

**Thurlby Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 17-10) held**  
**on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Hall,**  
**Thurlby**

**Present:**

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

**Residents:** Stephen Holland, Tony Smith, Malcolm Brown, Julian Footy, Allan Wade, Sarah Austin and Michael Austin.

**Others:** Bernard Champness – Clerk, District Cllr B Dobson and County Cllr R Reid

**Open Forum**

Several residents were present to discuss the planning application as set out in Item 173.2. and it the Chair explained that we only had 15 minutes as an Open Forum and they would be asked to be succinct with their comments.

Mr Brown explained that he and his colleagues present were neighbours to 14 Swallow Hill and their main concern about the application was noise, intrusion and traffic movements. A letter had been sent to South Kesteven District Council setting out these concerns.

Mr Foot explained that his principle objection was not with the proposed new owners but what might happen if and when the property was sold. The premises would be changed from residential C3 to D1 and it might mean that any future owner could use the premises for other uses which would be an intrusion to the neighbourhood.

Mr Smith was selling 14 Swallow Hill and fully supported the application to turn the property into a Pre School. This was a much-needed service within the village. He did not share the concerns about the property being on a bend as it was on a straight part of the road, but he did accept that at times the road was heavily used at certain times of the day as was evidenced by the data obtained from the reactive sign This showed that 1400 vehicles daily used the road. He understood there should not be on road parking as members of staff will park at the Applicants property and there would be a provision for up to 13 parking spaces on site. There were other business's in Swallow Hill and he understood that the power lines above the property would be removed later this year. He understood that only one objection had been sent to South Kesteven District Council and not withstanding this Cllr Dobson had called in the application to be dealt with by the Planning Committee. He was surprised at this as Cllr Dobson was on a committee which was supporting local businesses and he was acting in a way that was the opposite. Mr Smith pointed out that he understood the committee would not sit now until 1<sup>st</sup> May and this could have an impact on his selling the property. The delay might be a problem with the people who were selling the property which he and his wife were wanting to buy as if they wanted things to happen quickly it could mean the sale falling through.

Mrs Austin explained that she was the present owner of the existing Pre School which was in Northorpe, but they were being asked to move from the present site. She and her husband had been searching for properties in Thurlby and 14 Swallow Hill was the first site which met their criteria. A Pre School would enhance Thurlby and most of the children attending would be able to attend the Primary school in the village. She accepted that there would be noise, but this was not like the noise made by children at a school, who were kept in a class room to do school work and when they were able to go out to play they did so as if letting off steam. Children in a Pre School would be outside for 1- 1.5 hours a day, so their noise was nowhere near as loud. The Pre-school would close at 3 p.m. during the weekdays and would not open at weekends.

District Cllr Dobson explained that he did call the planning application in as he had received e-mails asking for his support in opposing this application. When questioned how many he said that he had received 7 complaints. It was clear that there was a good deal of passion about this and as it was going to a committee anyone either supporting the application or opposing it would be given an opportunity of speaking at the committee. But they would be restricted to 3 minutes each. He confirmed he supports young children in the village and would like to see the pre-school maintained.

County Cllr Reid said that he was talking as a District Councillor and not as a County Councillor as he sat on the Planning Committee. He confirmed that people would be given an opportunity of addressing the committee and the committee would also have to take notice of any comments made by the Parish Council. He was working closely with Cllr Dobson and between them would do what they could and to bring something to the April meeting. He and Cllr Dobson would discuss the matter with the Planning Department the following day.

Cllr Lunn said that he had spoken to the Headmaster at the Primary School and as the population of young children was decreasing in Thurlby many children from Bourne now attended. He was anxious to see the Pre School continuing as it would mean that most of the children attending would attend the primary school. The Clerk said that he had been checking on line about the definition of D1 in planning terms and what was clear was that a restriction could be put on when granting planning permission which would prevent the building being used for any other purpose.

The meeting was formally opened at 20.02

**168. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received**

**168.1** No apologies were received as all were present

**169. 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**

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

**170. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (Min17-09)**

**170.1 Resolved:** That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 be signed by the Chair as a correct record after a few errors were corrected.  
152.1 the words “under their direct control” to the end of the sentence  
152.1 in the 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph the word be was added after the word would.  
156.1 there should be a comma between the words in.  
160.1 sub paragraph 1 the dates were the 5<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> . In sub paragraph 2 the peak traffic flow was 1007 vehicles and it was south bound not north bound.

**171. Report from the District and County Councillors**

**171.1** District Cllr Dobson gave a report on the following

- The budget had now been approved with a 4.9% increase.
- He has up to £650 to give to the Parish Council but he just cannot give it , it has to be for a project.
- He explained that he called in the planning application on the agenda because of the strength of feeling regarding the proposal.

- The silver bins were not collected last Friday because of the weather but the recycle collection will be in a fortnights time and if anyone has an excess of waste they can put that in a clear sack and it will be collected
- Bourne Town Hall had now been handed over to new Trustees
- Regarding the A15 from Bourne to Market Deeping the police & Crime Commissioner is onboard and there is a meeting with him on Friday lunchtime at the White Horse, Baston. He would like to invite 2 Parish Councillors to attend with him
- He had been approached by a resident whose son had been injured whilst playing in the Cage at the school. He had spoken to the Head Teacher and it appeared that the school had to have a % of green area and a % of grey areas. He could not simply close the Cage. RoSPA has said that the Cage is a moderate Risk. To upgrade would cost up to £40,000.00 and there were not the funds available although it might be possible to find £10,000 which would mean having to find the balance of £30,000.00

**171.2** County Councillor Robert Reid said that he too had received an e-mail from the parent whose child was injured whilst playing in the cage. He was in a very difficult position as a County Councillor he sat on the Lawrance Park Committee. He understood that a grant application from Lawrance Park had been submitted from the Community Fund which had funds of £200,000.00 but covered applications from the whole of Lincolnshire. He understood the request from Lawrance Park was turned down. He would work closely with Cllr Dobson to see if there was any other funding which could be obtained. Regarding the problem of traffic on the A15 and our request for a crossing he and Cllr Dobson were working closely to try and put pressure on people who should be willing to help such as the MP Nick Bowles. The problem at the moment County were using the severity test but doing that was not going to get us anywhere. He thought that we should continue with our request for a crossing and not to give up as he was convinced that this was the only way of getting things done as had been proved in the past. The Government had now released more funds to fix potholes in the roads. And he had reported some potholes in Swallow Hill. He asked that in future all e-mail should go through his personal account.

**172. Clerks Report and correspondence received**

**172.1** The clerks report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no questions.

**173. Planning applications:**

**173.1 S17/1000** – erection of outbuilding at 55 High Street, Thurlby. **Resolved:** no objections.

**173.2 S18/0214** – change of use from residential (C3) to a day Nursery/pre-school (D1) at 14 Swallow Hill. **Response** by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Having considered the comments made in the Open Forum and the plan each Councillor was asked to give his or her own view on what the decision should be. This resulted in it being **resolved** that we would not have any objections but would like a restriction to be placed on the permission granted to prevent the building being used for anything other than a residential dwelling or a play school.

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

**174.1** The meeting was formally closed at 20.50 to allow Mr Holland to address the Council. He explained that he had sent the Clerk a report and he hoped that all had been able to read it before the meeting. Regarding the grant he had spoken to Locality who said that we would have to return the unspent money, but we could re-apply as we might need to ask Ann Skippers to help out with a further report. He wanted confirmation from the Council that this

would be acceptable. He would like this an agenda item next month. He said that he would be happy to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**174.2** The meeting was re-opened at 21.00. It was **resolved** that the grant was to be refunded and to re-apply for that money.

**175. To consider and prepare for the General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force in May 2018.**

**175.1** It was agreed that we would set up the measures at the Annul Meeting of the Parish Council in May.

**176. To decide who to invite to the Annual Parish Meeting**

**176.1** The Clerk explained that he had put this on the agenda as he wanted to make sure the correct people were invited, and that he could send out the invitations. After considering who we should invite the following was agreed:

1. Stephen Holland to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan
2. Lawrance Park
3. The Churchyard Committee
4. Richard Bill to discuss data obtained from the reactive sign
5. Scouts and anyone else we gave a grant to
6. County Cllr Robert Reid to discuss what the proposals are or plan to improve the A15. If he could not give an update, then he should invite someone who could.

**177. To receive an update on possible co-option of two councillors**

**177.1** The Clerk explained that notices had been placed in the Noticeboards and on the website advertising the vacancy and no one had been in touch with South Kesteven District Council asking for there to be an election. This would mean we could now advertise the fact that we could co-opt. He showed the Councillors the notice that was going to be placed in the noticeboards. It was already on the website. We should be transparent in how we deal with co-options and although someone had been in touch asking to join the council he had been advised that it was too soon but he would be contacted now as would the person who did not succeed at the last time we co-opted someone onto the Council.

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

**178.1** Cllr Bill handed out the data obtained from the sign at Northorpe crossroads. A copy of that report is attached. The data was the same as that recorded at Thurlby but the concern was that the highest speed recorded

**179. To receive an update on the 2 extra rubbish bins.**

**179.1** The Clerk explained that he had been in touch with South Kesteven District Council to see if we could have two extra bins but as yet he had not received a reply. It was agreed that this matter would remain on the agenda.

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

**180.1** It was suggested that the following should be added:

1. Details of the Precept
2. Traffic data

- 181. To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting and maintenance**
- 181.1** Cllr Thomas said that all was looking well in the cemetery. He had removed the old Christmas wreaths and had put out the green bin. The Clerk was asked to renew the licence for the green bin.
- 182. For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council**
- 182.1** There was no report from any Councillor.
- 183. To confirm Expenditure**  
£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)  
£429.69 – B M Champness (salary)  
£59.04 – litter picker  
£50.64 – BT (telephone charges)) (DD)  
£40.00 – Thurlby PCC (articles in Village Link)  
[ ] 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
- 183.1 Resolved:** that the above payments be made after the Clerk pointed out that the correct figure for the Litter Picker was £52.46. He handed to each Councillor present the monthly spread sheet showing money paid out and received up to the end of February.
- 184. Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.**
- 184.1** The sign for Thurlby was damaged and needed to be re-fixed. Rather than report this to Highways to repair Cllr Bill said that he would undertake that job
- 184.2** The Clerk was reminded that the Precept budgets figures were to be sent out to the Councillors
- 184.3** Cllr Thomas was asked if there was any update on the nominations for the Lawrance Cup. Cllr Thomas explained that this had not as yet been decided but a decision would be made soon and we would receive notice of those who have been chosen.
- 184.4** There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.29
- 185. The date of the next meeting** – to be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018** at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.