Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 24-05) held on Wednesday the 2 October 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room

Present: **Councillors:** R Bill, S Broadbent, H Daines, (Presiding), L Day, P Haley, M Keene, L Lowe, and A Thomas
Residents:
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, District Cllr B Dobson

	Open Forum	
	No members of the public were present and there was no open forum	
	The meeting was formally opened at 7.30 with the Chair advising the Council that Aquila Peasgood MBE had died. He would have been 97 on the last day of this month and he was the oldest living resident of the parish born in the village. The only time he was away from the village since his spell in hospital was when he served in the RAF in Egypt for national service. He was Clerk to the Council for many years and retired from the Council in 1987. He was also very instrumental in the Chance to Share Scheme which help an agreement being reached with Lincolnshire County Council for the new primary school being built on Lawrance Park and parts of the school being used by the public and how the costs of using the building and grounds could be divided between the County Council and the Charity. His immense local knowledge will be missed. The Council was asked to stand in a minute's silence in memory of him.	
87.	**Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received**	
	87.1	Apologies were received from N Bradley (ill health), M Harrison, (ill health). **Resolved** that the apologies be accepted. County Cllr R Reid had also sent his apologies
	87.1.1	It was noted that Mandy Owen had resigned from the Council for personal reasons and a notice has been placed on the website and in the noticeboards advertising the vacancy. We now have to wait until 14 October to see if any residents have asked for an election. If they have not we can then advertise that we will co-opt at the next meeting.
88.	**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	
	88.1	No one declared any Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests on any matter on the agenda.
89.	**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4 September 2024 (Min24-04)**	
	89.1	**Resolved**: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 September 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
90.	**To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby**	
	90.1	County Cllr Robert Reid although having sent his apologies had sent the following report: **DEVOLUTION FOR LINCOLNSHIRE**

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		I'm delighted to be able to tell you that we have now had confirmation that a devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire will go forward. Following successful meetings between local authority leaders and the new government, the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution has written to us to confirm that our deal will now progress through its final parliamentary stage. We will now complete the arrangements to form the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority with a mayoral election scheduled for May 2025. The deal includes a Mayoral Investment Fund of £720m over thirty years, to invest in priority areas of jobs and skills, housing & highways, transport, the environment and nature, net zero, digital improvements, and innovation and trade. There is also an initial capital funding pot of £28m, of which £20m is allocated to projects in the Lincolnshire County Council area. It will be spent on: • Roundabout works at Nettleham and street works in Grantham • Flood prevention works • Work to Old Roman Bank at Sandilands • A grant programme within the UK Food Valley business grant programme • A grant to Sleaford Moor Business Park for the next phase of this low carbon business park. This is great news, and I'm pleased we are able to move forward with devolution to deliver growth in Greater Lincolnshire. We have always been clear that strengthening local decision-making with the needs and wants of our communities in mind, will give the best results for residents and businesses. Having a combined authority will give us the ability to liaise directly with the government about what is best for our residents, and we'll be able to achieve our ambitious plans more quickly. The decision reflects our strong partnership work with North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire councils, and the hard work we have all put in to making sure it's the right deal for our area. The financial deal remains the same as finalised between the three lead authorities and the previous government. Ours is one of four deals that the new government is announcing will now progress.
	90.2	District Cllr Dobson had sent a report as follows: **1.** I think that everyone would have been pleased to see the final installation of the pedestrian crossing. Let's hope that it will be used. **2.** The empty sandbags were delivered soon after the last meeting. These will be available for local filling to help prevent flooding to domestic properties throughout the winter. Unfortunately, we are seeing more of this as we continue to ignore environment issues. **3.** Tomorrow (Thursday), I shall be attending a meeting at the Welland & Deepings Internal Drainage Board. The board controls the flow of water through our rivers from the eastern side of the A15 down to the coast. It is a huge area. The IDB runs and maintains the pumping stations throughout their area, including our nearest station at Pode Hole on the A151 to Spalding. **4**. The chief executive has returned after recovering from a serious condition. Although not completely back to a full schedule, she will be taking up the issue of land allocation, including the possible acquisition of land in Lawrance Park by the Lawrance Park

		Committee. This is to ease the situation on Chapel Lane during events held at the hall and on the park. **5.** I have had a request from a resident at Almond Court to have trees removed from the open space. This is being looked at by a qualified arborist to determine whether they need pollarding or felling. I have asked this to be prioritised as the high winds have caused one resident concern. **6**. With the incessant rainfall in recent weeks, we need to keep watch on likely flooding and possible earth movements. If anyone notices any incident, please call the flood helpline: a. Council Tenants: 01476 40 60 80 during normal working times b. Council Tenants: 01476 40 60 40 out of normal working times c. Owner Occupiers or Private Tenants: 01522 78 20 82 d. Email: floodrisk@linconshire.gov.uk e. FixMyStreet: online to report flooding. f. In an emergency: 999 **7.** If your home is flooded or in danger of flooding: a. Keep pets and children away from flooded areas b. Isolate all electrical circuits c. Contact insurance provider to report damage d. Take photos of the flooded area **8.** In the case of fallen cables, call electricity network engineers free on 0800 6783 105. **9.** If trees have fallen down, call Lincs police on 101. **10**. Water supply issues call Anglian Water on 03457 145 145 **11**. River blockage, riverbank collapse: Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60 **12.** Gas issue: Smell gas? Call 0800 111 999, other issues 0345 835 1111
	90.2.1	Cllr Dobson said that he was working very hard to try and stop any proposed developments on land on Obthorpe Lane. He had seen that South Kesteven District Council had included this land in the draft Local Plan and he was concerned about how the traffic would exit from the site onto the very narrow county lane. He wanted us as a council to do whatever we could to try and stop this development. He was told that when we were asked to comment on the proposed development in Thurlby in the draft Local Plan we had replied with our objections and pointing out that the infrastructure was inadequate for development and would make the problem of flooding even worse in that area. We felt we could do little else at this stage as we had not been asked for further comments. He said that he felt that he was a lone voice in trying to get South Kesteven District Council to listen to his arguments and it was agreed we would send him a copy of our objections which he could use to show that he was not alone with any objections to the proposed development. He was asked if the rumour was correct that the Council Yard on Station Road would be sold for housing development. He could not give a definitive answer He also explained that he was on the Committee regarding the proposed development of a quarry on King Street. At the moment it was felt that Kings Street was too narrow for large lorries to use and that it would have to be widened if the quarry was to go ahead.
91.	**Clerk's Report and correspondence received**	
	91.1	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/matters were discussed: 1. Since that last meeting the Clerk had written to Longhurst Housing Association about the light not working on the footpath between Northorpe and Beck Way.

		This time no acknowledgement had been received and the Chair was notified Cllr Daines was able to report that her partner had posted comments on Twitter, and this prompted the Housing Association coming back to her with various telephone numbers to contact them about the problem. Sher had placed this information on Facebook. It was noticed that someone from Longhurst had been out to repair a light on Beck Way but not the light on the footpath between Northorpe and Beck Way. Derails of the CEO were given to the Clerk who would write to her. If that did not work then we might consider contacting the Police to advise them of the problem and saying that residents were very frightened to use the footpath as it was very dark. Another approach would be to contact Cllr Dobson wo see if South Kesteven District Council would consider adopting this footpath and thus be responsible for maintain the light. 2. Now that the crossing had been installed at the Thurlby crossroads on the A15 it was agreed that we would write to Cllr Davies thanking him for his efforts in getting the crossing and the County Council paying for it. The Clerk would also write o Cllr Reid asking if and when the yellow hash box would be in place.
92.	**Planning applications:**	
	92.1	**To consider any Planning Applications received –** there were no plans to discuss
	92.2	**To note Planning Applications approved:** **S24/1024 -** Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension for bedroom, utility and shower room at 44 High Street Thurlby
	92.3	**To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn:** none to note
	92.4	**To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal:** none to note
93.	**To confirm Expenditure** £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £532.70 – B M Champness (salary) £46.60 – Elaine Reynolds (salary) £373.00 – HMRC (PAYE) £244.80 – Bourne Skip Hire (weekly bin collection charges x 4) £104.00. - Thurlby PCC (insert in Village Link) £6.99 – B M Champness (AED Prep kit) £49.56 – BT (broadband charges) £105.00 – C S Harris (cut grass, sweep paths and cut hedge in cemetery) £180.00 – D Thornburn (half year payroll services fee) **[ ]** *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*	
	93.1	**Resolved:** that the payments be approved.
	93.2	Following the agenda being posted further invoices had been received as follows: £75.00 – P Flynn (for the replacement of the planting for the winter) £148.00 - SLCC (membership fee) **Resolved:** that these payments be approved as well
94.	**To discuss the accounts for September and for the bank reconciliation to be signed as a correct record**	

	84.1	The Clerk was unable to circulated in advance details of the bank details showing income received and spent in September as he had still not received the bank statements. It was agreed that when it was possible for him to prepare the Bank Reconciliation he would send this to the councillors, but this would be approved at the November meeting along with the October Bank Reconciliation.
95.	**To discuss and adopt the amended Standing Order and Financial Regulations**	
	95.1	Following the September meeting the amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Councillors. Any amendments made were only suggestions by the Clerk and that they had still to be approved by Council. The Clerk pointed out that in the Standing orders we could not amend the text in **bold.** Both documents were considered at the meeting and where appropriate amendments were made where necessary and it was **resolved** that both documents be approved and adopted as of the 2 October 2024
96.	**To discuss arrangements for the placement around the village of the Tommy silhouettes and poppies and who will attend the wreath laying at St Firmins Church**	
	96.1	Cllr Lowe had asked for this item to be included on the agenda as she wanted clarification as to when the Silhouettes should be placed around the village After a discussion it was agreed that the Tommie Silhouettes would be placed around the Village on 20 October 2024 and removed on 24 November 2024. The poppies would also be placed on lampposts at the same time. Although not present it was agreed that Cllr Bradley be the representative of the Parish Council laying the wreath on Remembrance Sunday. It was also **resolved** that the Clerk would purchase another 50 poppies with the funds from the Kings Coronation funds and the money from the D Day Celebrations would be donated to the Royal British Legion.
97.	**To discuss the street lighting problem on the junction of Swallow Hill and Swift Way**	
	97.1	At the last meeting County Cllr Reid had stated that a resident had been in contact about the streetlight on the junction of Swallow Hill and Swift Way. Apparently when the streetlights get switched off in Swift Way (approx. midnight) the streetlights on Swallow Hill junction with Swift Way also get switched off which means you cannot see the entrance to Swift Way after midnight. It is the streetlight opposite Swift Way and the streetlights before and after the junction. This had been reported on FixMyStreet and this has been marked up as no action proposed and requests have to go through the Parish Council. It was ascertained that the lights were the responsibility of Lincolnshire County Council, and we would write back to Cllr Reid stating that we would like the three lights in question leaving on after midnight.
98.	**To receive an update on our request for sandbags and to consider any proposal for distributing when necessary**	
	98.1	At the September meeting it was noted that 100 sandbags would be made available to us from South Kesteven District Council with grateful thanks to District Cllr Barry Dobson. They had now been delivered to Cllr Thomas who has now stored them. It was felt that arrangements should be made now as to how we distribute and when and how we advertise that we have them. It was agreed that we would let residents know we had them and to explain that they would have to fill them with their own sand. In the event of an emergency, we could make them available for collection from Lawrance Park. We

		would monitor who collected bags. Residents would be notified of this on Facebook and from posters in the noticeboards.
99.	**To discuss arrangements for the installing of the new noticeboard by the Post Office**	
	99.1	The new noticeboard had been ordered and should be delivered on 25 October 2024. We had to decide plans for the installation and who should do this. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact David Collins to see if he could do the work and Cllrs Keene and Thomas said they would assist. It was also agreed that Cllr Bill would keep monitoring what was in the new noticeboard and remove any leaflets that were past the date of the event being advertised.
100.	**To discuss the arrangements for the Save a Life session on 15 October 2024**	
	100.1	The Clerk had managed to book a date for the next training session which was on Tuesday 15 October 2024. The social room at Lawrance Park had been booked. We have 8 people so far booked in. Arrangements have to be made about opening the hall and closing it when the session is finished. It was agreed a further post would be made on Facebook to see if we could fill the last 4 spaces. Cllr Day agreed to open and close the venue, and it was hoped refreshments would be available. Cllr Thomas would see if this could be arranged.
101.	**To consider the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby**	
	101.1	There was nothing further to note as we had not received any update
102.	**To consider the data received from the reactive sign**	
	102.1	Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained from the Reactive Sign which was as follows: During September the Radar Unit was positioned in Northorpe recording traffic in a Westbound direction. The results would indicate a decrease in traffic compared to last year. The daily count is down 5% at 1116 & 1037 vehicles/day on the 5- & 7-day count. This is reflected in the AM peak count down 19% & 13% and the PM count down 12% & 14% again for the 5- and 7-day count. The peak PM time has also changed to 18.00 - 19.00hrs. and may be the result of the A15 crossing works at Thurlby. The average speed, those travelling above the speed limit and their speed remain similar to last year with both the average and maximum speeds slightly lower than last year at 25.2 mph and 57mph Thanks to be recorded to Cllr Bill for undertaking this task every month.
103.	**To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees**	
	103.1	Cllr Thomas said that the hedge had been cut from inside the cemetery and we were waiting for the farmer to trim his side of the bush and cut back the top of the hedge. We should ask C Harris to sweep the paths agin before the funeral of Mr Peasgood as there were a lot of conkers falling onto the path as well as leaves from the tree. Cllr Broadbent had said that he had been approached by Mary Trumble to see if we would want the Wildlife Trust carrying on with the hedge along the eastern edge of the cemetery. It was **resolved** that we would not want to take up their offer at this stage.

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104.	**For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council**	
	104.1	Cllr Bill was able to report on the Thurlby Causeway Estate Charity Meeting held at 19:0hrs on 10th September 2024 at Lawrance Park. The following items were discussed: - The minutes of the meetings held on 19 March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman. It was reported that Mr M Fensom had accepted the invitation to become a Feoffee and had duly been appointed in April 2024. Inspections of the properties in Church Street that had been carried out in August/September were discussed and the Clerk was asked to arrange for certain repairs/replacements. A request for financial assistance received from Lawrance Park in relation to the purchase of replacement play area equipment and the Village Link community publication was discussed and both favourably received and as a result a donation will be made. The next meeting was provisionally arranged for Tuesday 18 March 2025 commencing at 7 pm at Lawrance Park.
105.	**To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link**	
	105.1	It was agreed that Cllr Broadbent would draft a report for the Village Link. This would be sent to all for approval before going to print.
106.	**Members Questions -** *reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.*	
	106.4	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.13
107.	**The date of the next meeting –** to be held on **Wednesday 6 November 2024** at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby	

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