

# Thurlby Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council

### (Min 23-10) held on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room

**Present:**        **Councillors:** N Bradley, R Bill, S Broadbent, M Harrison, L Lowe and A Thomas (presiding)  
                       **Residents:** S Holland  
                       **Others:** Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr R Reid

<b>Open Forum</b>	
Mr S Holland wanted to address the Council regarding the matter of the draft Local Plan (Item 194). He had been looking at the number of proposed dwellings which states that 14,000 have to be built by 2041. He could not see that the numbers add up. He was able to produce evidence that some houses had not been built within the existing Local Plan and that there could be a shortfall of about 3000 houses. Regarding the proposals for Thurlby he read with interest that the housing in Obthorpe Lane was a preferred site whereas Elm Farm is simply described as a site. Mr Holland had also noted that not all documents had been filed so he could not understand why we are being asked to comment on an incomplete Plan. Returning to the Obthorpe Lane site he had noticed that there was no provision for an Open Space within the site. In the Character Assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan reference was made of the Gateway to the village from the southern entrance of Obthorpe Lane and that what gave it this name was the historic site known as the Pingle. Obthorpe Lane was a narrow Lane used by pedestrians walking their dogs and they would be in danger from the excessive volume of traffic from the site. The site was also a high risk of flooding, and it seemed that no consideration was being given to climate change and how we are getting heavier rain storms which are already causing problems of flooding	
The meeting was formally opened at 19.40	
<b>188. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies &amp; noting of resignations received</b>	
<b>188.1</b>	Apologies were received from Cllrs H Daines (personal) P Haley (work) M Keene(work) M Owen (work) L Day, (work) <b>Resolved:</b> that the apologies be accepted, District Cllr Barry Dobson had sent his apologies
<b>189.</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>189.1</b>	No one declared an interest on any matter on the agenda
<b>190. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6 March 2024 (Min23.09)</b>	
<b>190.1</b>	<b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 March 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
<b>191. To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby</b>	
<b>191.1</b>	County Cllr Robert Reid gave his report as follows: LOCAL HIGHWAYS UPDATES.

		<p>Today Parish Chairman and Cllr Richard Bill supported our highways meeting to further address the Church Street flooding next to the pumping station, ongoing issues largely concerning Mr James Wallace. LCC was represented by our Divisional Highways Manager Dan Adams, with his highways engineer and surveyor.</p> <p>It was established:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The cover for the open drain currently sectioned off, for safety reasons, is not a highway's responsibility but for good will have a new cover. The order is already raised in the system.</li> <li>2. That the cut out, drainage channels from the highway will be dug deeper. However, the ditches on both side of the road need to be dug out. These are a riparian landowner responsibility. One of these is a Churchyard responsibility. The others all to be registered through the district councillor as drainage board enforcement issues to be addressed with the relevant landowners has to be requested this way.</li> <li>3. The confirmation of the highway's curb reinstatement has been revoked on cost pressure reasons of 'on starting the work there are shallow services that would be too costly to move and reinstate'.</li> <li>4. Potholes would be addressed, those now visible, the site being very wet, asap. Those underwater done when a dryer time materialises.</li> <li>5. Investigations into records of any land drains installed and whose they are will be undertaken to be advised by highways.</li> </ol> <p>LCC also confirmed my request for the outstanding resurfacing work extending from Obthorpe Lane to Station Road now delayed until 25/26 be brought forward as a priority.</p> <p>The tarmac request outside 46 Northorpe Lane meets neither highway's criteria or has the parish council's consent. That the current grass cut by the current neighbour, now notifies is not willing to continue. Can it be added to parish cuts!</p> <p>My next highway's meeting will be on April 29th, in time for me to give an update in May.</p> <p>Cllr Reid was asked a number of questions relating to his report and was also asked to find out when the grass cutting would start by LCC and the time frame for this year. He was also reminded that we had asked for an assurance from Highways that the underground culverts would be cleaned out and that we wanted to know what plans they had to have them cleaned out every year. He understood that a works order had been made but he would check this out.</p>
	<b>191.2</b>	<p>District Cllr Dobson had sent his apologies, and a report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I attended a meeting at the Local Government Association in London on Monday, 18th of March titled: Powering Progress Together: Shining Light on a net zero future. This was attended by councillors from other district and county councils. It was an interesting meeting with lots of facts and figures but dominated by the design and longevity of solar farms. I came away with lots of information and ideas, but the main theme was using solar and how to avoid leaving solar farms blotting the landscape and destroying the view of the countryside. Solar panels, top grade ones, will only degenerate at the rate of 0.4% and so their useful lifespan will increase over and above the ones planned for Mallard Pass Farm. One of my main arguments against them are: Their location and who benefits, i.e. is it the local community or somewhere else?</li> <li>2. I still haven't received a reply on the cost of the purple lidded bin content recycling. I will continue to chase this again. There will no longer be bins rejected. However, in my opinion, this rather defeats this overly expensive scheme.</li> </ol>

		3. I have been in discussions with the planning team at SKDC and as long as the church can be used to accommodate the meetings and events currently open for the public in the Village Hall, then conversion would be considered more favourably.
<b>192.</b>	<b>Clerk's Report and correspondence received</b>	
<b>192.1</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. He had received the additional correspondence as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An email regarding a Free Portrait of HM The King. closing date is Thursday 28th March 2024. It was agreed that we apply for a portrait.</li> <li>2. Cllr Day received an email from a James Prentice the NHS Community Connector within the local area, working through Bridge Church in Lincoln. She had forwarded this onto the Clerk who replied asking if he had the right Thurlby. He had not and apologised and explained that the Community Connector for our area was Shani Storrie - <a href="mailto:shani@mindspacestamford.com">shani@mindspacestamford.com</a></li> <li>3. An email from South Kesteven District Council regarding "Have your say on Public Spaces Protection Orders" <i>Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) are powers given to local councils as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Applied to defined areas of public space where issues have been identified that have a negative impact on a local community's quality of life, they last for three years. The proposed PSPOs relate to dog fouling, alcohol control zones, the requirement for dogs to be placed on leads by order of an officer and excluding dogs from enclosed recreational and play areas. We have contacted you because we are keen to find out what you, as a key stakeholder, think of these proposals. The consultation will close on 17th April 2024.</i></li> <li>4. An email regarding SKDC's proposed update to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. The closure date for the consultation is 16 April 2024.</li> </ol>	
<b>192.2</b>	<p>Since the last meeting there have been a number of updates which are as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Longhurst Housing were written to regarding the streetlight in the footway between Northorpe and Beck Way. They have acknowledged this email and aim to respond within 5 working days which no doubt means after Easter.</li> <li>2. On the 26 March 2024, 17 residents attended the First Aid and defibrillator training. Thanks were to be recorded to Cllr Daines as she went to help initially but stayed for almost 2 hours as the person giving the talk was on his own as his helper was off ill. It was agreed we pay £10 to Cllr Thomas for providing the refreshments.</li> </ol>	
<b>193.</b>	<b>Planning applications:</b>	
<b>193.1</b>	<p><b>To consider any Planning Applications received:</b>  <b>S24/0392</b> - Proposal: Erection of single storey front and side extension.at 7 The Pingles, Thurlby. <b>Response</b> by 4 April 2024. <b>Resolved: no comment</b>  <b>S24/0370</b> - Proposal for the installation of two rapid electric vehicle charging stations and ancillary equipment within the car park of McDonalds, Bourne. at McDonalds, Milestone Road, Bourne. <b>Response</b> by 5 April 2024. <b>Resolved: no comment</b></p>	
<b>193.2</b>	<b>To note Planning Applications approved:</b>	

		<p><b>S23/1796 and S23/1797(Listed building consent)</b> Proposal: New metal field vehicle and pedestrian access gates to the shared access road between The Barns and Park House, Thurlby at The Barns 8A Church Street</p> <p><b>S24/0120</b> - Proposal: Section 73 application to remove conditions 2 and 3 of SK.6767 (Erection of one dwellinghouse, Fen Road, Northorpe, Pt O.S. 380) at Northorpe Fen Farm, Fen Road, Northorpe.</p> <p>Following the agenda being posted further notifications had been received:</p> <p><b>S24/0124</b> - Proposal: Single storey extension to the rear, side and front of the bungalow at 18 Northorpe Lane Thurlby and</p> <p><b>S24/0121</b> - Proposal: Submission of details reserved by condition 4 (Lighting) of planning permission S23/1777 (Development for an EVC Hub and associated plant, new bin store and parking, and associated works) at Petrol Station Milestone Road.</p>
	<b>193.3</b>	<b>To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn:</b> none to note
	<b>193.4</b>	<b>To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal:</b> none to note
<b>194.</b>	<b>To discuss the Draft Local Plan (2021-2041) and to formulate a response if required.</b>	
	<b>194.1</b>	<p>Following the meeting on the 6 March Councillors have submitted to the Clerk their comments on the Draft Local Plan which related to Thurlby. The Clerk had compiled a composite response and that had been circulated to Councillors in advance of this meeting. It was also read out by the Clerk. <b>Resolved:</b> that the statement be submitted which sets out our comments regarding the incorrect information about the village and objecting to the proposed development in Obthorpe Lane and Elm Farm if there is not the infrastructure in place to prevent flooding in those areas. We should also add that the site is close to the SSSI site, Dole Wood and to the historic piece of land known as the Pingle</p>
<b>195.</b>	<p><b>To confirm Expenditure</b></p> <p>£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office))</p> <p>£532.70 – B M Champness (salary)</p> <p>£20.84 – Elaine Reynolds (salary)</p> <p>£499.48 – HMRC (PAYE &amp; NI)</p> <p>£225.00 – D Thornburn (payroll services)</p> <p>£44.34 – BT (broadband charges)</p> <p>£234.00 – Bourne Skip Hire (Waste bin collections 4)</p> <p>£414.72 – Scribe 2000 (software renewal licence for accounts – April)</p> <p>£216.00 - Scribe 2000 (software renewal licence for cemetery – April )</p> <p>£170.00 – I Bratley (Registration, hosting fee, support, and domain renewal fee - April)</p> <p>£118.00 - St Firmins PCC (Village Link entry- April)</p> <p>£51.000 – B M Champness (Green Bin fee for cemetery - April)</p> <p><b>[ ]</b> 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>	
	<b>195.1</b>	<b>Resolved:</b> that the payments be approved.
	<b>195.2</b>	<p>Notice had been received from the External Auditor PKF Littlejohn, LLP. The default submission deadline for the 2023/24 reporting season is Monday 1 July 2024. We must advertise the audit by the 3<sup>rd</sup> June until 12<sup>th</sup> July. The Internal Auditor has been advised of these dates.</p>

196.	To discuss and agree the final nomination for the Lawrance Cup 2024	
	196.1	The nominations for the Lawrance Cup 2024 had been received and we had to choose one of the two nominations. <b>Resolved:</b> that we would nominate Lisa Lowe and the Coronation Fun Day Team
197.	To discuss further possible sites for Electric Vehicles charging point.	
	197.1	<p>Following the meeting on 6 March the Clerk had been in touch with LCC stating we would be interested in having 2 electric vehicle charging points in the village but did not specify where those sites should be. They had replied asking if we could be specific and stated the following:</p> <p><i>If you do have some specific areas in the villages, County council owned land would be best, but third-party land is not ruled out . Examples to consider are village hall carpark or an unused layby that users can access safely where it will not impact the road (wide pavement or wide road) and preferably not directly outside a resident home. The installed charges are low 7KW charges that will need a long charge, overnight or a day stay for the car battery to benefit, compared to rapid, high wattage charges that are found in carparks/ shopping centres/ service areas.</i></p> <p>After discussion it was agreed we would suggest that one site could be the car park at Lawrance Park and the other in the lay-by area in front of the LCC offices in Station Road.</p>
198.	To receive an update on the fun day to celebrate the 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day	
	198.1	Cllr Lowe advised that Lawrance Park had been booked at a cost of £170.00, The Causeway Charity will kindly make a donation of £500.00 and would be sent to the Clerk. There might be a problem with the daytime entertainment as help was needed on the day as Cllr Lowe could not do all the work herself. An article would be included in the Village Link with the event taking place on Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
199.	To discuss overgrowth of bushes/shrubs onto the public highway	
	199.1	There was nothing new to report.
200.	To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.	
	200.1	Cllr Reid was able to report that the crossing would be installed in the Autumn this year. Cllr Bill said that this was confirmed by Highways at the meeting he attended today,
201.	To consider the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby	
	2014.1	Cllr Reid said that the Hostel was on the open market for £345,000.00. He was asked to find out if up until it is sold the building will be kept in a safe condition and the gardens maintained. He would ask the questions for us.
202.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	202.1	The Clerk explained that he was having some trouble with South Kesteven District Council to renew the green bin sticker. This was a yearly event, and this year was no

		different. They could not find any reference to the cemetery green bin, and they asked the Clerk to go to the Cemetery and take details of the sticker for this year's bin collection. This he did and spoke to them on the telephone whilst there, but he was still waiting for confirmation that he could pay the fee and that the problem had been resolved. Cllr Thomas said that the grass had been cut and the cemetery was in good order.
	<b>202.1.2</b>	Since the meeting on the 6 March no one had been able to locate the relatives of the late Mr Halliday and as a result it was agreed we would instruct Set in Stone to do the work and pay their fee of £50 per headstone.
<b>203.</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>203.1</b>	Councillor Lisa Day and Richard Bill attended the Annual Meeting for the Thurlby Causeway Estate Charity on 19th March 2024. The main items discussed were approval of the previous meeting minutes 26/09/23 and the audited accounts for year ending 31/012/23, the appointment of chair and vice chair, re-election of Mrs M Thomas as a Trustee and the contribution of £500 towards the proposed D-day Fun Day at Lawrance Park. The next meeting will be Tuesday 10 September 2024 following property inspections.
<b>204.</b>	<b>To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link</b>	
	<b>204.1</b>	The Clerk was asked if he would compile a report and once completed would send it around for approval of the council.
<b>205.</b>	<b>Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.</b>	
	<b>205.1</b>	Cllr Harrison said that he and Cllr Daines had made a complaint about the broken drain cover on the un-adopted part of Beck Way. He was asked to send their email details and a photograph to the Clerk so he could take this matter up
	<b>205.2</b>	Cllr Broadbent said that he had ben approached by a resident about appropriate fencing to be placed along Car Dyke, by the church to stop any children falling in. This was noted.
	<b>205.3</b>	Cllr Thomas said that he had been approach by a resident about the state of the Telephone Kiosk on The Green as it was in a poor state of repair. This was noted
	<b>205.4</b>	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.49
<b>206.</b>	<b>The date of the next meeting – to be held on <b>Wednesday 1 May 2024</b> at 8.30 p.m which follows the Annual Parish Meeting in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby</b>	