Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 24-03) held on Wednesday the 17 July 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room

Present: **Councillors:** N Bradley, R Bill, H Daines, (Presiding), L Day, M Keene, L Lowe, and A Thomas
Residents: none
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	
45.	**Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received**	
	45.1	Apologies were received from M Harrison (personal) P Haley (work) S Broadbent, (personal) M Owen, (work) **Resolved** that the apologies be accepted. Apologies had also been received by County Cllr R Reid,
46.	**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	
	46.1	Cllr Bill declared an interest in three planning applications dealt with in Item 50.1 which related to the 2 applications for 50 High Street and the other one relating to 44 High Street as they were neighbours.
47.	**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 5 June 2024 (Min24-02)**	
	47.1	**Resolved**: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5 June 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
48.	**To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby**	
	48.1	County Cllr Robert Reid had sent his apologies and the following report:: 1. I did visit Rev Carolyn Bailey, Land Lady at the Three Horseshoes, and District Councillor Barry Dobson last Thursday and inspected the current state of works on the A15, for the Puffin Crossing installation. All seems to be going well, understandably with the traffic delays caused! The Forman of Crown Highways reports the project is on time for completion, should there be any relevant concerns the contractor can be contacted on 07837199436 or emailed on customer@crownhighways.co.uk 2. Other highways issue's The Yellow Salt Bin. Raised by Laura I have had confirmation from our Network Resilience team, that the grit bin in question below is not an LCC asset and is likely a Parish Council owned bin. It is, a yellow container, LCC's are Green. 3. Wood Lane raised by Nicky

		I had hoped to come back to you on this one, with a quick fix of removing the traffic management that's in situ. I've spoken with the Highways Officer who originally raised the works order for the cones & signage, and he has mentioned that the verge has collapsed at this location, due to what he suspects to be failure of a non-highway's watercourse. I've asked that he reinvestigates this as a matter of priority, with one of the senior highway's officers, to see what permanent solutions might be possible so that the temporary traffic management can be safely removed. An update has been registered for my highways meeting update in August. 4. Church Street. Recent work some on a goodwill basis has helped the flooding issues by LCC. Cllr Bill said that he wanted to ask Cllr Reid a question about the cover for the open drain currently sectioned off, for safety reasons, which is not a highway's responsibility but for goodwill will order a new cover. The order is already raised in the system. This followed the meeting early in the day that Cllr Bill and Thomas attended with Highways and Robert Reid. The item is still outstanding, and he would be happy to email Cllr Reid and will copy the Clerk in. This was agreed.
	48.2	District Cllr Dobson had sent a report as follows: 1. Solar Farm Approvals – Labour's new Secretary of State is Ed Miliband who announced on Friday,12th July, that three huge solar farms in and close to Dole Wood Ward had been granted consent. These were Mallard Pass (approximately 2000 acres or nearly the same number as 2,000 football pitches. We weren't the only ones: Gate Burton in East Lindsey and Sunnica in Cambridge. The Mallard Pass will not provide our area, or indeed our Parish or District with power. It does rob acres of good farmland. This has certainly not been considered as there have always been issues of fencing and rewilding as well as the loss of farmland. However, we now have to deal with it, but maybe landscaping and footpaths can be maintained and improved. 2. South Kesteven District Council has declared a 'Climate Emergency'. The Climate Action Strategy sets out the approach addressing climate change for the whole of SKDC. The Council is responsible for around 1% of the total carbon emissions of the district. 3. Many of you probably know that the Youth Hostel is now up for sale by the councils. Beware, this is still a commercial property and, currently, the price is subject to VAT. There has been some interest in the property, but no decision as yet. 4. There has not been any update on the proposed new Local Plan. Many of us, including the Parish team that produced the approved Neighbourhood Plan, have lodged their concerns about the additional proposals to build houses off Obthorpe Lane and, indeed the land outlined in the original Local Plan. Both have not, apparently, referred to the Neighbourhood Plan. This will continue to be challenged. 5. There have been issues lately with gravel on driveways spilling onto the road. Please make sure that your gravel driveways stop at your boundary, i.e. not out onto the public footpaths. 6. I couldn't end my report without bringing up the bin situation. I saw many with tags on their bins during recent weeks: a. Black Bin – The SAFEST bin to put your waste. Not sure – BLACK bin. b. Silver Bin – Plastic (NO if it can be scrunched up in your hand – BLACK BIN). All recyclables except paper and card (for the purposes of the bin collection WOOD is NOT recyclable). c. Purple Lidded Bin - DRY paper and cardboard only. Includes paper egg cartons or similar. Drink cartons go in the SILVER. No glitter. 7. Summer should be here soon, so I hope you all have a great summer and see you in September.

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		He also explained that he had a meeting with LCC about the problem in Church Street. There were still problems but were accepting that something should be done and they would do this. He was asked it would be possible to have a weight restriction for lorries going through the village. He said that whilst this was a LCC matter he would make enquiries. He was asked if there was any news on sandbags as requested. He said that he could not recall receiving the email but if this was forwarded onto hm he would see what he could do.
49.	**Clerk's Report and correspondence received**	
	49.1	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: The following correspondence was discussed: 1. An email from Cllr Bradley which stated the following: *Mr Cappitt asks the parish council to contact the residents of 119 Northorpe regarding their overgrown hedge. When exiting Northorpe he cannot get a clear view of traffic travelling from the Bourne direction. He would be most grateful if something could be done about this* It was agrees that the Clerk would make a request under FixMyStreet. It was agreed that not many people outside the Council were aware of being able to report problems this way. It was agreed that Cllrs Day and Daines would place something on Facebook. 2. An email from LCC saying they were going to visit Thurlby on the 15 July visiting all those who have raised the issue of internal flooding. It should be noted that there are a large number of properties on our list and therefore we are likely to be quite constrained on time in order to enable us to speak to as many people as possible and therefore will be unable to commit to an extended meeting. *3.* An email from Carole Ajinkya which states as follows: *I noticed that the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby was on the agenda for one of your recent Parish Council Meetings.* *I used to stay at the Youth Hostel when visiting Burghley Horse Trials as it was very good value, and the accommodation was comfortable. I noticed that the YHA would not take individual bookings to stay, and only large groups so had to look elsewhere to stay. I was very sad to hear this because it was well used by a variety of people visiting or working on temporary basis locally. Also Mr. Sneath who left it and wanted to encourage people to enjoy the countryside would have been very disappointed that it was not available as he intended.* *I know that the building needs some maintenance as neglected for many years, but I think it would be very sad to lose it and the character, though sadly I expect a building developer will do just that. Although I am not a local of the Parish, I would be pleased to hear what may happen.* 4. An email regarding Notification of South Kesteven Local Development Scheme update. It is updated when required and the latest document was approved by cabinet in June 2024.. A full version of the updated Local development scheme can be found on the following webpage - Local Development Scheme | South Kesteven District Council 5. The Clerk was asked if we had ascertained who cut the grass in The Causeway and if it was our contractor. The Clerk said that it was out contractor and he had been asked not to cut it again and apologies were sent to the householder. The contractor did not remove any item form the grassed area. The Clerk was also asked if we needed to change the cemetery regulations. It was agreed that as

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		long as the black stone was granite and not marble this should not be necessary. The Clerk would check with the stonemason 6. The Clerk was asked to see if and what was required to get the mapping layers for the village. He would do this.
50.	**Planning applications:**	
	50.1	**To consider any Planning Applications received –** Before considering the plans the Clerk pointed out that 6 of the plans had been received whilst he was away but he had sent them to every councillor to consider. Unfortunately, not all member responded which did not allow him to write to South Kesteven District Council saying we had no objections. Thankfully the Planning Officers had agreed an extension of time to respond on all of them. He could not accept that if a Councillor did not reply that he would take that as no objection he needed a response in writing/email. He asked that during the summer recess that all check their emails to check any that the Clerk may have been sent. **S24/0794 -** Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural use to mixed agricultural and equine use at: Land to The Rear Of The Stables, 50 High Street, Thurlby, **Response** by 8 July but extended to 18 July 2024. **Resolved:** no comment **S24/1024** - Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension for bedroom, utility and shower room.at 44 High Street, Thurlby. **Response** extended to 18 July 2024. **Resolved:** no comment **S24/1033 -** Proposal: Proposed garage conversion to extend existing kitchen, proposed single garage extension, internal alterations and rendering the existing house and extension (colour cream).at: Kanburi, 1B Main Road, Thurlby. **Response** extended to 18 July 2024. **Resolved:** no comment **S24/0996 -** Proposal: Erection of detached garage at 3 St Firmins Way, Thurlby. **Response** extended to 18 July 2024. **Resolved:** no comment **S24/1059 -** Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension at 66 Swallow Hill, Thurlby. **Response** extended to 18 July 2024. **Resolved:** no comment **S24/0969** - Proposal: Proposed partial barn conversion for habitable use At Manor Farm, The Granary, Wilsthorpe Road, Obthorpe. **Response** by 30 July 2024. **Resolved:** no comment After the agenda was posted another planning application was received which is **S24/0792 -** Proposal: The erection of a new tractor shed, to replace a smaller shelter previously sited on the parcel of land at The Stables, 50 High Street, Thurlby. **Response** by 7 August 2024. The Clerk explained that if no one thought the application contentious then we could deal with it this evening. If on the other hand just one Councillor thought it was contentious we would have to call a special meeting. **Resolved:** that we would deal with it tonight and the Clerk to have delegated authority to respond. The plan was considered, and it was **resolved** no comment
	50.2	**To note Planning Applications approved:** **S24/0645 -** Proposal: First floor side extension and front porch at 56 Northorpe Thurlby After the agenda was posted the following notice had been received **S24/1173 -** T7 - tree of heaven - Dead tree remove to ground level and stump Grind at Youth Hostel, 16 High Street, Thurlby**. (**DEAD AND DANGEROUS TREE EXEMPTION)
	50.3	**To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn:** none to note
	50.4	**To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal:** none to note

51.	**To confirm Expenditure** £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £532.70 – B M Champness (salary) £26.20 – Elaine Reynolds (salary) £49.56 – BT (broadband charges) (DD) £244.80 – Bourne Skip Hire (weekly bin collection charges x 4) £147.80. - Thurlby PCC (insert in Village Link) £3.45 – B M Champness (postage) £170.00 – Lawrance Park (hire fee for D Day Celebrations) £100.00 – B M Champness (float for D Day Celebrations) £3.45 – B M Champness (postage) £154.52 – Lisa Lowe (refund of expenses for D Day Celebrations) £159.00 – C S Harris (grass cutting and path sweeping in cemetery) £494.60 – HMRC (PAYE & NI) **[ ]** *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*	
	51.1	**Resolved:** that the payments be approved.
52.	**To discuss the accounts for June and for the bank reconciliation to be signed as a correct record**	
	52.1	The Clerk had circulated in advance details of the bank details showing income received and spent in June. He also provided a Bank Reconciliation **Resolved:** that the Chair sign the Bank Reconciliation for June 2024
53.	**To consider the quote from Greenbarnes for a new Noticeboard by the Post Office**	
	53.1	The Clerk had obtained a quote from Greenbarnes who had provided the other 2 new noticeboards, The design and quote had been circulated in advance. The cost of the new noticeboard would be £1,720.76, nett plus VAT £344.15 TOTAL £2,064.91. This included £124.14 delivery charges. We would be able to get a refund of the VAT. Cllr Bill said that he had a number of matters he wished to raise before any decision was made. The points were: 1. The present quote was for what he considered to be a small noticeboard as its height would not allow more than 2 pages whereas there was another noticeboard under reference PT6A4P which had a greater capacity and would cost £1781.00 2. We needed to get permission from the Post Office to have the old noticeboard removed and the new one installed 3. We should get a quote for the cost of fitting the new one and the cost of disposing of the old one 4. The wording on the noticeboard should not be Thurlby Parish Council but Community Noticeboard. 5. When corresponding with Greenbarnes we should ask if it was possible to fix the noticeboard on the existing legs from the side. The Clerk was asked to get a new quote and to ask about the fixing at the side as well as asking the Post Office if they had any objections.
54.	**To consider the position of Neighbourhood Watch and if we can encourage residents to join throughout the village.**	

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	54.1	The Chair had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda as she had noticed that there were signs around the village saying it was as neighbourhood watch area. The signs were old and needed cleaning. She had placed an item about this matter on Facebook and it seemed that only one area was actually a Neighbourhood Watch area. She wanted to know if anything could be done about encouraging residents to become members. After looking at the Neighbourhood Watch website https://ourwatch.org.uk it appeared that you could check the schemes that are operating in the village and join that group by emailing the co-ordinator. There were 7 registered schemes in the village. This information should be made know via Facebook .An Both Cllr Day and Daines would put an article on Facebook.
55.	**To discuss the Four Counties Primary Care Network's Community Connector and HAY Lincolnshire Afternoon Tea Invitation and who should attend.**	
	55.1	An email had been received from the Community Connector for the Four Counties Primary Care Network which covers our parish. The area covered is linked to the Lakeside Practices in Bourne and Stamford. All the parishes covered will be sent an invitation for one person from each parish council to attend for Wednesday 11th September 2024 for afternoon tea at the Sugar Mill in Bourne from 14.00 hrs to 16.00hrs. Cllr Daines asked for this to be on the agenda as she felt the contact could be valuable to us as a Council and she would be willing to attend. It was agreed that Cllr Daines attend.
56.	**To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.**	
	56.1	The good news was that on the 9 July 2024 work on the new crossing had started and was scheduled to take 6 weeks to complete. During the last few weeks LCC had been in touch with Cllr Thomas clarifying matters and asking if the street furniture could be moved whilst the work was being done. He had arranged for that to be done. Iy was agreed that this item remain on the agenda.
57.	**To consider the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby**	
	57.1	There was nothing further to report at this stage.
58.	**To receive a report on the D Day Celebrations on the 15 June 2024 and to approve the accounts**	
	58.1	The celebrations had been a success although the weather was not good on the day and the entertainment in the evening was not very well supported although those who attended had a thoroughly good time. Prior to the event the Clerk had given Cllr Lowe a £100 float and after the event this was returned and was given the takings for the day which amounted to £732.00. The money received had been banked and various payments were made to Cllr Lowe to refund her for the purchase of goods etc having received invoice s or receipts of their purchase. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Lowe and her team for the fantastic effort that had made to put the celebrations on in short time. The minutes did not reflect any agreement over where the funds came from to pay for the event. This was an error by the Clerk as well as the Council for not picking this up. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council provide funding up to £500.00. This meant that the accounts for the day were as follows: **Income:** £500.00 - from the Causeway Charity £500.00 – from Thurlby Parish Council £732.00 - takings for the day

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		£100.00 - refund of the float. **£1832.00 - total** **Expenditure:** £170.00 – Lawrance Park fee for hire of Hall and grounds £100.00 – float £450.00 – DreamBelles fee for performing in the evening £190.29 - Expenses **£910.29 – total** This left **£921.71** as the balance to donate to the Royal British Legion. It was agreed that this payment be made in November.
59.	**To consider the data received from the reactive sign**	
	59.1	Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained from the Reactive Sign During June the unit was positioned in High Street recording traffic in a westbound direction. Compared to last year the average daily count is down slightly 3.3 & 3.4% at 1103 & 1026 vehicles/day on the 5- & 7-day count and is the lowest for 4 years however, 2020 was the start of covid. Ignoring 2020 figures, this month's results would be the lowest since we started keeping results in 2018. Those travelling over the speed limit have slightly reduced at 21.02 & 21.27% at speeds very similar to last year at 32.7mph. across both 5- and 7-day figures. The average and maximum speed is also very similar at 26.8mph, however this maximum was recorded at 10.0AM which is of concern. Thanks to be recorded to Cllr Bill for undertaking this task every month.
60.	**To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees**	
	60.1	During June a large part of a tree on the boundary of the churchyard and cemetery fell off into the cemetery. Thankfully no one was hurt and there was no damage to any of the headstones on the western part of the cemetery. This was taken up with the Church and they had the debris removed and the tree inspected along with others to see if there was a likelihood of another tree falling. We were told that the remaining part of the tree was not in a healthy condition and needed to be felled. This work was carried out. The grass was going to be cut again soon but there was still a problem over the green bin. South Kesteven District Council had still not resolved the problem and as a result no fee had been paid. The bin was emptied this week, but the problem needed resolving. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mary Trumble to see if she could get another sticker for us. We do not need another bin as we have one but just a sticker. The hedge needs cutting and would be done when the groundsman is able
61.	**For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council**	
	61.1	Cllr Thomas attended a Zoom meeting regarding the new proposed reservoir near Sleaford. The cost of this would not come the general public through their wate bills but they were aiming replicate Rutland Water in that there will be water sports sailing and many other activities which is hoped will bring in revenue. Water for the reservoir will be supplied from the River Witham and River Trent. When complete which will be many

		years from now water will be pumped to the reservoir at the top of Swallow Hill and then pumped to Peterborough.
62.	**To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link**	
	62.1	Cllr Day said that she could not prepare a report of the meeting for the Village Link. Cllr Keene said that he would take on this task and he was told he had until the 19 August to complete the report, He would need a Word copy of the minutes from the Clerk One report was complete this would be sent to all for approval before going to print.
63.	**Members Questions -** *reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.*	
	63.1	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.16
64.	**The date of the next meeting –** to be held on **Wednesday 4 September 2024** at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby	

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