

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 18-08) held
on the 6th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Lawrance Park Social
Room, Thurlby

Present: Councillors: R Bill, N Bradley, L Lowe, E Lunn, R Rose, B. Sadler (presiding) A Thomas and D White

Residents: S Holland, Tracey Bell and Tracey Chamberlain

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

	Open Forum
	Tracey Bell explained that she wanted to know what the Parish Council were going to do about the salt bin that was sited in front of her house in Lawrance Way. She read out from a prepared statement which in her opinion the bin was an eyesore and that no one would use the bin in the current location. She had previously spoken to the Chair who explained that the original request was to site the bin on the waste ground opposite. She confirmed that prior agreement had been sought by councillors with the resident opposite who tended the abandoned land. This was the original site suggested by the Parish Council to Lincolnshire County Council, but they later wrote to say they wanted to site the bin on their own land which was unfortunately in front of her house. It was acknowledged that her husband does cut the grass regularly on the same County Council land being a community service for residents. Cllr Sadler apologised for any confusion caused and that it was the first meeting this year for the Parish Council to discuss the grit bin siting which had already been put on the agenda. He said that he was sure some arrangement could be made with Highways to re-site the bin. It was the original intention to have grit available at the Lawrence Way Chapel Lane junction to enhance community safety at the junction. Cllr Davies confirmed that he would liaise with Highways.
	Cllr Davies from Lincolnshire County Council was present to talk about the request for a crossing at Thurlby and any other highways matter that we might want to raise with him. Regarding the crossing he said that the recent meeting with County Councillor Reid and District Councillor Dobson and other Parish Councils was very productive. He said that he had not realised how busy the A15 was and the problem that existed. He said that he was supportive of the request for a crossing, but a feasibility/design survey would have to be carried to ensure where the pedestrian crossing was appropriate. He was looking to the Parish Council for a contribution of £5250.00 and the County Council would pay the balance. The survey would take about three months before the results were known but we would be kept fully advised with what was happening. A number of questions were put to Cllr Davies which he answered. The Chair thanked Cllr Davies for attending and for giving up his time to discuss these matters.
	The meeting was formally opened at 19.50
	136. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received
	136.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Reece (personal) and Cllr Barnett (personal)
	136.2 Resolved: that the apologies be accepted.
137.	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

	137.1	No one declared a disclosable pecuniary and any other interest on any matter on the agenda.
138.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 5th December 2018 (Min18-07)	
	138.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the 5 th December 2018 were signed by the Chair as a correct record
139.	To receive a report from the County Councillor and District Councillor	
	139.1	<p>County Cllr Reid gave a report as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was working on issues within the village including the crossing at Thurlby. • He said that he would do what he could to help resolve the problem with the salt bin as mentioned in the Open Forum • He was asked if there was any truth in the rumour of a solar farm near Obthorpe. He said that no application had been submitted as far as he knew although a general enquiry had been made. • Regarding the road surface on the A6121 he had taken this matter up and he understood that resurfacing would or might take place in 2020 • He was asked if any further works were going to be carried out to clear the footpath/cycle path from Thurlby to Bourne. Work had been done to clear back the vegetation, but more work was needed to be done. It was ascertained that this work was undertaken by the Big Clean which was a District Council initiative. They did not intend to come back but Cllr Reid said that he was hopeful that this work would be included in the works schedule this year and then on a yearly basis. • The County had set its budget and 2% was allocated to Adult Social care.
	139.2	<p>District Cllr Dobson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget was being dealt with and it was felt that the increase would be 5% in accordance with legislation. • The Wherry's Lane development was coming along nicely • InvestSK was working well and they had now produced a brochure. There was a work being done to revitalise the high street and Town Centre. It was hoped this would bring in much needed help to these and be a benefit not only to residents but to the existing shopkeepers.
140.	Clerks Report and correspondence received	
	140.1	<p>The Clerks Report had been circulated in advance. There were no questions on the correspondence, but the clerk explained that he had a few items he would like to mention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had received several invitations to attend conferences in London and Manchester. He was not sure if they were of any interest to any member, but he would send them on to Councillors for them to decide. • We had also received several e-mails from NALC but if they were converted to a pdf format when they were read Councillors would not be able to click the link to read the article. He would send a few of them to Councillors to see if they were of any interest. • It was appropriate to mention here that following the December meeting he had telephoned South Kesteven District Council to speak to the Chief Accountant to advise that we had received two payments from them of £18,999.79 by way of the Precept when we had only requested a payment of £19,000.00. They promised to telephone the Clerk back, which they had not done. When the Clerk submitted the request for the Precept for 2019-20 he mentioned the telephone call and again pointed what money we had received and asking them what they would like us to do. They had not replied yet.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk was asked if the bus shelters had been cleaned yet. It was explained that Toni Montero was now back, and he would be asked if he would do this work There was an error on the website in that it showed there was a vacancy for Vice Chair. The Clerk said that he would get this matter resolved. It was noted that the Costa coffee mug was still in place by the garage near McDonalds, The Clerk explained that he did not have to go to Bourne that often and had not noticed this until after the last meeting and he said that he accepted he should have complained to the garage but he had taken the view that it was not causing a problem. He was told that he had been asked to do this and was told to write to the Planning Officer to see if anything could be done to get it removed or for planning permission to be applied for. Cllr Thomas was asked if he had yet collected and disposed of the tin chest which was at St Firmins Church. He said that it was huge and was in the back of his car. He would either dispose of it or take it to the local auctioneer to see if it could be sold. It was agreed he should try the latter course first. The Clerk was reminded that he was to scan the paperwork received in relation to grass cutting around the village and to circulate that to the Councillors
141.	To receive a report on the progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and to discuss arrangements for the Referendum	
141.1	<p>The meeting was closed at 20.13 to allow Stephen Holland the opportunity of updating the Councillors. He had sent the Clerk a report and he understood that all councillors had seen a copy. There would be a referendum on 7th March and voting would take place in the Methodist Chapel and would be open from 7 a.m to 10p.m. Polling cards would be sent out within the next few days. There were two planned open meetings in Lawrance Park on the 28th February and 3rd March. The Clerk explained that the details regarding the referendum had been placed in the noticeboards and on our website. Cllr Sadler expressed his thanks to Stephen Holland and the group for the very hard work they had put in to get the Neighbourhood plan this far. Stephen Holland was asked what would happen if the result did not go in the way that was hoped and it was rejected. He said that he did not know the answer. He was advised to consider this matter just in case this happened.</p> <p>The meeting was re-opened at 20.20</p>	
142.	Planning applications:	
142.1	S19/0108 - Erection of a 1.5 storey dwelling and detached garage/workshop/store Land to Rear Of 67/69 Northorpe Lane, Response 18th February 2019. Resolved: that we have no comments	
143.	To consider a request for financial assistance for Thurlby & Northorpe Open Gardens 2019	
143.1	Yvonne Scott had asked if the Parish Council would once again help financially with a donation. Although she had not asked for a specific sum After a discussion it was resolved that the Council would make a financial donation in the same amount that they paid in 2017 which amounted to £100	
144.	To consider payment of £5250.00 for the Crossing design costs for the Thurlby Crossing	
144.1	A detailed report had been circulated in advance. The Clerk was asked if we could afford to make this payment and on his assurance we could it was resolved that the Council make the payment of £5250.00 to help towards the crossing design costs. Cllr Davies said that a letter would be sent out in due course with details of who to make the payment to.	

145.	To discuss public footpaths in and around the village
145.1	Cllr Bradley had asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda as there was a particular problem on a piece of land between footpaths 6 and 4. For years now walkers could get from either footpath by walking along this piece of land, but the land owner had recently put up a gate by footpath 6. More recently he had put rubble either side of the gate to stop walkers from getting past. A notice had been erected to advice that trespassers would be prosecuted. This path had been used by walkers for about 20 years now and Cllr Bradley wanted to know if this piece of land could be made a designated footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Lincolnshire Footpaths Officer for advice and assistance in trying to get this matter resolved.
146.	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.
146.1	Cllr Thomas said that there was little to report other than 10-12 Christmas wreaths had been removed from graves and placed in the green bin, which he had to remove and place in the black bin. He had no idea who had removed them. He also pointed out that unused soil was usually placed in the dyke at the eastern end of the cemetery. The dyke had been piped to allow this to happen and for water to be able to move freely. The dyke was now getting very full of soil and it was almost impossible to see the piping. He said that he would like to get the piping extended and this was agreed to. He was asked if the grass cutting schedule had been agreed for this year and he said that it was and Chris Harris would continue with this task. Cllr Thomas asked if the resident was still prepared to look after the flower beds in the cremated remains area. The Clerk explained that after the December meeting he had spoken to the resident who was keen to offer his help.
147.	To receive an update on the siting of the salt bin
147.1	This matter had been discussed in the open forum and it has been agreed that highways would be contacted by Cllr Davies for it to be removed and placed somewhere else on Lawrance Way.
148.	To discuss speed data obtained from the reactive sign and any actions that can be taken to have a crossing installed at Thurlby crossroads.
148.1	Cllr Bill produced data obtained in Northorpe Lane and this was circulated. He said that the evidence was very similar to the previous data obtained.
148.2	Cllr Bill said that he had noticed that the data he produced was not with the minutes on the website or with the draft minutes in the Post Office. The Clerk said that he had wondered whether a new folder should be opened on the website just for the data which would then be easier for people to read and locate on the website. It was agreed that he should try to see if it worked.
149.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council
149.1	There were no written or verbal reports from any Councillor.
150.	Reclaiming the pavements – Cllr White
131.1	Cllr White had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. He explained that it was the

	time of year in his opinion that Councillors should start to let residents know that they must not allow bushes or shrubs to grow over the footpaths. There was still a problem in Crown Lane, and he was aware that there were similar problems around the village. He felt that the leaflet that was posted to residents was too friendly and did not advise them what needed to be done and the consequences of what would happen if they did not do as we were asking. It was agreed that the present leaflet was sufficient. An item should be put in the Village Link. To avoid residents receiving the leaflet from more than one Councillor it was agreed that Cllr White be responsible for handing out leaflets.
151.	To propose a recipient for the Lawrance Cup
151.1	The Council were once again being asked to propose someone who should be given the Lawrance Cup this year. Cllr Thomas proposed Mrs Cockerill for the excellent work she was doing in looking after the various flower tubs around the village. Cllr Rose proposed an amendment and suggested that Stephen Holland be proposed. Both the proposal and amendment were seconded, and a vote was taken on the amendment. This resulted in there being 3 votes in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention. A vote was then taken on the original proposal which resulted in there being 6 votes in favour and 2 against. The original proposal was therefore carried.
152.	To discuss items for placing in the Village Link
152.1	The following was to be included in the next edition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The precept and pointing out how much we were requesting this year • The problem of irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to poo around the village and then not picking it up • Notice of the referendum • Advising residents not to allow bushes and shrubs to grow over the footpaths. • Advising residents on the progress with the Thurlby Crossing.
153.	To confirm Expenditure £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office January) £429.69 – B M Champness (salary January) £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office February) £429.69 – B M Champness (salary February) £50.64 – BT (Telephone charges January) £50.64 – BT (Telephone charges February) £120.00 – Thurlby PCC (village Link inserts) £61.10 – Litter Picker January) £60.57 – Litter Picker February) £154.80 – Lawrance Park (hire of hall for TPNPG) [] 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
153.1	Resolved: that the above payments be made after the Clerk explained that the wages of the litter picker for February was in fact £66.65 and the two direct debits payments to BT should be £52.92 per month.
154.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.
154.4	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.26
155.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.

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