

and church hall. www.biglotteryfund.org/global-content/programmes/england/reaching-communities-england . It might be a long shot but worth having a go.

2. Grants for War Memorials – War Memorials Trust. Grants are available up to 75% of the eligible costs with a normal maximum of £30K. Website is www.warmemorials.org/grants/
3. Repair Grants Programme – National Churches Trust. The 2017 Repair Grants Programme is currently open for applications. These grants are from £5K up to £40K towards the cost of essential structural repairs. www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/repair-grants/

Devolution:

Perhaps the one that you've been waiting for me to mention, but you probably know that SKDC rejected the deal of a Mayoral Authority. It had previously been suggested that there would be a committee made up of all the authorities. For the whole of Greater Lincolnshire there was to be £15m per year for the next 30 years but this is pretty insignificant for a county of our size. SKDC is recognised as one of the two leading performers and, as such, would have had to fight for funding alongside the poorer performers. Martin will probably explain this in more detail but, in principle, the economics the proposal were not sound. We are or could now be out on our own. Along with Brexit it's a bit much to analyse!!

Leadership of SKDC:

There has been a challenge to the leadership of SKDC which was lost by just one vote. This came about following the reshuffling in the various PDGs and lack of openness between Cabinet and members. The motion was defeated by one vote.

- 116.2** County Councillor Powell said there was not much to report as Cllr Dobson had spoken about devolution. She had just given to Stephen Holland a letter regarding the trees that had been felled in Park Wood. It appeared that the work should commence again soon

117. Clerks Report and correspondence received

- 117.1** The Clerks Report had been circulated in advance. The Clerk explained that he hoped all Councillors had seen the updated report as there were a few more items included.
1. The Clerk pointed out there was one letter which was important which had been received from LALC and which included a template of a letter drafted by NALC and which should be sent to the local MP. The Government were in the process of consulting on a suggestion that the largest 120 councils should have their precept capped at 2% or £5 and if they wanted more they would have to have a referendum. The Government also said that this , if it happened , it could be imposed on all councils whatever their size. When asked the Clerk advised that the letter should be sent to the MP as it meant that as at present there was no cap on the amount we could precept for and this was and always been something which should be allowed to continue. It was agreed that the letter be sent off to the MP. Cllr Dobson asked for a copy to be sent to him.
 2. There was also a letter from SKDC regarding the bin at the end of Thurlby Fen. It appeared that this was not one of their bins so they would not empty it but could pay someone £7.20 an hour to do this. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the same time as Item 124.
 3. The Clerk was asked if he had sorted out the codes for the computer and bank accounts. He said that he had and he now wanted to collect an envelope from the post office. Once that had happened he would give the sealed envelope to the Chair who would hand it to his or her replacement. The envelope could not be opened unless there was an emergency and then the codes would have to be changed.
 4. With regard to the Annual Report Cllr Rose had suggested a few minor amendments and it was now going to go to print. We now had to concentrate on the Newsletter and Cllr Dobson said that he would write an article as would Cllr Sadler.

5. Cllr Sadler said that he had circulated to all Councillors an article from the Community Safety Partnership. He wanted to know if there were any comments or for it to be reported that the report had been noted. It was agreed that this should be the case and the report noted
6. Cllr Rose asked if we were going to discuss the development at Lidl and that the planning permission was being adhered to. He was told that this had never been mentioned before but Cllr Dobson said that the building had not yet finished and he was sure that the plans were being adhered to.

118. Planning applications:

118.1 There were no plans to consider

119. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Planning process (Stephen Holland) and to approve the Consultancy fees

119.1 The meeting was closed at 19.55 to allow Mr Holland to address the Council. Prior to the meeting a report which had been prepared by Mr Holland had been circulated to all Councillors. Mr Holland said that he did not wish to repeat what was in that report and hoped that all had read it before the meeting. The Clerk asked when he expected the grant to have been approved by Locality and when the money was expected. Mr Holland said that he would anticipate that the money should be in our account by the middle of November if not before. He was also asked if the quotes he had received from the two consultants, and which had also been circulated in advance, were both to be considered or was there only one consultant to be instructed and we were to decide which one was the preferred one. Mr Holland said that both consultants would be used as both were going to undertake different work. He wanted confirmation from the Council that he could instruct them. He was told that approval would be given if and when the money was received and in our bank account. Mr Holland said that he thought that with this new grant money payment could be made without having to go through the process of the account being placed on the agenda and then approved by Council. The Clerk pointed out that this could not be agreed as this was money which belonged to the Parish Council and as a result we had to follow process and approve payment. On the other hand if he used small sums of money to purchase stationery then it would be possible to get this approved and paid between meetings but ratified at the next meeting. He would always need proof of payments made to justify being paid back any expenses.

119.2 Whilst not relating to the neighbourhood Plan directly Mr Holland explained that the Clerk had received some paperwork from South Kesteven District Council which was the village survey. This had to be completed and returned by the 1th November 2016. He and the Planning Group were happy to complete this form provided all were happy with this. If the Council were and anyone had any comments they should be sent to him as soon as possible. The meeting was then formally re-opened at 20.15

119.3 Now that the meeting was in open it was **resolved** Mr Holland be given permission to instruct the two consultants but on the condition that he did so once he had been informed that the grant money had been received. Likewise if he had any incidental payments to reimburse him provided he have the Clerk the invoices and this was approved by the Chair payment could be made in between meetings. Finally it was also **resolved** that the TNPG be given permission to complete the survey for the Parish Council,

120. To receive an update regarding the reactive sign from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

120.1 Cllr Sadler said that he understood the surveys had been completed and once received he would get this circulated. The Clerk had placed an order for the sign but he ascertained that the person he wrote to had left the Road Safety Partnership. The order should be placed with the

manufacturer. The address had been sent to the Clerk and the order would be placed. There was one other question that needed to be answered and that was who would look after the equipment and move it to the different locations around the village. It was agreed that this matter could be given consideration at the next meeting or at the time the equipment was received.

121. To discuss possible training in line with the Training Policy.

121.1 No Councillor wished to attend at this stage a training event.

122. To agree a Publication Scheme

122.1 The Clerk explained that Information Commissioners Office had prepared a model publication scheme which could be adopted without modification by any public authority without further approval and would be valid until further notice. The publication scheme commits an authority to make information available to the public as part of its normal activities. The Clerk had already undertaken this exercise at Bretton and had used the documents for that Council and amended them to show that the scheme was Thurlby. These documents had been circulated in advance. **Resolved** that the draft prepared by the Clerk be adopted and placed on the website.

123. To discuss writing to South Kesteven District Council to place a stake in the ground for S106 moneys from developments to support future community projects and to consider writing to Lidl for funds for projects in and around the village

123.1 The Clerk confirmed he had not been in touch with a Mr Tse at SKDC as he felt that this should be done at the same time as we wrote to the Lindum Group for financial help. With regard to the latter point it was agreed that we should write to the Lindum Group reminding them of what they promised when they addressed to Council and to ask for financial help with the purchase of the interactive sign. The Clerk should point out that with the opening of Lidl there was likely to be more traffic coming through the village and to ensure that speeding was not going to be a problem we wanted to purchase the sign. They should also be sent details of the actual costs that we had obtained from the Road Safety Partnership. The Clerk was also to write to Mr Tse regarding Sect 106 monies.

124. To discuss a residents complaint about dog fouling

124.1 A resident had written complaining about dog fouling on some grass by the traffic lights in Northorpe. He cut the grass but if the owners did not stop their dogs from fouling then he would no longer cut the grass. It was pointed out that this was not the only area in the village as it seemed this was a problem throughout the village. This had been raised at the last meeting but was not on the agenda. However it was agreed, after a lengthy discussion, that the Clerk would try and ascertain the cost of dog bins and the cost of having them emptied. Cllr Roulstone would also prepare a report where he thought bins needed to be sited. In the meantime the Clerk would also write to the Dog Warden to see if he could again survey the village and if necessary put up more signs warning dog owners of the consequences of not cleaning up their dog mess. If we had to pay for these signs the Clerk to find out the likely cost. The resident who complained should be advised that we were looking into the problem throughout the village but to ask him if he was prepared to have a dog bin placed on that piece of grass.

124.2 With regard to the waste bin at the end of Thurlby Fen Cllr Scott said that she was prepared to empty the bin. She was thanked for this kind offer and the Clerk was to see if SKDC could pay her direct the £7.20 per hour. She was also advised that the Parish Council would also reimburse her any out of pocket expenses. She was thanked for her generous offer.

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

125.1 Cllr Sadler said that now that dog fouling was on the agenda he felt that this matter could be taken off the survey. However it was agreed that this should be kept on the list as we had not reached a settlement of how we were going to deal with this problem. Items 6,8 and 29 were now being dealt with by TNPG so could be ticked off. The problem with the trees blocking street lighting had been completed with the exception of the trees in Crown Lane. Cllr Samra said that she knew the householder and would have a quite word with him to see if they agreed to cut the tree/bushes back. Item 15 was now an agenda item.

126. To receive an update regarding the placing of a bench at Thurlby crossroads

126.1 Since the last meeting Mr Brumfield had written stating that Highways had no objection to a bench being sited either side of High Street on the A15. What he now needed was for us to sign an agreement which he had sent and which had been circulated in advance. Resolved: that the clerk complete the forms and return them to Mr Brumfield. If any Councillor saw Mr Gadd they should pass on the thanks of the Parish Council for his generous offer of the bench and to let him know the outcome. The Clerk would if appropriate send Mr Gadd a letter of thanks.

127. To discuss and confirm any actions arising following tree cutting in Park Wood.

127.1 Cllr Sadler wanted this item on the agenda and passed around an ariel photograph of Park Wood to show the large swath of trees that had been cut down He said that in his opinion the work had not been completed and the site looked very untidy. He wondered if there was anything that we as a Parish Council could do. Cllr Powell was asked what the letter she had said about this matter and it was explained that it was from Mr Brumfield to say that Ian Cummings was dealing with the matter and that it seemed that the owner of the woods was going to get the site cleared up.

128. To confirm whether or not the Parish council wish to purchase and maintain 2 red telephone boxes in the village

128.1 **Resolved** that we purchase the 2 red telephone boxes in the village. The Clerk was to take the appropriate action to ensure this happened,

129. To discuss when the electricity supply will be connected to the new lamp post opposite 36 Chapel Lane.

129.1 The Clerk had taken this matter up with SKDC and it seemed that the electricity supply would be connected this coming Friday

130. To discuss a residents comments regarding the Parish website.

130.1 A resident had complained that he had been onto the website and the page showing news and was not up to date. The articles were out of date and we had not made mention of the fact that the crossroads in Northorpe had been closed for a week. He wondered why we had not put that on the website. It was explained that the work at Northorpe was carried out by Anglian Water and when they tried to fix a leak another was discovered. They had to take action to carry out the further work and that was the reason for the delay. As it was not a planned road closure we as a Council had no prior notice and were as much in the dark on this matter as the resident. It was agreed that this response should be sent to him but advising that if we got prior notice of any road closure we would put this on the website.

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

131.1 Cllr Thomas said that he had no news to give on any matter relating to the cemetery. The Clerk explained that he had seen a resident and his family earlier in the week and a number of reservations were made for plots in the cemetery.

132. To receive an update in relation to a pension scheme for the Clerk and if one is appropriate.

132.1 The Clerk explained that he had received an e-mail from HMRC explaining that the staging date for us to make a decision was the 31st May 2017. He had also attended a recent SLCC conference and had been to a break out session which dealt with the law on pensions. He had ascertained that the Parish Council did not have to automatically enrol the Clerk onto a pension scheme. It seemed because of the salary the Clerk received he was a non eligible jobholder and as such he could elect to opt into a work place pension which has to be a qualifying scheme and the employer must contribute. According to the pension website no action needed to be taken now and we could wait until the staging date of the 31st May 2107.

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

133.1 There was no update at this moment in time.

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

134.1 There were no reports to be given.

135. To discuss possible items to be included within the 2017-18 budget

135.1 The Clerk explained that this was on the agenda as a Councillor might have a suggestion as to what we could include in the Precept. This matter would be discussed at the December meeting. Whilst they might not have a suggestion now they should let the Clerk know if before the next meeting they had any suggestions. The Clerk was asked if he could put an item on the website and in the Village Links that any group wishing to apply for a grant they could complete a form to be obtained from the Clerk.

136. To confirm Expenditure

[£88.00 – C S Harris (grass cutting in cemetery)]

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

£425.17 – B M Champness (salary)

£36.00 – APS (payroll services July – Sept)

£50.10 – Lawrance Park Community Hall – (hire of Hall for TNPG)

£39.99 – Mr. E Lunn (new flower tub)

[] 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

136.1 Resolved: that the above payments be made. There was a mistake on the agenda as the correct amount to pay Mr Lunn was £39.99 not £39,33

136.2 The Clerk circulated the spreadsheet showing what money was spent and how much we had received.

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

137.1 Cllr Lunn explained that Mrs Cockerill had once again done a splendid job throughout the year

looking after and tendering the various flower pots around the village. He had suggested to her that she should put in an account to the Parish Council for the plants she purchased but she said that she did not want to as the work that she did was for the village. It was agreed that a letter be sent to her thanking her for the work that she undertook and to enclose a £20 voucher form Waterside Nursery.

137.2 Cllr Bradley said that she had been approached by Mr Moore asking if we wanted 1 or 2 wreaths, She had advised him that one was sufficient and had asked him to get one for us to lay on Remembrance Sunday.

137.3 There were no further questions and there being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 21.36

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

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