# Thurlby Parish Council
# Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 24-02) held on Wednesday the 5 June 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room

**Present:** **Councillors:** N Bradley, R Bill, H Daines, (Presiding) M Keene, L Lowe, M Harrison and M Owen,
**Residents:** none
**Others:** Bernard Champness – Clerk, District Cllr B Dobson

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| | **Open Forum** | |
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| | There were no residents present and there was no open forum. The meeting was formally opened at 19.30 | |
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| **26.** | **Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received** | |
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| | **26.1** | Apologies were received from L Day (personal) A Thomas (personal) S Broadbent(work)<br>**Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.<br>P Haley was not present and had not sent his apologies<br>Apologies had also been received from County Councillor R Reid |
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| **27.** | **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 | |
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| | **27.1** | Cllr Daines declared an Interest in Item 34 as she was a resident in Beck Way |
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| **28.** | **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1 May 2024 (Min24-01)** | |
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| | **28.1** | **Resolved**: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 1 May 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record. |
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| **29.** | **To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby** | |
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| | **29.1** | County Cllr Robert Reid had sent his apologies and the following report::<br>**1. Thurlby pedestrian crossing**<br>LCC is looking to be on site for six weeks from early July to mid-August to deliver the Thurlby pedestrian crossing. The pedestrian crossing is being installed directly outside the local pub on the A15. The pedestrian crossing will make it safer for all to cross the road at this location.<br>2. The pedestrian crossing will allow pedestrians to cross the road under a lit green man whilst cars will be stopped at red at the traffic signals lights.<br>3. The working hours of the construction will be 9-3pm, otherwise this will result in long queues at the location.<br>4. The site will be stood down from 17-19th July as Anglian Water are booked onto the network for some water repairs in the area.<br>5. Towards the end of the scheme there will be three nights of a full road closure whilst road surfacing is taking place from 7pm to 6am – a local signed diversion route will be in place for these works. |

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| | | 6. **Church Street** has had some drainage verge cuttings made.<br>7. **Swallow Hill**. The concerning repairs by resident's report on fix my street have with intervention now been done.<br>8. **Property.** The Youth Hostel sale by LCC via Longstaff's COMMERCIAL. I have fielded and passed on two expressions of interest by local people to Property services. |
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| | **29.2** | District Cllr Dobson had sent a report as follows:<br>1. Animal Welfare – SKDC has a draft policy which outlines the conditions for all businesses and relevant individuals seeking a licence under the Animal Welfare legislation. It seeks to enforce an Animal Welfare Policy requirement for local authorities.<br><br>2. Lawrance Park Car Hardstanding – I have arranged a visit to Thurlby to consider the possibility of turning the unused area of green space at the north-east end of Lawrance Park for car parking during events held on the park. This would reduce the number of vehicles parking on the road during events and supplement the existing parking spaces located at the school entrance.<br><br>3. Clean and Sustainable Environment – SKDC is implementing activities to ensure we have a clean and sustainable environment. The Council is seeking to:<br>a. Reduce the Council's carbon footprint by at least 30% by 2030 and achieve net-zero carbon as soon as viable before 2050.<br>b. Continue to deliver the Big Clean programme and maintain higher street standards.<br>c. Continue to innovate waste management to maximise commercial and other opportunities.<br>d. Work with Environment SK to deliver high quality services.<br>e. Work with Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to reduce waste.<br>f. Recognise changes in requirements for eco-friendly modes of transport and to encourage others to do the same.<br>g. Explore the government requirements in introducing food waste collections.<br>h. Building a new modern depot which will be fit for the future.<br><br>4. Vapes and Batteries – crews at risk. Fires caused by batteries. Waiting for government policy. WEEE kerbside collection. Waste and Electronic and Electrical Equipment. Storage of batteries on site still not authorised. Rules and regulations will be in force by September. Ban due to be introduced on 1 April 2025.<br><br>5. Twin Stream Update – contamination in the silver bin would be addressed I in 3 items should not be in there. Reports the 3-phase approach – multipronged agency and monitored throughout the summer. Protection of staff as they do have a thankless task. This has brought a lot of confusion to our residents.<br>a. Black Bin – everything that you are not sure of into which bin it goes can go into this bin.<br>b. Silver Bin – basically any recyclables but not paper or cardboard. At this moment and time, thin grade plastic, e.g. plastic supermarket bags or really any plastic that you can squeeze into a small ball should go in the Black Bin, the rest such as glass, plastic bottles, drink cartons, etc. can go in this bin.<br>c. Purple Lidded Bin - Dry paper and cardboard only. Please without tape (Sellotape and the like), plastic and anything NOT paper. I am told that the thin plastic on food cartons can be separated at the recycling plant. However, I would say it doesn't take much to remove this before placing in the bin.<br><br>6. Rewilding of areas within the Parish to encourage wildlife. Bees in particular need to be supported not only for honey but to outnumber the foreign larger wasplike bees that |

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| | | are invading and killing our native bees. This is also the same with the mitten crabs and mink that are killing our wildlife. The Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board has been recognised for their work on the Welland, Glen and Bourne Eau. |
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| **30.** | **Clerk's Report and correspondence received** | |
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| | **30.1** | 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:<br>The following correspondence was discussed:<br>1. A resident had written to Cllr Thomas stating they had written to the Clerk who had nor replied. The Clerk confirmed he had not received that email. The resident was upset. This is the email: *We would like to talk* to someone about the verge grass cutting *I believe the Parish Council are doing. I live on The Causeway and on the 13th April I came home from a day out to find the grass down the side of my house had been cut and items belonging to me had been moved. I was naturally upset as that piece of land is part of my property, I have lived here for almost 10 years and never has it been cut by anyone. Over the last 5 years I have been developing a wildlife and wildflower area on this parcel to encourage wildlife and improve biodiversity, an initiative which I believe you have encouraged in the past. On the 11th May I was home when the gentleman cut this area again, I tried to explain to him that it is part of my property and asked him not to cut it but he said that he had been told that this is council land and has been contracted to cut it as there have been complaints about how untidy it looks. I have checked the land registry documents I was given when I moved in and I believe the land is part of my property. Please could someone get back to me so we can discuss this.*<br>The Clerk was able to produce the maps of the grass that was being cut by LCC and South Kesteven District Council and this lady's property was not on the map. Further enquiries would be made to see if our contractor had cut the grass<br>2. The Clerk was able to show the Council the portrait we had received of King Charles III but wanted to know if we should need to get permission from Lawrance Park to do this. It was agreed we would ask Cllr Thomas to find out and if approved if he could hang it in a suitable location.<br>3. The Clerk explained that the noticeboard by the Post Office was possibly in need of replacing. Water was leaking in, and the papers were getting wet. The cork backing was not sticking onto the backing and the doors did not open fully making it difficult to put papers in. He was asked to get a quote for a replacement which should be in the same design as the other 2 new noticeboards.<br>4. The Clerk also explained that after each meeting when it was reported that the streetlight in the alleyway between Northorpe and Beck Way was not working he wrote to Longhurst Housing Association. They always acknowledged receipt of the email saying it would be responded to within a specified period, but they never did. He did not know what now to do. It was suggested he write to the CEO and ask when the work was going to be completed and to point out the lack of response from them. |
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| **31.** | **Planning applications:** | |
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| | **31.1** | **To consider any Planning Applications received –** there were none to consider |
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| | **31.2** | **To note Planning Applications approved:**<br>**S24/0540 -** Proposal: Proposed first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at16 Chapel Lane Thurlby |

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| | **31.3** | **To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn:** none to note |
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| | **31.4** | **To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal:** none to note |
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| **32.** | **To confirm Expenditure**<br>£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)<br>£532.70 – B M Champness (salary)<br>£28.60 – Elaine Reynolds (salary)<br>£49.56 – BT (broadband charges) (DD)<br>£244.80 – Bourne Skip Hire (weekly bin collection charges x 4)<br>£59.99 – B M Champness (Microsoft365 Annual fee)<br>£384.00 – D Thornburn (Internal Audit fee)<br>£104.00 - Thurlby PCC (insert in Village Link)<br>£35.77 – Lisa Lowe (refund of payment for D Day celebrations)<br>**[ ]** *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* | |
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| | **32.1** | **Resolved:** that the payments be approved. |
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| | **32.2** | Two more invoices had been received since the agenda was posted and these are:<br>£67.75 – J Flynn (plants and peat for planters)<br>£450.00 – The Dream Belles (fee for performing at D Day celebrations) This was to be paid by the 10 June 2024<br>**Resolved:** that these payments be paid as well |
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| **33.** | **To discuss the accounts for April and May and for the bank reconciliation to be signed as a correct record** | |
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| | **33.1** | The Clerk had circulated in advance details of the bank details showing income received and spent in both April and May. He also provided a Bank Reconciliation for both months **Resolved:** that the Chair sign the Bank Reconciliation for April and May 2024 |
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| **34.** | **To discuss the response from The Paddocks regarding the drain cover in need of repair.** | |
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| | **34.1** | After the last meeting the Clerk had written to The Paddocks about the damaged drain cover that needed repair in Beck Way. They had replied as follows:<br><br>*We are aware of the drain, which we have over the years replaced at the cost to our 19 residents, yet it is repeatedly broken by the bin lorry. I have contacted the councils via fixmystreet as I am not sure it is actually on the land we own.*<br>*Equally the grit bin was hit by an SKDC bin lorry, I had conversations with them at the time and a replacement bin was offered but has not transpired. I have the video footage of the crew hitting it and leaving it damaged and all over the road.*<br>*Can you provide assist in either of these matters as I cannot see why the 19 owners of our properties should repeatedly pay for these things when they are being damaged by council vehicles?*<br><br>After discussing this issue, it was agreed that the drain cover was on their land and it was the residents of that area to pay for it to be repaired. It was resolved we would not make any financial contribution. As for the salt bin again, we would not help financially but he would write back and copy in Cllr Reid to see if he could intervene. |

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| **35.** | **To agree a budget for the planters around the village** | |
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| | **35.1** | Cllr Lowe had previously indicated that she would be happy to restock the planters around the village. For personal reason she found this was not really feasible and Cllr Thomas had been approached by Mr Flynn who said that he was happy to do this work for us. He had sent details of a recent payment he had made for plants and peat which had been approved. In order to ensure that we had some control over what was spent it was thought we should set a budget. The Clerk explained that we had set a budget for £300.00 in the precept. Rather that set him a fixed budget we ask him to seek our approval of any further purchases before he did so. This would mean that we would be able to see what was being spent and that we did not go above the budget. |
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| **36.** | **To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.** | |
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| | **36.1** | There was nothing further to add to what has already been reported by Cllr Reid. It was agreed that a separate article about the crossing be included in the Village Link, rather than just in the minutes |
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| **37.** | **To consider the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby** | |
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| | **37.1** | There was nothing further to add to what has already been reported by Cllr Reid. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cllr Reid explaining that the grounds were not being maintained, despite advising us that they would be. The grass was now very long and the fence adjacent to the gate had fallen over. It was all looking very untidy. |
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| **38.** | **To receive a report on the D Day Celebrations on the 15 June 2024** | |
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| | **38.1** | Cllr Lowe was able to report the following:<br>1. 40 tickets had been sold to date and it was hoped more would be purchased.<br>2. The Dream Belles had been booked and they were advertising the event<br>3. Mr Pilbeam was going to award the winner of the cars on display. Cllr Lowe confirmed that 15-20 had been booked but if it rained they would not be allowed on the field but should remain in the car park.<br>4. She desperately needed volunteers to help set up on the 15 June and would like them to be present at 9.30 a.m. |
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| **39.** | **To consider the data received from the reactive sign** | |
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| | **39.1** | Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained from the Reactive Sign<br><br>During May the unit was positioned on Northorpe Lane recording traffic in a southbound direction, i.e. towards The Green.<br><br>The results are very similar to last year, the daily count is near enough identical. There is a slight shift in the PM daily count time from 17.00-18.00 to15.00 -16.00. The average speed of 23.7mph is down 0.5 mph and corresponds to previous years. The maximum is slightly higher at 60mph however those travelling above the speed limit is down 28% at 7.9 & 8.1% at speeds of 32.58 & 32.60mph for the 5- & 7-day periods.<br><br>Further details can be found on the Thurlby Parish Website.<br><br>Thanks to be recorded to Cllr Bill for undertaking this task every month. |

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| **40.** | **To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees** | |
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| | **40.1** | • Over the last weekend a tree in the churchyard was blown over and fell into the cemetery. This was brought to the attention of the Clerk who contacted Mary Trumble the Church Warden to ask it they could have the tree removed as in its present sate was not safe, even whilst on the ground. Mary Trumble had confirmed that the work clearing the tree would start on Friday 7 June 2024<br>• The Clerk was able to report he had amended the Cemetery Regulations with the increases, but Ian Bratley said that in converting the document to pdf it caused the words to join together with no spacing between them. He had no idea why that had happened. The Clerk was able to show the problem to the Counsellors. He was asked to send the document to Cllr Harrison who would see if he could rectify the problem.<br>• The Clerk explained that he had recently received a request from Set in Stone for the erection of a memorial in the Cemetery. All was in order except the colour of the stone which was Black Marble. He had initially refused the request and the regulations say we would not allow black marble. They had replied that we had agreed this before for the deceased late husband. This proved to be correct, and he now wanted to know whether we should amend the regulations. The Councillors were asked to go and inspect the headstones and this matter would be put on the July agenda fo a decision about amending the regulations. |
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| **41.** | **For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council** | |
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| | **41.1** | On the 8 May 2024 Cllrs Bill and Broadbent attended a meeting of the Anne Fisher Trust. A report of this meeting is as below:<br>• It was agreed that the Vicar would continue presenting the Cards Candles to all villagers at Christmas who were bereaved. They were appreciated.<br>• It was agreed to advertise the Anne Fisher Charity support at regular intervals in the Village Link magazine. The Anne Fisher Charity has been supporting those in need in the village since 1769.<br>• Rev Bailey will make contact with the Almond Court and the Village school to check their needs. |
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| **42.** | **To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link** | |
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| | **42.1** | It was agreed that Cllr Day would with the help of Cllr Thomas draft a report for the Village Link. This would be sent to all for approval before going to print. |
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| **43.** | **Members Questions -** *reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.* | |
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| | **43.1** | Cllr Bill asked if the Clerk had written to the various organisations about who was elected by the council to be their representative. The Clerk was able to confirm that this had been done. |
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| | **43.2** | Cllr Bill also asked if the Clerk had received the sealed envelope form Cllr Thomas which could then be passed onto Cllr Daines. The Clerk confirmed that this had not yet been done so he was asked to chase this up. |
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| | **43.2** | There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.57 |
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| **44.** | **The date of the next meeting –** to be held on **Wednesday 17 July 2024** at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby | |
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