

**Thurlby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 15-11) held**  
**on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park**  
**Social Room, Thurlby**

**Present:** **Councillors:** N Bradley, B Dobson, E Lunn, M Reece, B Sadler (presiding), S Samra, Y Scott, A Smith and A Thomas.  
**Residents:** Stephen Holland, Dawn Spooncer  
**Others:** Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr Helen Powell,

**Open Forum**

Mrs Spooncer was present as she wanted to complain about an accident she was involved in at Northorpe crossroads on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. She was coming from Bourne and stationary at the junction when she was hit by another car from behind. She was still in pain and had to attend hospital. The Police say they want to prosecute the driver for driving without due care and attention. Her concern is that soon there is going to be a fatality and it might be a child. She felt that there was a need for a speed camera similar to Baston and Langtoft.

Mr Holland said that he could not run off a copy of the agenda from the website as it was not there. The Clerk said he had an e-mail from Ian Bratley to say both the agenda and minutes were on the website.

The meeting was formally opened at 19.37

**192. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies**

**192.1** Apologies were received from Cllr Derbyshire (work) Cllr Rose (personal)

**192.2 Resolved:** that the apologies be accepted.

**193. 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**

**193.1** No one declared an interest on any item on the agenda.

**194. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (Min15-10)**

**194.1 Resolved:** That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**195. Clerks report and correspondence received.**

**195.1** The Clerks Report had been circulated in advance. Cllr Sadler said that he had a few questions from Cllr Rose which wanted answers. First had we heard from Cllr Davies and Mr Wills regarding the road closure in December? The Clerk explained that as was in the Clerks report Cllr Davies asked for the e-mail that had been sent before be sent again and the Clerk explained that this had been done but had no reply so far. Second had we had a response from the Boundary Commission? The Clerk explained that too was dealt with in the Clerks report and they had acknowledged the response. Another question was raised as to when the next Newsletter should be drafted. The Clerk explained that the next official newsletter was the Annual report which had to be delivered before the end of Jun but if we wanted to do one before then this would not be a problem. He did explain that he thought that the questions

was another way of getting round the discouraged agenda item of Matters Arising. Rather than bringing up these matters under the Clerks Report a Councillor could telephone the Clerk for an update and if the matter could not be answered then an item could go on the agenda.

It was pointed out that a report had been sent to LCC Highways regarding the various over hanging trees and faulty street lights but they had replied that this was not their problem but that of the District Council. The Clerk had sent the report to the District Council but so far no reply had been received.

Although in the report it had stated that the signs on the A15 had been removed the poles still remained. He had spoken to the Officer today who indicated that he and a colleague had removed the signs but they did not have the equipment to remove the poles. A quote was being obtained for their removal.

**196. To receive a report from the County Councillor and District Councillor on matters relating to Thurlby.**

**196.1** District Cllr Dobson said that there were a number of matters that he wanted to report.

1. On Monday was the day to discuss the budget and he thought it was not a bad as was first thought. Council Tax would be increased by £4.28 per annum for a Band D property owner. The down side was that the District still had to pay to Central Government 50% Business Tax that they received and 10% to the County leaving 40% for the District.
2. The next Planning meeting was on the 8<sup>th</sup> March when the Lidl application would be dealt with and he thought the matter was going to be formality in its favour.
3. There was a commemorative coin being sold recognising the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Some villages were buying coins for the children in their village but he felt that we had too many children in Thurlby for us to do the same.
4. There was no decision on car park charges so Bourne could remain as it was without making charges but that could change.
5. He had received a telephone call from a Councillor from Market Deeping explaining that there was a person who was homeless living in Deeping and who had been living in Thurlby but had been told to leave the accommodation he was sharing. He wanted to know if there was anything we could do about this problem.
6. He had spoken to John Spooner about a corner of land (in the North East) on Lawrance Park which was not owned by them but by the District Council. At one time the Community Association had made enquiries about acquiring this land but this was refused as it was felt it would not be used by the community. Cllr Dobson had spoken to Officers at the District Council and it was thought that this was now a good time for the Parish Council to make enquiries and if successful they might then consider allowing the land to be used and maintained by the association. No decision was made on this matter at this stage.
7. He had spoken to an Officer about the request for a new bin at the shop. He understood a photograph was required showing the fact that the existing bin was used and was always full.
8. With regard to the planning application of 23 The Green he understood Highways were looking at the possible problem of surface water on the road. The previous Officer dealing with the plan had now left and a new Officer had been appointed to deal with it. At the moment he thought the plan could be considered sometime in either April or May but he made it clear that if the recommendation was for approval then the matter should be called in and dealt with by Committee.

**196.2** County Cllr Helen Powell explained that there was not much to report and apologised that she had to leave straight after her report.

1. Trees had been felled in Maths & Elsea woods and in other woods by the A15
2. The Budget had been dealt with and they had been lobbied forcefully by three various bodies. One group was an organisation that relied on grants received from the County

and they were anxious for this to continue. Another related to the Community Rural Bus service. £5 million would be available in the next financial year which would be reduced to £2.5 million the year after and then it would stop the year after. The Call Connect service was not affected.

3. Cllr Powell was told about the discussion in the Open Forum and she would pass the information on.
4. She would find out about the new waste disposal site in Bourne.
5. She had spoken to Cllr Davies who was going through the survey results and she was asked to find out if we were going to get a crossing and whether this would be something we might have to pay for.
6. Cllr Lunn said that he was interested to know why in these times of austerity Cllr Hill had recommended that Councillors should be given a pay rise. He thought the proposition was a little insensitive.

**197. Planning applications: To Approve:**

**197.1 S16/0313** – erection of Orangey at rear at The Priory, 7 High Street, Thurlby. **Response** by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016. **Resolved** no objections

**198. To discuss matters deferred from the last Council meeting.**

**198.1** There was nothing that was deferred from the last meeting.

**199. To discuss and agree the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, a possible Speaker and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

**199.1** Resolved that we hold both meeting on the same day and this would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Cllr Scott was able to confirm that this would not be a problem and she would tell the Martial Arts group using the room that night they could not. It was also agreed that the main speaker for the Annual Parish meeting would be Stephen Holland who could talk about the Neighbourhood Plan. The Annual Parish Meeting would start at 7 p.m. and various organisations within the village would be asked to give reports on their activities. There would then be a short refreshment break and we could then start the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 8.30 p.m.

**200. To consider whether we wish to change the meeting in April to another date and approve the dates for the Clerks holidays.**

**200.1** Dates were given of the Clerks holiday and approved. It was resolved that the meeting in April would be moved a week later and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Scott confirmed that the room would be available on that day.

**201. To approve the dairy of meetings for 2016-17**

**201.1** The Clerk explained that he had not prepared the diary yet but he would do so and circulate this. It would not be difficult to prepare as the Council met on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month excluding August and January. There were no other committee meetings that needed to be added.

**202. To decide if we wish to enter the 2016 Best Kept Village and Small Town Competition and if so to approve and pay the entrance fee.**

**202.1** Details were circulated in advance. **Resolved** that we enter the competition and pay the entrance fee of £25.00

**203. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Planning process and how we can progress with**

**this, to decide any further action needed and to receive an update on the action of the Steering Group.**

**203.1** The meeting was closed at 20.34 to allow Stephen Holland to Address the council with an update on the progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. Stephen Holland said that he had sent a report to all Councillors of an update with the progress. He said that the group had used the centre pages in the Village Link to print a Young Persons Questionnaire and although the response was not good at the moment he was hopeful that this would improve. He was hoping to get some notices up in the bus shelters where he hoped to attract the attention of young people. The school teachers would be getting the children to complete the primary school survey. He also understood that the Clerk had sent the SWOT analysis forms to all Councillors and he would be grateful if Councillors could take the time to complete the same. The Policy statements would be advertised in May. He confirmed all would be welcome to attend the fortnightly meetings that were held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The meetings started at 7.30 p.m. All would be welcome to attend the open days organised on a Saturday and starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting was re-opened at 20.48

**204. To discuss the survey result priorities and what action is necessary to deal with them.**

**204.1** Cllr Sadler said that the Clerk had sent out to all a copy of the survey results and showing what ones had been completed and what work was needed to be done on others. He was hopeful that some of the outstanding priorities could be completed.

1. Item 33 was being dealt with as the Clerk had reported that SKDC had been contacted to deal with.
2. Items 31 and 32 Highways are being asked to action and it was felt that Cllr Dobson could ask questions of appropriate departments.
3. With regard to Delaine Buses Cllr Smith said that he had, had a meeting with one of the Directors to discuss the matters raised in the survey. The suggested bus route to Spalding would never happen as there was no financial incentive for this route. In so far as a bus going through the village was concerned there were too many problems with getting a bus through due to the road surface and car parking on the side of the roads. Likewise it would cause havoc with the timetables for buses going to and from Peterborough. With regard to a service to Stamford again it was not financially viable for the bus to go through Thurlby. Most passengers were picked up in West Road in Bourne. They did try going through the village previously but no one ever used the service. There might be a glimmer of hope that the matter could be reconsidered and Cllr Smith said that he would have a further chat in the near future.
4. The Clerk explained that the notice which could be posted to residents who had bushes overhanging the footpath had been printed and showed what had been done. It was agreed that Cllr Scott would deal with The Green and Crown Lane, Cllr Thomas High Street, Cllr Reece the A15, Cllr Sadler Chapel Lane and Lawrance Way, and Cllr Smith Station Road and Swallow Hill. All took a number of the printed forms.

**205. To receive an update on the request for a defibrillator**

**205.1** The Clerk was able to report that he had written to the company that had supplied Carlby with a defibrillator and asked them for a quote as they purchase on in 2014. He had also been in touch with the person who provided the training. Nothing had been heard from either yet but he would keep on top of both matters as he had been advised that there would shortly be a meeting of the charity who would pay for the equipment. He was reminded that there would also be a charge for an electrician who would fix the cabinet onto the side of the hall and fit an electric socket. Lawrance Park had an approved electrician who could do that work.

**206. To discuss whether we wish to opt out of the new sector-led body audit procurement**

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**206.1** The Clerk said that he had read the papers and had also attended a session at the recent SLCC conference he had attended. He understood that if we opted out we would have to be responsible for finding our own external auditor and organise all the necessary work that goes with the audit. Likewise we could choose if we wanted to have our books audited and if we did we would have to pay a standard fee of £200. His advice was that we should not opt out and it was **resolved** that this advice be accepted.

### **207. To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby**

**207.1** The survey took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February but as yet the results had not been made known. It was confirmed that if the survey was favourable then the County would have to pay for the crossing. Cllr Sadler said that he had spoken to Kevin Brumfield of Highways but he too did not know the results of the survey but he understood there was a real problem with a shortage of money for any work to be carried out. Cllr Sadler said that he had also mentioned the request for a salt bin and was told that if the siting of the bin was moved and was more than 200 meters from another bin then it was likely that this request could be accommodated. He had been out and taken a measurement and it was more than 200 meters from the nearest bin.

### **208. To discuss possible training in line with the Training Policy**

**208.1** It was pointed out that the 2 day CiLCA course was not training other than being told what needed to be done to complete the 25 or so modules that was needed. The Clerk felt that this course would not be the course that either Cllr Dobson or Sadler would benefit from. It was agreed that he would try and get them both onto a course ran by LALC which would be benefit and interest to them.

### **209. To receive an update from Cllr Smith on the website offered by South Kesteven District Council.**

**209.1** There was nothing to report this month but he would definitely be able to give a report at the April meeting.

### **210. To receive an update on the list of potholes and the state of the footpaths in and around Thurlby/Northorpe**

**210.1** The water leak in Church Street had been reported and repaired. The depression in the road outside 8 The Green had been reported but the repairs had not been carried out. Some of the potholes in Northorpe Lane had been repaired but more work was still needed to be undertaken. There was a couple of passing bays in Obthorpe Lane which were in desperate need of repairs as there were large holes which made it almost impossible to drive into the bays. There was also a large hole in the road on the A15 at Thurlby on the left side of the road driving south close to the restriction sign. These matters would be reported by the Clerk.

### **211. To discuss the cemetery to include grass cutting, condition of graves and headstones, state of paths and hedges**

**211.1** Cllr Thomas said that he had sent the Clerk an e-mail with photographs showing the mess that grave diggers left the cemetery in after graves were dug. It was agreed that when there was another burial the Clerk would mention these problems to make sure the work was carried out properly and the soil moved to the proper place.

**211.2** Cllr Lunn said that we should be asking for a copy of the Grave Diggers Risk Assessment

**212. For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council**

**212.1** There were no reports from a Councillor although it was reported that Lawrance Park had obtained a grant for a youth shelter. Cllr Thomas also reported that 2 bus shelters had recently been cleaned and the other two would be completed shortly.

**213. To confirm Expenditure**

£421.11 – B M Champness (salary)

£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)

£345.60 – HMRC (PAYE)

£41.45 – S Holland (printing costs)

£30.00 – Europress Litho Printers Ltd (print 100 notices/cards)

£40.00 Lincolnshire County Council (Community speedwatch 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

**214.1 Resolved:** that the above payments be made. A copy of the budget spreadsheet had been circulated in advance showing the money spent and received to date. The Clerk pointed out that he was still unable to get on line with the bank but was hopeful that issue would be resolved shortly.

**214. Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.**

**215.1** There were no member's questions.

**215.2** There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.28

**215. The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby**