

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council
(Min 23-06) held on Wednesday the 1 November 2023 at 7.30
p.m.inthe Lawrance Park Social Room

Present: **Councillors:**R Bill, N Bradley,S Broadbent, H Daines, L Day, P Haley, M Harrison, M Keene,L Lowe, M Owen,andA Thomas (presiding)
Residents:
Others:Bernard Champness – Clerk, District Cllr B Dobson

	Open Forum	
	There were no members of the public present and there was no Open Forum.The meeting was formally opened at 19.30	
105.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
	105.1	All Councillors were present, so no apologies were given. Apologies were received from County Cllr R Reid
106.	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	
	106.1	No one declared a Disclosable Pecuniary and Other interest on any item on the agenda.
107.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4 October 2023 (Min23.05)	
	107.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 October 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
108.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
	108.1	County Cllr Robert Reid had not sent a report.
	108.2	District Cllr Dobson had sent a report as follows: 1. Application to Open Quarry for Mineral Extraction in Baston Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the meeting. It will seriously impact on the amount of traffic through our village and that might not only be the A15 but rather the route along Hight Street, Swallow Hill and on through Manthorpe. Up to 150 lorries per day are expected to visit the site. Not all, of course, will be driving north through Bourne, but it will have a significant impact on our Parish. Have we put in our thoughts to LCC? 2. Improved SKDC Housing The district has now received a notice from the inspector that SKDC is now out of special measures. However, I have warned the new mixed party administration that there are still things that need to be addressed. This is an continuing issue. 3. Road Closure I mentioned this in my report last month, but it didn't materialise. I am trying to get the revised date. Road closure Order - Church Street (Between A15 & a point 160m East). This is to improve access for large vehicles at the pumping station opposite the St.

		<p>Firmin's.</p> <p>4. Bin Collections</p> <p>I believe that the bin collection, or rather non-collection, saga has been dealt with. However, as you will all have received that we now need to put clean paper and cardboard into a separate bin as of February 2024. It is going to be difficult for some households to deal with this additional collection due to space requirements. It is important that the new bins are used solely for clean cardboard and paper, i.e. no contaminated products such as used food trays and, if possible, it would help if the sealing tape could be removed before placing the item in the new bin. This new collection is going to take some getting used to as it alternates with the existing silver bin. The purpose is to generate additional income from clean waste that should help contain the rising costs of the Council.</p>
109.	Clerk's Report and correspondence received	
	109.1	<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. The following correspondence has been received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Clerk had been contacted by someone with land in the village possibly being prepared to offer as allotments. It was hoped he would be able to attend the meeting tonight, but he was unable to as he still had research to do as to this being viable. 2. In the report was correspondence from S Holland. One was about the Neighbourhood Plan review, and he had ascertained that if Parish Council wish to wait until the publication of the draft settlement hierarchy report then this is completely fine. This will be available as part of the Draft Local Plan Review consultation which will take place in late Jan / Early Feb of 2024. He did not want to assist the Parish Council in regard to this but will continue to make contributions and comments to the Parish Council as a member of the public not only where the Neighbourhood Plan has clear direction on planning applications but on other matters of interest. The Clerk had been in touch with someone who had been involved with Neighbourhood Plans to see if he could help and he was looking into this. 3. The other email from S Holland was about his concerns that the A15 from Bourne to Deeping was not included in an announced to make the A15 dual carriageway from somewhere from the north of Lincoln to the M180 at Scunthorpe as well as other parts of the A15. He suggested we write to Baston and Langtoft to join forces to see if this stretch of the A15 could also be considered for upgrading. After discussing the matter, it was felt that we would not want to become involved with this, but we were grateful to this matter being brought to our attention. 4. Another email had been received from a resident about vehicles using the village as a short cut to the A612 and wondered if we could write to LCC to see if this could be stopped. It was felt that we could not do much as the roads through the village were public highways and any vehicle had the right to use it. The Police would not become involved, and it was doubtful if there was much we could do. 5. Nicky Bradley had written to say the wreath had been delivered and wondered if anyone was willing to lay the wreath on the 12 November. As no one came forward it was agreed that Cllr Bradley would be the representative to lay the wreath. It was also agreed that a donation be made to the Royal British Legion in the sum of £75.00

110.	Planning applications:	
	110.1	<p>To consider any Planning Applications received – planning reference: pl/0070/23 - development: to extract sand and gravel with restoration to agriculture and nature conservation, import and processing of inert restoration materials, export of recycled aggregate, the creation of new public footpaths, the erection of associated plant and infrastructure and a new/alterd access from the A15 - location: Thetford House Farm, Baston grid reference: 511899 315739 Adjacent parish council consultation. Response 12 November 20223. Resolved: that we strongly object as the extra vehicles on the A15, which is already heavily used, would make what is already a difficult thing to do and that is leaving the village onto the A15 from either Northorpe or Thurlby. Likewise, we are concerned that the lorries from the quarry will start to use High Street as a short cut to get to the A6121 rather than using the Bourne bypass. This would cause a great deal of noise driving through the village with possibly empty lorries in the early hours of the morning. S23/1796 & S23/1797 - New metal field vehicle and pedestrian access gates to the shared accessroad between The Barns and Park House, Thurlby. Location: The Barns, 8A Church Street, Thurlby, Lincolnshire, PE10 0EH App Type: Listed Building Consent and Full Planning Permission. Response by 7 November 2023. Resolved no comment. S23/1777 - Proposal: Development for an EVC Hub and associated plant, new bin store and parking and associated works at Petrol Station, Milestone Road, Bourne, App Type: Full Planning Permission. Response by 7 November 2023, Resolved no comment. S23/1878 - Proposal: Proposed relocation of fence line at 65 Northorpe, Thurlby. Response by 8 November 2023, Resolved no comment. S23/1925 - Proposal: Submission of details in relation to condition 3 (WSI) of S23/0343 (Proposed change of use of land to create dog exercise paddocks – including associated vehicular hardstanding and secure boundary treatment.) at Land To The East Of Bourne Road, Thurlby. Response by 13 November 2023. Resolved no comment.</p>
	110.2	<p>To note Planning Applications approved: none to note at the time the agenda was posted but notices have since been received. S23/1636 - Proposal: T1 Ash tree - reduce by appx 3-4m on top and 2-3m on the sides due to being very over extended. Co-dominant stems at appx 10ft and a small cavity at the base. Location: 20 Chapel Lane Thurlby S23/1370 - Proposal: Additional storage buildings/enclosures to support the current use as a petting farm at Cross Farm, Park Wood Road</p>
	110.3	To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn: none to note
	110.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: none to note
111.	<p>To confirm Expenditure £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £494.64 – B M Champness (salary) £20.00 – Elaine Reynolds (salary) £44.34 – BT (broadband charges0) £291.00 – Bourne Skip Hire (bin collection charges for October (5)) [] 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</p>	
	111.1	Resolved: that the payments be approved.

	111.2	After the agenda was posted other invoices had been received: £104.00 – Thurlby PCC(insert in Village Link) £84.41 –Construction & Renovation Ltd (materials to produce concrete plinths) Resolved: that thesepayments be approved.
112.	To discuss the accounts for Octoberand for the bank reconciliation to be signed as a correct record	
	112.1	The Clerk was unable to circulate in advance the various reports from Scribe for October 2023 which showed the items purchased, money received, and bank balances at the end of the month. This was due to it being the 1November and statements were not ready but would be sent on in the next few days and the Chair to sign at the next meeting.
113.	To agree the areas/verges within the village that needs to be cut by our contractor	
	113.1	The Clerk had printed off the maps of the areas in the village where grass was cut received from South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council. The Council were asked to consider what areas we would ask for a quote from a contractor to cut the grass verges. It was understood we would still have both Councils cut the grass 3 times a year, but the contractor would cut the grass between those other cuts. The maps from LCC were considered and where appropriate we would ask out contractor if he would do the work and to give us a quote. It was pointed out that on map 10 which was the area of the Thurlby crossroads the grassed verges on either side of the crossroads were not marked for cutting. This was their job, and the Clerk was asked to write back and tell them to include those 2 grassed areas. Cllr Thomas would have a work with the contractor.
114.	To discuss overgrowth of bushes/shrubs onto the public highway	
	114.1	It was pointed out that the hedge behind the bus stop at Northorpe had now been cut back and we had not received any complaints. The Clerk had asked Mr Hill to see if he could now clean the glass at the back where the hedge had been. The Clerk had not written to the owners by the bus stop at Thurlby as he was not sure which notice to use. He showed the 2 notices we had used, and it was agreed that the A4 page was the one to use. The Clerk said he would now post the notice. This notice should also go into the village link and the clerk would send a copy to Cllr Day.
115.	To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.	
	115.1	We had not received an update, but it was noted that various jobs had been done such as laying rubber stripes across the road to count the speed and number of vehicles using the road. To keep on top of this the Clerk was to write Cllr Davies asking for an update and timeline of when the crossing will go in as we were now more concerned about people's safety due to a quarry being opened at Baston and more lorries being used on the A15. It was noted that there could be 115 lorries a day on the A15 from that site. Cllr Reid would be copied in.
116.	To consider the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby	
	116.1	There was no update to give.
117.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	

	117.1	<p>Cllr Bill had submitted a report of the data received from the reactive sign which is below:</p> <p>During October the radar unit was positioned in High Street recording traffic in an eastbound direction, i.e., towards the A15.</p> <p>The daily, peak AM & PM counts are very similar to last year, the AM peak times remain the same with the PM peak time returning to a late afternoon time of 17.00 - 18.00. The average speed at 23.0mph is slightly down on previous with the maximum speed of 57mph at 08.50 identical to last year. Those travelling above the speed limit are down 40% however this may be the result of work vans parked close to the radar unit requiring vehicles to slow down or even stop. The average speed above the limit is constant with previous years.</p> <p>Further details can be found on the Thurlby Parish Website.</p>
118.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	118.1	<p>Cllr Thomas was able to report that all was in order. He would now put-up next month the notice about the graves being levelled with topsoil as discussed last month.</p> <p>Cllr Lowe reported that the footpath in the Churchyard to the cemetery needed to be cleared of moss as it could cause someone to slip and hurt themselves. The Clerk was asked Chris Harris to do this work.</p>
119.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	119.1	<p>On the 18th October Cllrs. Bill and Broadbent attended a meeting of the Anne Fisher Charity. Items of discussion included Agreement for Barry Sadler to continue as Secretary and Treasurer, the financial position and advertisement in the Village Link of the charities aims</p>
	119.2	<p>Cllr Day had attended a meeting held by Baston Parish Council regarding the planning permission being sought to extract sand and gravel with restoration to agriculture and nature conservation, import and processing of inert restoration materials, export of recycled aggregate. She had sent a report as below:</p> <p>Quarry Baston Meeting 19th October</p> <p>The meeting was quite informative with how much they know so far, there are many factors to this for Baston including the school, the glen, dropping the water table, the fish contamination, wildlife, noise levels, dust levels, health issues relating to the dust. However the main subjects for us has to be the traffic, school buses, school and general buses.</p> <p>There are also two further sites looking for planning in Baston in the next year, all of these sites are NOT on the list of needed sites in Lincolnshire, so this is a just for-profit Quarry not a listed need.</p> <p>The traffic and the position of the entrance is going to be a huge issue for anyone using the A15, the entrance is going to be sited passed Kings Street junction on the A15, just on the S bend and like mentioned in the meeting if it was a housing estate wouldn't get planning on such an entrance. That area is a black spot for accidents as it is.</p> <p>The extra HGV's will be five and half days a week for up to 20 years, they say about</p>

		550 HGV vehicles a week on average, however some of the paperwork says up to 155 a day, it seems all a little conflicting. There were talks on the traffic effect on the school bus service and the main bus service to Peterborough/Bourne route. There were also parents there who said they would pull their children from the school if it were to go ahead, so that comes with issues on our school places too. The deadline is the 12th November 2023 for objection, I understand from the Bourne Town & Langtoft council members who were at the meeting they are planning on objecting. Also, it was discussed about the HGV's using villages for easy access for routes, Baston Council are looking at getting weight limits through the village, so I think as a precaution a Seven and half ton weight limited would be invaluable for Thurlby too.
	119.3	Cllr Lowe had attended a Churchyard Committee meeting. She had sent photographs of the footpath in the Churchyard to the cemetery which needed to be cleared of moss. She understood a request for a grant was to be submitted in time for us to include in the budget for 2024-25
120.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	120.1	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. As mentioned above the notice about overhanging bushes was to be included. It was also agreed that a notice should be put in about anyone/group wanting a grant from the Council. The grant was for groups only but not an individual as we had no authority to give grant to an individual. If we did not have powers to spend money we would have to use Sec 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The use of the money had to be for the benefit of the community and had to be proportionate. For example, if a group requested a grant and which had members in from another village the grant would have to be proportionate to the number of residents who would benefit from the grant. Consideration would be given to having a QR code in the Village Link that would once take you directly to the minutes on our website.
121.	Members Questions- reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	121.1	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.41
122.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby	