

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 16-03) held on the 6th July 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Hall, Thurlby

Present: **Councillors:** N Bradley, G Derbyshire, E Lunn, R Rose, B Sadler, S Samara and A Thomas
 Residents: S Goldsmith, S Holland, G Roulstone,
 Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Councillor Helen Powell

Open Forum

There was no open forum and the meeting was formally opened at 19.30

44. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received

44.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Reece (work) Cllr Dobson (personal) Cllr Scott (personal)

44.2 **Resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

45. 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

45.1 No one declared an interest in any matter on the agenda.

46. Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council held on the 1st June 2016 (Min16-02)

46.1 **Resolved:** That the minutes were signed by the Chair as a correct record after a spelling mistake was corrected in Item 34.1 from fas to far

47. To Co-opt a Councillor.

47.1 Ges Roulstone had applied to become a Councillor and was present. The Clerk asked him the two legal questions regarding being an un-discharged bankrupt or having a criminal record to which he was able to reply to no to both. He was asked a few questions by the Councillors and asked to leave the room. It was resolved that he be co-opted and he was invited back into the room and invited to take his place at the table. He signed a Declaration of Acceptance which was witnessed by the Clerk. He was told that the Clerk would send him a copy of the Code of Conduct and a registers of members Interest form which he needed to complete.

48. Report from the District and County Councillors

48.1 District Councillor Dobson had sent his apologies but no report.

48.2 County Councillor Powell gave a copy of the Annual Report from LGA. She also explained that with regard to the bungalow by St Firmins Church there was nothing we could do about this unless we could prove SKDC made a fundamental error when passing the application.

The owners of Park Wood have been located and trees are being removed and cleared. Someone is now going in Elsea Woods and trying to make safe the trees by the A15.

1 High Street had a problem with grass cutting and she had paid for the grass to be cut. With regard to the garage on the boundary of Thurlby and Bourne she had been in contact with them regarding grass cutting in front on the garage along the A15. A contactor had been found

and they were talking.

With regard to devolution she noticed we had it on the agenda. She gave a brief explanation of what was being discussed and what could happen. She was not prepared to comment on the views of the County Council.

49. Clerks Report and correspondence received

- 49.1 The Clerks report had been circulated in advance. A few questions were asked and clarified. In addition to what was on the report the Clerk had received a copy of Local Council Review, which was handed to Cllr Rose.
- Thurlby Primary School had nominated a child to receive the Good Citizens Award and the shields were being prepared. The Clerk did not have a date when these would be presented but he wanted to know if any Councillor was prepared to present them. Cllr Lunn volunteered and the Clerk said that once he knew the date he would let him know.
- Notice had been received from Cllr Scott that she could not take on the role as representative of the Parish Council at the Anne Fisher Charity meetings. As a result we needed another volunteer. Cllr Sadler agreed to be the Parish Council representative.
- Details of the consultation on the new Local Plan had been received and we had until the 5th August to make comments. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Stephen Holland if he could look at the document and to formulate and formally respond on behalf of the Parish Council,

50. Planning applications:

- 50.1 **S16/1627** – erection of 5 no dwellings with associated private drive following demolition of existing dwelling and buildings at White House Nurseries, 23, The Green.. **Response** by 24th June but extended until 7th July. Cllr Sadler said that he had read the Sites and Settlement document and it appeared that this land was included as potential land to be included for development. **Resolved:** that the amendments do not change what we have already sent and that we should repeat our previous comments and objections.
- 50.2 **S16/1362** – erection of summer house at 9 Tudor Close, Thurlby. **Response** by 4th July but extended until 7th July. **Resolved:** no objections
- 50.3 **S16/1429** – change of use from Agricultural land to domestic garden at 23 Church Street. **Response** by 19th July 2016. **Resolved:** no objection
- 50.4 **S16/1320** – change of use of paddock to residential garden, demolition of stables and erection of replacement stables at 3 Obthorpe Lane. Joyce Stevenson has send a copy of a letter she had written to the Planning Officer. **Resolved:** no objection but we would like to make a few comments which were:
On the Application form Para 15 point 2 there is a question asking if there are trees or hedges on the land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be an important as part of the local landscape development to which the applicant answered No. This is not correct as there are trees on the adjoining land which are protected by a tree preservation order or orders.
On the site plan there is another error. The map clearly is marked showing the site facing North. In fact it is facing East.
- 50.5 **S16/1419** – extensions to dwelling and erection of detached garage at 53 Swallow Hill. **Resolved:** no objections.
- 50.6 **S16/1437** – demolition of stable and erection of agricultural storage building at land to rear and east of 23 Church Street, Thurlby. **Response** by 20th July. **Resolved:** no objection.
- 50.7 After the agenda had been posted another plan had arrived bearing **No S16/1440** which was

the removal of Ash tree in front garden at 23 Obthorpe Lane. We had until the 18th July to respond. Rather than call a special meeting it was **resolved** that the Clerk be given delegated authority to respond. The plan was then considered and the Clerk was asked to respond by saying that if the plan had been on the agenda then we would have made no comment.

51. To discuss the Consultation on a Mayoral Combined Authority for Greater Lincolnshire and to decide an appropriate response.

51.1 The Clerk had sent out a link to the consultation prior to the meeting. Cllr Sadler went through the document briefly although most had the opportunity of reading it before the meeting. It was explained that Lincolnshire was the second largest County in the Country and the thought of a Mayor looking after all of the County was a daunting prospect. The funding given to Lincolnshire would be £450 million over the next 30 years which sounded a lot but was not that much split down to what the County would receive on a yearly basis. Consideration was given to whether we responded and if we did would our comments be taken into account. It was agreed that we should make a comment. One thought was why we had to go through such a process of devolution and electing a Mayor just to get this extra funding and why this could not be paid without this process. Overall it was felt the whole process was a waste of money.

52. To discuss the offer of a bench from Mr Gadd.

52.1 Cllr Bradley explained that Mr Gadd had a spare bench and wondered if we wanted it. He would place the bench on the piece of grass at the side of his house and would ensure it was secured down and look after. Resolved that we would accept his kind offer but before we confirmed this to him the Clerk would seek permission from Highways that we could site the bench not on the grassed area by hi house but on the other side of the road by the bus stop which did not have a seat in.

53. To discuss the invitation from CPRE to join them at a cost of £36.00 per annum.

53.1 The Clerk explained that after the application to enter the Best Kept Village Competition if was agreed that we would join CPRE if the actual fees were less that what the entrance fee was. Since then CPRE had written asking if we wanted to join and the fee would be £36 per annum. The Clerk then read out what they were trying to do in Lincolnshire and how we would benefit from being a member. **Resolved** that we pay the £36 and become a member. Cllr Rose asked if we had heard anything further from CPRE after the first round of judging. The Clerk explained that he had not heard anything.

54. To discuss the response from the Road Safety Partnership in relation to the request for a reactive sign.

54.1 An e-mail had been received from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership agreeing to some of our requests for placing the reactive sign but refusing others as the posts we wanted to put the sign on did not belong to the County Council but the District Council. Cllr Sadler said that he was very disappointed in this response as he understood they would co-ordinate across the councils and get permission for all of the sites we were requesting. **Resolved** that Cllr Sadler have permission to talk direct with the Road Safety Partnership and to ascertain why they were not carrying out their promise to get the matter resolved.

55. To discuss possible training in line with the Training Policy and to decide if we agree to subscribe to the LALC Annual Training scheme at a cost of £100 per annum.

55.1 Cllr Sadler would send Cllr Roulstone a copy of the training being offered by LALC. In so far as the LALC Annual Training Scheme was concerned it was **resolved** that we pay the £100 being the appropriate fee.

56. To receive an update regarding the response from SKDC regarding the piece of land they own on Lawrance Park,

56.1 As Cllr Dobson was not present the matter was adjourned to the September meeting.

57. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Planning process (Stephen Holland)

57.1 The meeting was closed at 20.58 to enable Stephen Holland to address Council. He explained that he had prepared a report on the updated position and this had been circulated to all. He asked if there were any questions, which there were none. He then went on to explain that he had had a meeting with Sarah Watson from South Kesteven District Council and she had handed to him a completed Village Survey. He had checked the minutes of the Council and could not see that it was ever discussed and how this could have been completed. The Clerk explained that we usually received such a form each year and as before he was asked to complete the form which he did. Mr Holland explained that he was rather concerned that this form had been completed without full consultation and it could affect the work the Neighbourhood Planning Group were trying to do. The meeting was re-opened at 21.05. Mr Holland left the meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Holland to see if he would be prepared to update the survey and the Clerk would then lodge the updated document with the District Council.

58. To discuss the various signs along the A15 at Northorpe and Katesbridge and what action should be taken.

58.1 After the last meeting the Clerk had written to South Kesteven District Council about the sign in front of the property on Bourne Road and the signs at Katesbridge advertising the car wash service. They had replied saying that the car wash could have a sign on the site but not on the other side of the road without planning permission. As for the other sign the Clerk when writing assumed it was advertising that work had been carried out at the property and South Kesteven District Council had replied that if that was so it should be removed within 4 weeks on the work being completed. He explained that having checked the sign again he was not sure if the owner was actually advertising his own business. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask South Kesteven District Council to take appropriate action.

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

59.1 Cllr Sadler said that he wanted to try and get this matter pushed forward as many of the items on the spreadsheet had either been dealt with or were items on the agenda. He suggested items 3,4,5,12,14,16,17,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,30,31, and 31 be deleted. Item 8 will be raised as part of agenda item 57 (TPNPG), and item 33 he would like to work with the Clerk to send letters to the residents whose trees/bushes were covering the streetlights. All these requested were agreed to.

60. To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting and maintenance

60.1 The Clerk explained that after writing to the lady who had put slate chippings on her late husband's grave was going to attend this meeting to ask a few questions but instead had sent him a text saying she had removed the chippings and has sent a photograph to prove the work had been done. As a result she did not intend to attend the meeting tonight. .

60.2 Cllr Thomas said that there was still a problem with people having more vases on graves than was allowed as well as having artificial flowers. It was not fair to pick on one resident all should be contacted and reminded of the regulations. It was agreed that this matter would be considered at the next meeting but in the meantime it was suggested that the Councillors go

to the cemetery to see what the problem was like so they would have some clear understanding of what needed to be done.

61. To consider the cemetery charges and whether they need to be updated.

61.1 In view of the shortness of time it was agreed that this matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

62. To receive an update on the position of a crossing at Thurlby and traffic around the village generally

62.2 There was no further news on the crossing. Cllr Rose said there was still a problem of people parking their cars on the road in front of their properties. He explained that people did not have the right to do this. Cllr Thomas explained that he thought this was wrong as there was a problem of a car in High Street which had not moved outside a house for some weeks. He had contacted the police who informed him after coming to see the vehicle that it was not parking illegally and all was in order. This matter would be discussed at the September meeting.

63. To discuss a parishioners concerns about flooding in Northorpe.

63.1 A resident had written to the Clerk explaining that they were trying to sell their property but every time it rained there was flooding at his property and wanted to know if we could do anything to resolve the problem. It was agreed that we should reply to him to let us know if the problem continued and we would try and get the matter seen to.

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

64.1 Cllr Lunn handed in a report of the recent meeting he and Cllr Rose had attended in the Churchyard.

65. To confirm Expenditure

[£1193.86 – Carroll Planning & Design (Thurlby Character Assessment workshop)]

[£80.00 – C S Harris (grass cutting in cemetery)]

[£14.50 – Community Lincs Insurance \services (additional premium to include Defibrillator)]

£437.76 – B M Champness (salary)

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£143.93 – Toni Montero (repairing and painting bus shelter litter bin)

£50.00 – St Firmin's Church PCC(insert in Village Link)

£76.35 – S Holland (various payment relating to TNPG)

[] 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

65.1 **Resolved:** that the above payments be made. The Clerk explained that the amount to pay Stephen Holland was actually £245.30 which included the £50 to the Village Link as mentioned above.

65.2 The Clerk was unable to circulate the spreadsheet for June as he was still unable to balance the accounts. He promised that once this had been resolved he would send everyone a copy.

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

66.1 Cllr Rose said that he would like an item on the September agenda regarding the recycling centre in Bourne.

There being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 21.42

67. **The date of the next meeting** – to be held on **Wednesday 7th September 2016** at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.

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