he had spoken to Chris Barber from the Methodist Chapel who gave us permission to move the bin onto their land by the lamppost and bush. Mr Taylor would be advised that it was being moved.</li> <li>2. An email from a resident about her neighbour who had planted a laurel hedge around the border between their front garden and her narrow driveway. They have planted them about 20cm away from the border line. She wanted to know if there was a Thurlby parish rule about planting hedges as I am aware many parishes insist on planting hedges 3ft away from any border due to future hedge width. Since writing that email she has spoken to her neighbour who were going to move the hedge so it is just under 2ft away from her boundary, but she would still like to know about any local bylaws. It was agreed that we had no bylaws which supported this theory but it could be that a clause was on the Deeds which might say something along those lines</li> <li>3. A resident had written the following: <i>the speed limit on the stretch of the A15 from Northorpe junction to the MacDonalds roundabout has now been reduced from 50mph to 40mph, which is good news. However, someone in the Traffic department is not using joined up thinking, as 100m south of the roundabout the unlimited sign still remains and hence 60mph applies for a very brief interval before the 30mph on the A15 after the roundabout. I assume it has been left there for traffic turning onto the bypass, but it is incredible stupidity to have such confusing signs. Perhaps you could flag this up and get them to move the unlimited sign to the start of the bypass.</i> It was agreed that this email be sent to Cllr Reid as well as advising him that the signage for the 40 mph was wholly inadequate. The only sign from Northorpe to Bourne was a small sign attached to the back of another sign and which was hardly noticeable to a driver.</li> </ol>

		4. The Clerk explained that Cllr Bill had asked him why the Insurance premium had increased by £50. Having spoken to the Insures the Clerk explained that this was because all the items in the Asset Register had increased in value the increase in the premium reflected that increase.
<b>32.</b>	<b>Planning applications:</b>	
	<b>32.1</b>	<b>To consider any Planning Applications received – S23/0743</b> - Proposed 2 storey extension in 2 phases. Phase 1 Ground floor extension to rear to Provide Study/ Dayroom and Dining Room Phase 2 First floor extension to provide additional bedroom at 7 Maple Avenue, Thurlby. <b>Response:</b> by 21 June 2023. <b>Resolved</b> that we had no comments or objections
	<b>32.1.1</b>	After the agenda had been posted two planning applications had been received. The Clerk explained that we could deal with the applications tonight but only if all agreed that they were not contentious and if just one councillor did then we would have to call a special meeting. The plans were as follows: <b>S23/0809</b> - Proposal: Lawful residential use of the property without compliance with condition 3 - (the dwellinghouse shall be used in connection with the adjacent piggeries only) - of Planning Permission SK/6767 at Northorpe Fen Farm, Fen Road, Northorpe. <b>Response</b> by 22 June 2023 and <b>S23/0810</b> - Proposal: Lawful residential use of the property without compliance with condition 1 (the occupation of the dwellinghouse shall be limited to persons employed in connection with the adjacent piggery or the dependents of such persons) of planning permission SK/7606 at The Bungalow Northorpe Fen, Fen Road, Northorpe. <b>Response</b> by 22 June 2023 It was <b>resolved</b> that we could deal with the applications tonight with the Clerk having delegated authority to respond. After considering the plans there was no comment or objections.
	<b>32.2</b>	<b>To note Planning Applications approved: S22/2159</b> - Proposal: Proposed new dwelling and garage at The Barn 25 Crown Lane, Thurlby
	<b>32.3</b>	<b>To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn:</b> none to note
	<b>32.4</b>	<b>To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal:</b> none to note
<b>33.</b>	<b>To confirm Expenditure</b> £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £494.64 – B M Champness (salary) £40.00 – Elaine Reynolds (salary) £40.74 – BT (broadband charges) (DD) £56.00 – Zurich Insurance (Additional Insurance premium for Fun Day) £59.99 – Microsoft (Annual fee for Office 365) £156.00 – Thurlby PCC (insert in Village Link) £291.00 – Bourne Skip Hire (5 weekly payments for bin collections in May) <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>	
	<b>33.1</b>	<b>Resolved:</b> that the payments be approved.
	<b>33.2</b>	One more invoice had been received since the agenda was posted: £45.00 – C S Harris (grass cutting in cemetery)

		<b>Resolved:</b> that this be paid as well
<b>34.</b>	<b>To discuss the accounts for May and for the bank reconciliation to be signed as a correct record</b>	
	<b>34.1</b>	The Clerk was able to circulate in advance various reports from Scribe for May 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
<b>35.</b>	<b>To consider the cutting of grass verges around the village and whether we wish to enter in a Parish Agreement with the County Council.</b>	
	<b>35.1</b>	Since the last meeting there has been emails between the Clerk, Cllr Reid and some residents about grass cutting around the village. Likewise, South Kesteven District Council have written sending maps of the areas where they cut in the village. An email has also been received from Lincs County Council sending maps of the areas that they cut. All the maps had been circulated in advance. The County Council had also asked us to consider signing up to Parish Contract which meant that we would cut the grass and they would pay us £942.42 this year. They were going to send us the contract but to date they had not, but this would be chased. It was agreed that this item would go onto the July agenda. In the meantime, Tim Sleight would be asked to cut the grass verges at Thurlby crossroads as they needed cutting and no one was cutting the grass. Once we had the contract we would have to see if we could find a contractor to cut the grass on a regular basis and what their charges would be.
<b>36.</b>	<b>To agree the fees of C S Harris for cemetery maintenance</b>	
	<b>36.1</b>	The explained that he had been in touch with Mr Harris and asked him what his hourly rates would be for 2023/24. The contact was by WhatsApp and Mr Harris had replied that his charges would be £10 per hour. <b>Resolved:</b> that this be agreed
<b>37.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.</b>	
	<b>37.1</b>	See the report from Cllr Reid under Item 30.1
<b>38.</b>	<b>To consider the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby</b>	
	<b>38.1</b>	Cllr Reid reported that the Youth Hostel had now rescinded their lease and the property would be placed on the open market. In the meantime, if there were any matters that were of concern and work was needed to be undertaken we should let them know and that work would be carried out. The Parish Council was far from happy with this response as it was felt that our concerns had not been addressed. The Clerk reported that after the last meeting he had written to Cllr Reid asking him to set up a meeting with the people at LCC so we could gather all the information we needed from them. This had not been addressed so the clerk was to send another request.
<b>39.</b>	<b>To receive an update of the Coronation Fun Day</b>	
	<b>39.1</b>	Cllr Lowe gave to the Clerk a further £40.00 to put into the bank. She explained that the accounts had not been finished as yet but she was able to confirm that the takings on the day amounted to £1123.93. She wanted to know when we could order the Tommy silhouettes. She had been in touch with the British Legion who explained that they were 4 feet 10 inches tall and made of aluminium. We could have our own logo put on the

		base. It was agreed that this should be Thurlby Parish Council. They needed a 3 week notice of when they were required and cost £175.00 each. It was agreed that an order could be placed for 3 women and 3 men, and the Clerk was to do so. Cllr Lowe said that the silhouettes could be stored in her garage. Any money that was left over we could purchase poppies to place on lamp posts around the village. The six Tommy silhouettes would be included on the Parish Council insurance inventory by the clerk once purchased
<b>40.</b>	<b>To consider the data received from the reactive sign</b>	
	<b>40.1</b>	<p>Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained from the Reactive Sign</p> <p>During May the radar unit was positioned on Northorpe Lane recording traffic in a southbound direction, i.e., towards The Green. The data indicates the daily volumes for both 5/7-day periods down 12% compared with last year's results. The reduced volumes may be the result of the Bank Holidays not captured in last year's data. The overall average speed of 24.2mph is slightly higher (0.9mph) than previous with a maximum speed of 51mph recorded at 20.55 hrs which is 3mph more than last year. Those travelling above the speed limit slightly increased to 10.78 &amp; 10.71% at an average speed above the limit of 32.58 &amp; 32.60mph, both for the 5 &amp; 7 day periods.</p> <p>Further details can be found on the Thurlby Parish Website.</p>
<b>41.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees</b>	
	<b>41.1</b>	Cllr Thomas said he had been down to the Cemetery, and all was in order. Chris Harris had cut the grass. The green bin is now in place and being emptied.
<b>42.</b>	<b>For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council</b>	
	<b>42.1</b>	Cllr Thomas said that he had attended as the representative of the Parish Council at a recent Lawrance Park meeting. They were trying to obtain a grant to refurbish the toilets and remove the showers. They were in the process of obtaining quotes to see how much money was required. Consideration was also being given to a toilet being accessed from the field which could be used rather than having to come into the hall. The Chair had resigned her role but as there was no one else able to this over she would remain in place until she left the village.
<b>43.</b>	<b>To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link</b>	
	<b>43.1</b>	Cllr Day was asked if she could compile a report and once completed to send it around for approval of the council. She agreed to do this.
<b>44.</b>	<b>Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.</b>	
	<b>44.1</b>	Cllr Bill asked if we could now place an order for a new noticeboard at Elsea Drive. As this had been agreed when the budget was discussed. The Clerk confirmed we had set aside £850 for that purpose, It was agreed that the Clerk would place an order.

	<b>44.2</b>	Cllr Bill asked if the Clerk had written to the appropriate people advising who was on the various charity committees. He had not. He was asked to write to Stephen Knipe to advise him that Lisa Day was now on the Causeway Charity committee and to Mary Trumble advising that Eddie Lunn had been replaced by Lisa Lowe.
	<b>44.3</b>	Cllr Keene asked if anything was going to be done to have the vegetation cut back on the footpath by the house at the end of High Street opposite the Three Horseshoes Public House The previous owner had cut the grass and the bushes back and no one was doing that now. Cllr Thomas would visit the owners and explain the position and ask them to cut back the bushes.
	<b>44.4</b>	Cllr Lowe asked how we could advertise the fact that we had purchased the Tommy silhouettes. It was agreed that this would be discussed once that had been ordered and received.
	<b>44.5</b>	Cllr Owen asked about what was happening about us obtaining land for allotments. She understood that there were once allotments on the land by the Golden Well and wanted to know if this could be acquired. It was explained that this land was owned by the Causeway Charity, and they were in the process of selling it by tender. The land was actually land locked and the only means of access to it was by the public footpath. There was no means of getting to it by car and this would mean that cars would have to be parked on High Street. It was considered not to be suitable land for us to acquire.
	<b>44.6</b>	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.29
<b>45.</b>	<b>The date of the next meeting</b> – to be held on <b>Wednesday 5 July 2023</b> at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby	