

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 16-11) held
on Wednesday the 5th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park
Social Room, Thurlby

Present: **Councillors:** N Bradley, B Dobson (District Councillor), E Lunn, M Reece, R Rose, B Sadler (Presiding), S Samra, and Y Scott
 Residents: S Holland, G Fryer, R Bill,
 Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr Helen Powell.
Not Present:

Open Forum

Glen Fryer was present and wanted to address the Council about the reactive sign, the data recoded to date and his experience of living on the A15. He had for a considerable time now been bombarding the various agencies regarding the matter of cars and lorries speeding on the A15. The Road safety Partnership had recently been to see him and the meeting was quite positive and that they acknowledged that there was a problem which they could see firsthand

The negatives from the meeting was that it was unlikely that we would ever get a speeding camera as we did not meet the criteria which was based on accidents at the site and whether they were serious accidents or were fatalities occurred.

The positives were that they engaged as much as they could and they went to see a representative from LCC in Station Road to get the road surface by their house repaired. And the 50 mph sign moved further away from his property, They would start to negotiate with the Police Sgt at Bourne to see if they could become more proactive and to engage more. They would like another survey carried out as the last one was done in 2011. This was done covertly and it was clear that the flow rate had increased but not by as much as is shown from our data. If the Police did come out with a speed camera it was thought that with social media message would soon get around that the Police were trying to catch speeding vehicles.

Helen Powell thought the information obtained was fantastic news as we now had more information to add to our case. She felt that the speed of vehicles on the A15 from Bourne to Katesbridge was far too high.

Stephen Holland did want to address the Council about the Neighbourhood Plan but about the Village Link. He understood the present editor was standing down and he had been in discussion with Mary Trumble about his vision of what could be done. He had prepared a report and had asked this to be circulated which the Clerk confirmed had been. He also said that he had obtained a copy of the Village Newsletter from Spratton and felt this was a good example of what could be done. If he took over the job as editor he was wondering if he could get some financial support from the Parish Council. He understood we had set a budget for a Newsletter and wondered if we could use that money to pay for articles to be placed in the Newsletter about the Parish Council and their activities. He was told that as the matter was not on the agenda we could not make a decision but it would be placed on next month's agenda.

the meeting was opened at 19.48

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

204.1 Apologies were received from A Thomas (personal)

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

204.3 It was reported the G Roulstone had resigned from the Council for personal reasons. The Clerk could now notify South Kesteven District Council who would send out the appropriate notice to go onto the noticeboards.

205. 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

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

206. Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council held on the 1st March 2017 (Min16-010)

206.1 **Resolved:** That the minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st March 2017 were signed by the Chair as a correct record

207. To Co-opt a Councillor

207.1 Richard Bill had applied to become a Councillor and had completed an application form which had been circulated in advance. The Clerk asked him the statutory questions and was asked questions by others. He was asked to leave the room when the application was considered. Resolved: that he be co-opted onto the Council. The Clerk asked him to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office which he did and was witnessed by the Clerk, He was given a copy of the Code of Conduct and a Register of Members Interest which he was asked to complete in his own time and return it to the Clerk. He was then asked to take his place at the table. All Councillors introduced themselves to Cllr Bill.

208. Report from the District and County Councillors

208.1 District Councillor Dobson said that the planning application for 35 A High Street had been approved, subject to two conditions.
The Local Plan had been developed further and he understood that Thurlby was classed as a larger village and as such there would be a development site allocated within the village for 60 - 70 houses
The Chief Executive had now resigned which meant there was the opportunity of a leadership challenge. Matthew Lee was now the Leader and Kelham Cooke was the Deputy Leader.
The AGM was to be held on the 24th April. He was coming off the planning committee and was going to on the growth committee.
The Appeal for 23 The Green had not been decided but he understood this should be made known soon.
Cllr Lunn asked what one should do with small electrical items that needed to be disposed of now that they could not be taken to the local recycling centre. For example if he had a kettle which he wanted to dispose of what should he do? Cllr Dobson said that clothing and the large plastic flower pots were no longer allowed to be placed in the silver bin. He explained how the waste was disposed of and why these things were no longer allowed to be disposed of. He said that he could not give a definitive answer to this question.
Cllr Rose said that he was disappointed with the change of the District Councils attitude regarding the green bins. He understood that they had stated that all who had a green bin would be notified when the licence needed to be renewed but he had not received such a notice. This appeared to be common place amongst other Councillors. It was agreed we should write to South Kesteven District Council and complain about this.

208.2 County Councillor Helen Powell said that the budget had now been completed and there would be an increase of 3.95% of which 2% was going to be spent on Adult Social Care. Regarding the Unitary Authority proposal as resolution had been passed that there must

be consultation with the seven District Councils

Rohan Smith had replaced Kevin Brumfield and she was chasing him up regarding the work being done to the trees in Park Wood and she was monitoring the situation.

She was also pressing for large off road potholes to be repaired and made safe and she understood this work was to be done. Likewise the A15 was to be resurfaced in the new financial year.

There was a problem of fly tipping and Cllr Powell said that this should be reported direct and she was aware that once reported the work would be undertaken

A number of questions were asked and answered.

209. Clerks Report and correspondence received

209.1 The Clerks Report had been circulated in advance. Councillor Sadler asked the following:

1. Had the invitations gone out to the various groups to attend the Annual Parish Meeting
2. Had we received the money from Lidl
3. Was there any news on the red BT phone boxes and
4. Had an advert been placed in the Village Link regarding the Annual Parish Meeting?

The answer to all was that nothing had been done but the Clerk would ensure that it was dealt with.

A letter had been received from the Pension Regulator to advise that the staging date was the 1st May 2017.

A letter from the External Auditor had been received with the audit taking place on the 12th June 2017

210. Planning applications:

210.1 **S17/0323** – Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden at 23 Church Street, Thurlby. **Resolved:** no objections but with a comment that if the application was approved there should be a clause stating that there could be no development on the site. It was understood that there was a covenant on the deeds stating just that and if it was on the planning permission it would reinforce this.

210.2 **S17/0348** - Ground floor rear and side extensions, entrance porch, garage and gazebo at 22 High Street, Thurlby. **Resolved:** no objections but with a comment that the building was next to a listed building that the extension works should not have an impact on the listed building.

210.3 **S17/0354** - Single storey side and rear extension at 2 Ogrey Close, Thurlby. **Resolved:** no objections

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

211.1 It was agreed that this item could be dealt with before the Clerks Report was dealt with The meeting was closed at 20.24 to allow Stephen Holland to address the Council. .

211.2 Stephen Holland had prepared a report which had been circulated as well as a copy of the details of the Local Plan. He had made some progress with Ian Bratley regarding all the information being available from our website. The existing grant monies had been returned and a new application had been submitted with a decision expected shortly. Progress was being made and he would send the policies to Ann Skipper who would deal with the work once we had the funding in place.

He advised that the Pre-submission stage would be mid June/mid July. Once that had been completed the next stage would be the referendum, The next group meeting would take place on the 25th April at 19.30.
The meeting was re-opened at 20.31

212. To discuss whether we allow Councillors access to the LALC website or just the Clerk.

212.1 The Clerk explained that he had now registered with LALC to enable him access to their website. He had received an e-mail from LALC saying that it was down to each Council to decide whether one person accesses the site on behalf of the Council, or whether the log on details are shared with all members, If details for logging on are shared they ask that the password is updated regularly and particularly whenever there is a change of Council membership to avoid unauthorised use of the website. Cllr Sadler said that he would like access to the site as he believed there were some interesting documents that he would like to read. **Resolved:** that the password to be given to any Councillor who requested it but if that Councillor left then the Clerk would change the password.

213. To nominate for the Lawrance Cup 2017 (2nd Round)

213.1 Details of the people nominated into the second round were read out and after further deliberation it was **resolved** that we would nominate Janet & Paul Brown and Maureen and Nick Dickens for their work in organising the Thurlby open gardens weekends.

214. To discuss the results obtained from the Reactive Sign and whether we now write to Lincolnshire County Council with this data with a view to obtaining a crossing at Thurlby Crossroads.

214.1 The date obtained from the sign over the last 4 weeks on the A15 had been obtained and Cllr Sadler had prepared a report which had been circulated in advance. The sign was now up in Northorpe. The Clerk explained that a resident had written pointing out that any data being collected now would not be a true reflection of what usually happened as the schools were on Easter holidays which meant that the traffic flow was going to be lower. In addition there was to be an election shortly in the County Council so this would mean that we would not get a decision from a Councillor as they were soon if not already in Purdah. In view of this it was felt that it might not be the right time to submit the data and requesting a crossing. Cllr Sadler said that if that was the position he would like to talk to the Road Safety Partnership. It was agreed he should do this and to invite them to a meeting locally which would give Councillors to opportunity of attending. Cllr Sadler would also obtain the 2011 date from the survey carried out.

215. To approve the calendar of meetings for 2017/18

215.1 The Clerk explained that he had started to prepare a calendar of meetings for the year but had not completed the exercise. It was agreed he would complete the work and then send it to all Councillors for them to approve.

216. To discuss the progress on employing a littler picker, obtaining a street waste bin , fly tipping and litter generally around the village

216.1 An advert was to be placed in the Village Link for a litter picker as agreed at the last meeting.

216.2 A question was asked if we were going to get the new bins. The Clerk explained that South Kesteven District Council had indicated that they would carry out a survey in Northorpe

and Wood Lane to see if bins were justified. Cllr Dobson would have a word with Keith at South Kesteven District Council to see whether we could get new bins but if this was not to be so then the clerk should place an order for two new ones which should be the same bins as South Kesteven District Council used as it should that dog pooh could be placed in the bins. The Clerk would also find out that if we did purchase new bins would South Kesteven District Council still be responsible for emptying them or would they expect us to pay for that to be done.

216.3 There was a report that dog owners who used the path to Wood Lane from Bourne were not removing the dog bags with pooh in but instead either threw the bags away or even hung them in the bushes.

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

217.1 The only outstanding matter was the trees/ bushes at 10 Crown Land. At the last meeting it was agreed the Clerk would write to LCC but before he did that the house owner had been in touch with Cllr Sadler to say that the work would be undertaken. He had asked the Clerk to refrain from sending the letter to give her the opportunity of doing the work. Sadly since then the work had not been done. **Resolved** that Cllr Sadler speak to the owner once again to ascertain when the work would be done and depending on the answer a letter to be sent to LCC asking them to carry out the work.

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

218.1 Cllr Thomas was not present so a report could not be given The Clerk did say that Mr Harris had started to cut the grass now as he had received an invoice today for £120 for 3 cuts. It was agreed that this should be paid and shown on the agenda next month. The Clerk also reported that he was in the process of renewing the green bin licence.

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

219.1 No report was given

220. To confirm Expenditure

[£4180.38 – Groundworks UK (return of un-used grant monies)]

[£55.33 – Sadler travel expenses and items for sign)]

£425.37 – B M Champness (salary)

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

[] 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

220.1 **Resolved:** that the above payments be made but the Clerk explained that he had not as yet received the correct figures for his salary as the payroll worker was still to run the payroll He also pointed out that it as was agreed last year he would get a 1% increase in this financial year. Once he obtained the information payment should be made.

220.2 The Clerk pointed out that he had received a number of other invoices which needed to be paid. One was from LALC being the annual subscription; another was from the ICCM for their annual fees. The other was from Scribe for their annual fees. These could be paid but shown on the May agenda.

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

221.1 The Clerk was asked if he had written to Stephen Holland inviting him to be the main speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting. He said that he has not as he thought this was going to be done by Cllr Sadler. The Clerk was asked to deal with this matter immediately as an advert was needed to be placed in the Village Link

221.2 There were no further questions and there being no further business the meeting was formally closed at 21.40

222. The date of the next meeting which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – to be held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 8.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.

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