

Thurlby Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 17-08) held on the 6th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Hall, Thurlby

Present:

Councillors: R Bill, N Bradley, B Dobson, E Lunn, M Reece, B Sadler(presiding), Y Scott and A Thomas

Residents: Stephen Holland,

Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk

Open Forum

Stephen Holland said that he was a member of the Elsea Woods Facebook group. There was a complaint that people are leaving dog poo bags at the top of Wood Lane and this was in our Parish.

The meeting was formally opened at 19.34

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

132.1 Apologies were received from L Lowe (personal) R Rose (health) S Samra (personal)

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

132.3 County Councillor Robert Reid sent his apologies

133. 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

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

134. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1st November 2017 (Min17-07)

134.1 **Resolved:** That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1st November 2017 be signed by the Chair as a correct record

135. Report from the District and County Councillors

135.1 District Cllr Dobson had details of funding for rural post offices and he was going to give this to Cllr Samra as if they wanted to keep the Post Office it might help.

- There was also a problem with Tree Preservation orders. He had spoken to residents in Obthorpe Lane as they wanted to have a tree cut down and were told that the tree had a tree preservation order, but this was not correct. It was thought that the tree in question had Ash dieback.
- South Kesteven District Council had decided to enforce some old regulations. One related to the bin collections and if they were put out before the collection day, residents could be fined. Dog owners could be stopped and checked whether they had poo bags with them and if not, they could be fined. People could also be fined for letting their dogs off a lead in a public place
- He had a letter from Cllr Davies addressed to County Councillor asking what highways schemes would you like to see in your division. To help us better understand your suggestions it would be helpful to provide as much detail about the problem and

potential solution. This does not mean that your project will be done. It will go onto a list for the team of Highways officers to look at. You will get a response as to whether it will be progressed, or not. Cllr Dobson said that he thought it would be a good idea to pursue the crossing at Thurlby and the Clerk was to ask Cllr Reid to take this matter up on our behalf.

- Cllr Dobson asked if the Clerk had written to South Kesteven District Council about Sec 106 monies. The Clerk was convinced that he had, and he was asked to send a reminder and our wish for a crossing at Thurlby
- He said that he hoped he would have £1000 to offer the Parish Council but he did not know if this had to be shared amongst the other Parish Councils he represented. A decision will be made shortly but whatever happens if we were given funds it could be spent in this financial year.

135.2 County Councillor Robert Reid was not present and had not sent a report.

136. Clerks Report and correspondence received

136.1 The clerks report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

137. Planning applications:

137.1 **S17/2175** - Extension of agrochemical storage area at Kellington House, South Fen Road, Bourne. **Response** by 13th December 2017. **Resolved** no comment

137.2 After the agenda was posted, notice had been received with number S17/2245 for Single storey rear extension, pitched roof to side at 23 Church Street Thurlby. It was **resolved** that the plan would be considered and for the Clerk to have delegated authority to respond. If the matter had been on the agenda, then we would have no objections provided the extension was within the curtilage of the garden

137.3 Another plan had also been received with number S17/2093 Erection of a 4-bedroom detached house and double garage at Lintre House Water Lane. It was **resolved** that the plan would be considered and for the Clerk to have delegated authority to respond. If the matter had been on the agenda, then we would have no objections provided flooding was not an issue.

137.4 Notice had been received of the making of a provisional Tree Preservation Order. The number is T17/0002/TPPC1 and relate to an Ash Tree in rear garden of No. 14 Obthorpe Lane, an Ash Tree located in front of No. 9a Obthorpe Lane and a Black Walnut Tree located in front garden of No.6 Obthorpe Lane. This temporary order shall remain in force for a period of 6 months unless a permanent order is confirmed in the meantime. We have until 2nd January 2018 to make representations. It was agreed that we would deal with this matter and it was **resolved** that this would be considered and for the Clerk to have delegated authority to respond. The Clerk should respond by asking whether the trees in question are still there. He should also state that we would like all mature trees in the village to be protected by a Tree Preservation Order. A list of all trees in the village that are protected should be requested.

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

138.1 The meeting was formally closed at 8.20. Mr Holland said that his report was self-explanatory. Quite a number of people attended the recent consultation and the feedback was positive. He had received several requests for copies of the character assessment and he wanted to know if the Parish Council had any objections to him selling copies. It was agreed that there would be no objections and the charges would be what it cost to have it printed. The next

meeting would take place on Saturday 9th December 2017. He hoped that many people would attend and extended the invitation to the Councillors.

Mr Holland asked whether we had received a letter from South Kesteven District Council regarding the further consultation relating to the Local Plan. A reply was required by Thursday 4th January 2018. After checking the Clerks report it appeared that we had not received the letter. It was agreed that this letter would be discussed at the meeting on the 9th December and Mr Holland would draft a response and would let every Councillor have a copy with a view to making any comments or observations

138.2 The meeting was re-opened at 8.32

139. To consider the Precept for 2018/19 and to prepare a budget.

139.1 The Clerk had prepared a budget sheet showing what we had paid and received in the 2016/17 financial year, it also showed the budget we set for this financial year, what we had spent and received to date with a calculation showing what we anticipated to spend and receive by the end of the financial year. The final calculation was based on what we proposed to spend and receive during the 2018/19 financial year. This had been circulated in advance. The proposed budget was considered item by item with amendments being made if necessary. Once the expected expenditure had been calculated as well as the anticipated income it was possible to calculate what the precept for 2018/19 would be. As we were in a reasonable financial position it was agreed that the general reserve would be increased to £9000 and we would retain £6000 in the cemetery account for future work needed to be done when extending the existing cemetery. It was **resolved** that the precept for 2018/19 would be set at £19000.

139.2 It was **resolved** that Cllr Scott should purchase 4 shovels for the salt bins. It was also **resolved** that Cllr Thomas would check the seals in the notice board by the post-office as water appeared to be leaking in.

140. To consider the contract from BT and to complete the same.

140.1 The contract from BT had been circulated so that consideration could be given to the proposals. After discussion, it was **resolved** that we would not proceed, and a matter be left in abeyance.

141. To discuss the speed data obtained and what action if necessary we can take to try and obtain a crossing at Thurlby Crossroads.

141.1 Cllr Bill provided everyone with a copy of the data obtained from the reactive sign in Obthorpe Lane, Northorpe Lane and Swallow Hill. The data was presented in a way that could be understood. It was agreed that if Cllr Bill sent a copy to the Clerk he would arrange for this to be placed on the website.

142. To receive an update on where we can locate the 2 extra rubbish bins.

142.1 The Clerk still had the 2 second hand bins in his garage and wondered when they would be removed. It was agreed that one would be placed on Swallow Hill by Swift Way and the other on the corner of Chapel Lane and Tudor Close. Cllr Thomas said that he would arrange for them to be put in place.

142.2 Cllr Dobson said that it might be possible to get another couple of bins. The Clerk was to write to South Kesteven District Council and see if it was possible for them to supply us with them.

At the same time he was to ask if the bins as mentioned above could be emptied by South Kesteven District Council.

143. To consider any items to be placed in the Village Link

143.1 It was suggested that the following should be added:

1. Details regarding the Neighbourhood plan
2. A summary of the speed data
3. Advising that the precept for 2018/19 would be reduced by 20%

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

144.1 Cllr Thomas explained that everything was in order and he had tidied up the flowers from the graves. The hedge trimmings would be disposed of soon. He pointed out that there was an error in the latest SKDC News as the green bins were emptied every 4 weeks until the Spring. It was agreed that this information should also be included in the village link

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

145.1 Cllr Lunn said that he had attended a meeting of the Churchyard Committee and instead of giving a report he had a copy of the minutes. The Clerk would scan these and send a copy to every Councillor. Cllrs Thomas and Sadler reported attending a meeting with Highways. It was clear that their department had little funds, and this meant that although they had a lot of work to do they could not do everything. They were trying to get in touch with Parishioners at a local level.

146. To confirm Expenditure

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

£429.69 – B M Champness (salary)

£352.20 - HMRC (PAYE& NI due in January)

£57.54 – litter picker

[£56.00 - C S Harris (grass cutting and sweeping paths in cemetery)]

£181.00 – T Montero (cleaning bus shelters)

£12.00 – Chromasports (engraving on shield)

[£352.20 – HMRC (PAYE & NI)]

[£520.00 – S Holland (printing for TNPG)]

£100.00 – S Holland (stationery for TNPG)

[£2000.00 – Lawrance Park (Balance of Precept request)]

[£34.20 – LPCA (hire of hall for TNPG)]

[£267.15 – LPCA (hire of hall for TNPG)]

[£34.20 – LPCA (hire of hall for TNPG)]

[£17.10 – LPCA (hire of hall for TNPG)]

£50.64 – BT (telephone charges) (DD)

[] 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

146.1 Resolved: that the above payments be made with the exception of £2000 to Lawrance Park as this was paid last month and recorded in last month's minutes.

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

147.1 There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.54. The Chair wished everyone a happy Christmas and New Year.

148. The date of the next meeting – to be held on **Wednesday 7th February 2018** at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.

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