

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 18-02) held
on the 6th June 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Lawrance Park Social Room,
Thurlby

Present: **Councillors:** R Bill, N Bradley, L Lowe, E Lunn, M Reece, R Rose, B Sadler Y Scott, A Thomas and D White
Residents: S Holland
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, District Cllr B Dobson.

Open Forum	
There was no open forum and the meeting was formally opened at 19.30	
22. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
22.1	No apologies were received from Parish Councillors as all were present, but County Cllr Reid had sent his apologies.
23. 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	
23.1	Cllr Lowe declared an interest in Item 28.1 because the applicant was her neighbour.
24. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 2nd May 2018 (Min18-01)	
24.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the 2 nd May 2018 were signed by the Chair as a correct record after Paragraph 20.1 was corrected to read diary instead of dairy
25. To receive a report from the County Councillor and District Councillor	
25.1	District Cllr Dobson explained that he was given a report on his own behalf as well as Cllr Reid. On their behalf he was able to report the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Clean was underway and suggested if we had any grot spots we should put those forward. • South Kesteven District Council was trialling obtaining energy from food waste 4000 homes had been selected in Bourne and Folkingham. The trail would last for a year and they were considering a similar scheme using grass cuttings. • Regarding grass cutting South Kesteven District Council would be cutting grass 5 times a year and LCC twice a year, Money was short, and it was hoped that many Parish Councils would take over this operation as a grant was available to help them. • South Kesteven District Council had now taken over running the Best Kept Village and Small Town Competition. Every village would be entered this year and there would be no entrance fee. • Gravitas have started to build 25 residencies in Wherry Lane and it was hoping this would roll out to other sites. • InvestSK were looking at the visitor economy and how to attract more visitors to the County • Concern was being expressed about the demise of the High Street and this was being

	<p>looked into</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were hoping to have broadband in every High Street • He had a meeting with Rowan Smith about potholes and grass cutting. The County ow had £13 million and it was hoped that work would be carried out to fix all the potholes. They could be reported by telephone and the system was now working. Cllr Lowe explained that she had telephoned about a number of potholes and was told that if they were not repaired within a week she should call back. • The proposed meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Road Safety Partnership was put back to August and he would be able to invite two members from the Parish Council as would Cllr Reid • He had presented a certificate to Lawrance Park and he had given £750 to them to help with repairs to the cage. • Cllr Rose said that he was not happy with the having potholes repaired so can we have an end to the prevarication and have the work done quickly?
26. To Co-opt a Councillor	
26.1	No one had put their name forward for co-option, so it was agreed that this matter would be left on the agenda until the vacancy was filled.
27. Clerks Report and correspondence received	
27.1	The Clerks Report had been circulated in advance and although a number of other e-mails and letters had arrived since it was completed these would be added to the July Report. Cllr Sadler asked if the Minutes had been placed in the Post Office and the Clerk that this had been done last week with the entire minutes for 2017 meetings. Cllr Sadler also said that he had attended an employment training event run by LALC and it appeared that amended draft contracts of employment would be sent out as existing ones needed to reflect current legislation changes. Cllr Rose asked if we had heard from CPRE about the Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk said that he did not recall hearing from them although Witham had, It was pointed out that Cllr Dobson had said that South Kesteven District Council were now taking over this competition and this year there would be no entrance fee and all villages and towns had been entered.
28. Planning applications:	
28.1	S18/0744 – single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 7 Park View, Thurlby. Response by 7 th June 2018. Resolved: that we have no objections
28.2	S18/0948 - construction of detached house and double garage at Lintre House, Water Lane. Response by 15 th June 2018. Resolved: that we have no objections
28.3	On Friday 1 st June the day after the agenda was posted another planning application had been received. This was S18/0937 reserved matters application for 174 dwellings and associated infrastructure pursuant to SK94/0125/12 at Elsea Park Zone 9 Land east of A151 Raymond Mays Way. Response: 22 nd June 2018. Resolved: that we have no objections, but we would write once again pointing out that the increase in houses will only increase the number of cars which are likely to use the A15. Thus, making worse the already serious problem we have in Thurlby of a busy traffic flow making it almost impossible to cross the A15 at peak flow hours.
29. To receive a report on the progress on the Neighbourhood Plan (Mr Stephen Holland)	
29.1	The meeting was closed at 19.54 to allow Mr Holland to address the council.

	<p>He said that the final document to be sent to South Kesteven District Council would shortly be completed and it was hoped that at the meeting on the 12th June it would be completed. Once sent off to South Kesteven District Council they would have a six-week consultation period and if all goes well it will go to an Inspector for a final decision with hopefully a referendum following that. They had received notice that a grant had been awarded from Groundwork and the money should shortly go into the Council bank account.</p> <p>There had been a number of personnel changes at South Kesteven District Council Planning Department.</p>
29.2	<p>Mr Holland said that he also wanted to address the Council on the proposed South Kesteven District Council Local Plan. This would go out for consultation on the 11th June until the 23rd July 2018. All that they were looking for was the “soundness” of the Plan</p> <p>A few weeks ago, he had obtained information about the Local Plan which had not yet got into the public domain. He had seen a copy. The one important issue was that Bourne had petitioned South Kesteven District Council to have their site allocation for houses taken away and for them to find sites themselves through their Neighbourhood Plan. They would have to find 200 houses. This petition was successful. On the 24th May he went to a South Kesteven District Council meeting and there met with Cllrs Dobson and Reid and was introduced to Cllr King and a Mr Ransom. He was told that Bourne was not to be treated as a precedent, but it seemed that they had ignored the letter from us and would not even raise this matter within the Local Plan. Cllr King said that the objections to Elm Farm had not met all the tests but he would not elaborate what those test were. He felt that notwithstanding what he was told as we had written in August we should put up a fight and object most strongly to the inclusion of the 50-house development at Elm Farm in the Local Plan.</p> <p>A meeting was being planned with Cllr King and Mr Ransom and Mr Ransom would be available on the 18th June between 12 – 2, 20th June between 1.4, 2nd July anytime in the afternoon after 12 noon and 4th July any time after 11 a.m. It was envisaged that those present would be members of the Neighbourhood Planning group and Thurlby Parish Council. Mr Holland asked if the Leader of the Council and or his Deputy would be present. They were not expected to attend but they would be invited.</p>
29.3	<p>The meeting was re-opened at 20.27. A discussion took place as to what could or could not be agreed. First it was resolved that Mr Holland had the approval of the council to proceed to complete all necessary work to conclude the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>With regard to the Local Plan Cllr Dobson was asked to give us a feedback on any meeting he might have with Cllr King about whether we agreed to the inclusion of the 50 houses if Sec 106 money would be available for improvements to the infrastructure and if that money could go towards the installation of a crossing at Thurlby crossroads. He should also let us know if any meeting that took place could be during the evening rather than the day. Cllr Dobson said that he would get back to us as soon as possible.</p> <p>A discussion took place as to what the Council should do about calling a special meeting or an open meeting with the residents. Each Councillor was asked to express their thoughts on what they would like to happen. The feeling of the majority was that if we had to take development it should be less than the 50 houses envisaged, and any Sec 106 money should be spent on improving the infrastructure and installing a crossing. Following the discussion, it was resolved that the village issue be discussed with Cllr King as soon as possible and if an agreement could be reached that we would receive the Sec 106 money or that it was to be used to improve the present essential infrastructure and installing a crossing at Thurlby Crossroads.</p>
30.	To consider mobility scooter access - Beck Way to Northorpe (Cllr White)
30.1	<p>Cllr White had asked for this item to be added to the agenda. He had been approached by a resident who used a mobility scooter who found it impossible to get through the barrier on the footpath in Beck Way to Northorpe. The bars were too close and the only way to get through</p>

	was to get off the scooter and then manually manoeuvre the scooter through. The barrier at the Northorpe end was fine. As this person could not get through it meant a very long route through the estate to get to Almond Court. It was not clear who owned the land as this had never been resolved. The Clerk would write to Axiom Housing to see if they would mind either removing the barriers or moving them further apart.
31.	To consider what we do about over grown hedges and vegetation blocking footpaths around the village (Cllr White)
31.1	Cllr White had asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda as there had been articles on Social Media about the state of the over grown hedges in Crown Lane. The path was 110 cm wide but in parts because of the over growing bush the path was only 25 cm wide which meant that mothers with pushchairs or people using a mobility scooter could not get past without going onto the road. It was also dangerous for children walking to and from school. It was explained that we had , had leaflets printed which could be posted through a residents door advising them to cut back the offending shrubbery and if they did not they would be reported to the County Council which might result in the Council cutting back the bush and charging the householder for that.
32.	To review the progress in obtaining a salt bin for Lawrance Way.
32.1	It was thought the right time to progress our request for a salt bin in Lawrance Way. The bin can go on a piece of ground by 1 Pinfold Way and close to the junction with Lawrance Way. It was understood that we could apply for one on line on the County Council website. Cllr Thomas said that he would send the link to the clerk who would place an order.
33.	To approve the Annual Report
33.1	The draft Annual Return had been sent to the printers to prepare a draft. This had been done and copies circulated. There were a few amendments necessary and Cllr Sadler would go through the Report and let the Clerk know what amendments were needed. Cllr White gave the Clerk his mobile telephone number to be included. The four data reports produced by Cllr Bill were very small and almost too small to read. It was agreed that the reports would be amalgamated to 2 reports which would mean the font would be larger and easier to read. The heading should read 2017-18 not 17-18. Other than these amendments the Report was approved and could go to print once amended.
34.	Audit of 2017- 2018 Accounts –
34.1	To Note Internal Auditors Report – the Clerk explained that Godfrey Parkes no longer sent out reports to smaller authorities as the criteria was set out in the papers sent out by the External Auditor.
34.2	To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2017/18. Resolved: that the Annual Governance statement be approved after this was considered in detail.
34.3	To accept the Accounting Statement 2017/18 as a true record. Resolved: that the Accounting Statement for 2017/18 be accepted as a true record.
34.4	To sign the Annual Return and submit for Audit. Resolved: that the Annual return be signed by the Chair and submitted for Audit. The Annual return was duly signed by the Chair Cllr Sadler.
35.	To consider and take procurement actions on Precept Funded items as appropriate.

35.1	<p>Cllr Sadler had asked for this item to be included. All Councillors had been sent a copy of the Budget which was set in December for 2018-19. It was noted that we had to approve the payment to Lawrance Park which represented half of what was requested. The Clerk was asked if he had received all or half of the Precept, He explained that he had received all of the precept with the exception on 60p which would be paid in October. It was agreed that we could pay the £4000 now rather than half now and the balance later in the year. At the moment we did not have to pay the Churchyard any money although we had funds in reserve.</p> <p>Last year we carried out a survey of what needed to be done in and around the village which resulted in 34 actions to be taken Cllr Sadler wondered if we should do the same again. It was agreed that this would be left in abeyance until December so that we could spend next year in dealing the requests.</p> <p>As the Clerk needed a new printer he could purchase one up to the cost of £60</p> <p>Cllr Lunn was to inform Mrs Cockerill that we had funds to pay for plants to go in the various tubs around the village.</p>
36.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees and to receive an update on the matters raised at the last meeting.
36.1	<p>Cllr Thomas reported that all was good in the cemetery although people were still putting in wrong items in either the green or black bin which he had to sort out. The grass was being cut and would need cutting again soon.</p>
36.2	<p>The Clerk has circulated an e-mail from ICCM regarding the possibility of ashes being buried in another person's grave. It was agreed that the Clerk would take this matter up with the lady who contacted him to see if anything could be done to resolve the issue.</p>
37.	To discuss the SKDC/LCC grass cutting in the village
37.1	<p>We had received several complaints from residents about the poor grass cutting programme being run by both the County and District Council. An e-mail had been received from Cllr Davies of South Kesteven District Council, but this was not sent to us but to Witham on the Hill Parish Council, A copy had been circulated, It was agreed that the work done in the village was far from impressive but we could not take this matter further until we know what grass was being cut by the District and what grass was being cut by the County. The Clerk was to ask Cllr Dobson and Cllr Reid if they could supply us with a map showing what areas of grass were cut and by what Council.</p>
38.	To discuss streets that would benefit from the Big Clean
38.1	<p>It was agreed that we would like the footpath/cycleway from Northorpe to Bourne to be included as the vegetation was now overgrowing the footpath which was making it very narrow. The dyke running along the side was in a disgraceful mess and full of rubbish. The Clerk was to register this to be included in this years Big Clean.</p>
39.	To discuss speed data obtained from the reactive sign and any actions that can be taken to have a crossing installed at Thurlby crossroads.
39.1	<p>Cllr Bill circulated recent data obtained from High Street, Thurlby. The report also showed the data obtained in December 2017. The information was very similar, and speeding was not too much of a problem.</p> <p>That then took the conversation to an e-mail that was sent out by the Clerk relating to training for and using Speed Watch equipment. After considering the information it was agreed that we would not sign up to this proposal.</p>

40.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council
40.1	There was no written report from any Councillor.
41.	To confirm Expenditure £80.00 – C Harris (grass cutting in cemetery) £378.58 – Community Lincs Insurance Services (Insurance Premium) £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) £90.00 – ICCM (annual subscription) £5.00 – Lincs Fieldpaths Association (annual subscription) £2000.00 – Lawrance Park (grant payment) [] 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
41.1	Resolved: that the above payments be made.
42.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.
42.1	Although not a question Cllr Rose reported that there had been a spate of burglaries in Swallow Hill and Station Road with sheds being targeted and bicycles being stolen. He also reported that there had been a conviction of someone stealing from the Post Office and Cllr Scott had been partly instrumental in the conviction.
42.2	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.48
43.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.