

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 18-09) held
on the 6th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Lawrance Park Social Room,
Thurlby

Present: **Councillors:** P Barnett, R Bill, N Bradley, L Lowe, E Lunn, M Reece, R Rose, B. Sadler
 (presiding) A Thomas and D White
Residents: Lance Morgan, John Nicolson
Others: District Cllr B Dobson, County Cllr R Reid, County Cllr. Nick Robins council cabinet and
 County Cllr. Andrew Norman investSK,

	Open Forum
	Lance Morgan expressed concern over the recent re-sited salt bin at the junction of Lawrence Way and Chapel Lane which had been vandalised with the bin tipped over and salt spread over the adjacent area including the post box. He had been a resident for 30 years and to his knowledge there had been no accidents there. Cllr. Sadler explained there was an item latter on the agenda to discuss the salt bin but felt the action follows a series of recent vandalism within the village which needed to be addressed.
	Andrew Norman highlight the proposed Bourne CiCLE Festival which would include the CiCLE Classic Cycle Race, a 170 kl men’s and 150kl women’s cycle event, which is centred around SKDC market towns and will start and finish in Bourne. It will also give the villages and communities along the route the opportunity to arrange their own events as part of the festival. It is hoped to encourage between 3-5000 to participate. There will be a rolling road closure system in operation was should only result in a 5 minute closure as the peloton passes by. It will pass through Thurlby on the afternoon of Saturday 31 st August & Sunday 1 st September. The route and details can be found at www.bournecyclefestival.com .
	Cllr Robins advised that the ‘Business Watch’ within Bourne was now digital and linked to the towns CCTV and police which enabled quick active response to incidents within the town. This subscription service was available to all businesses and mainly centred in towns but as was pointed out could be extended to village locations. The decline in High street shops was a concern and Cllr Saddler asked what was SKDC proposals were Cllr. Robins replied there was a dedicated ‘Town Manager’ who was investigating ‘Pop-Up’ shops and market opportunities however like most high street areas there was a decline in footfall and a move to convert to ‘social areas’.
	The meeting was formally opened at 19.54.
156.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received
156.1	No apologies were received from a Parish Councillor as all were present.
156.2	The Clerk had sent his apologies which were accepted and in his absence Cllr Bill took the minutes.
157.	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
157.1	No one declared a disclosable pecuniary and any other interest on any matter on the agenda.

158.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6th February 2019 (Min18-08)	
	158.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the 6 th February 2019 were signed by the Chair as a correct record
159.	To receive a report from the County Councillor and District Councillor	
	159.1	County Cllr Reid gave a report as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass cutting would be 5 times by SKDC and 3 times by LCC for their respective areas. SKDC areas would be cut by EnvironmentSK a new company wholly owned by SKDC. • A review of hospitals services in the area was being carried out. • A review of Bourne parking facilities was also underway.
	159.2	District Cllr Dobson reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had been in touch with Highways and it is envisaged that the A15 Road Crossing feasibility study by external consultants will complete this month. He was asked if the findings could be presented at the next TPC meeting but he thought this was highly unlikely. • The SKDC budget was confirmed last week and would result, for example, in an approximate £5/month increase for a band D property. • Progress on the Savoy Cinema in Grantham was going well and had been handed over to the operator. The upper level has been reserved for Lincoln University. • The Bourne Leisure Centre is to be extended and refurbished and a major refurbishment of the Bourne Corn Exchange was planned. • Wherry's Lane development was ongoing but there were difficulties in leasing the retail units as the footfall was not as expected. Four of the flats are to be sold at a discount rate which will then work in perpetuity. • The Slip litter bin had not been emptied. Clerk to advise the Litter Picker that the stolen bin had been replaced. • He had inspected with Cllr. White the over grown tree/bushes surrounding and obscuring street light no 12 outside 10 Crown Lane. Despite TPC attempts over several years to get improvements Cllr. Dobson had now reported the issue and would follow this through.
160.	Clerks Report and correspondence received	
	160.1	The Clerks Report had been circulated in advance.
	160.2	SKDC had advised that Costa Coffee Cup had been moved back from the A15 verge at the McDonald's roundabout and into the petrol station forecourt.
	160.3	Notice had been received about the Lawrance park AGM. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Lawrance Park management Committee stating that the existing representatives would stay in their post. Following the AGM in May any changes with regard to the parish council representatives would be advised.
161.	To receive a report on the progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and to discuss arrangements for the Referendum	
	161.1	Information meetings had been held on Thursday 28 th & Saturday 2 nd March and the Referendum was to take place tomorrow, 7 th March. The resulting count was to take place in the Methodist Church after polling closes at 22.00hrs. with the result declared immediately after. S. Holland and Cllr Bill will witness the count and advise the outcome.

		It is anticipated that the financial accounts for the TPNPG would be finalised by 31 st March for approval at the next PCM in April.
162.	Planning applications:	
	162.1	There were no plans on the agenda to consider.
163.	To receive an update on the salt bin	
	163.1	<p>The bin had been moved to the junction of Lawrance Way & Chapel Lane and had been vandalised as reported earlier. It was suggested that by removal of the recently introduced scoop the temptation to abusively spread the salt would be reduced. Cllr. Thomas would remove the scoop and the situation would be monitored.</p> <p>The new incentive of switching off the street lighting did not help the situation and the clerk is write to LCC to investigate the possibility and potential cost if applicable of extending the light 'on' period or switching on a particular column or columns to Chapel Lane.</p> <p>The increase in vandalism including graffiti, damage to street furniture and property was of great concern. It has been noticed there was an increase in teenagers from both inside and outside the village which may have contributed to the recent salt bin incident along chapel Lane and also spreading graffiti in various parts of the village. The Parish Council would encourage residents to report unsocial behaviour to the police and if possible, advise them of the names of the offenders. Cllr. Lowe would discuss the issue with our PSSO.</p>
164.	To advise Councillors on the procedure relating to the forthcoming election in May.	
	164.1	<p>Cllr Sadler, on behalf of the clerk, attended a meeting in Bourne on the 4th March and had collected a pack of Parish Council candidate forms for the May elections.</p> <p>All completed candidate forms needed to be hand submitted to SKDC in Grantham where they would be checked by the election officials. If anyone had difficulty with getting to Grantham Cllr. Sadler very kindly proposed that he would take the forms back and would advise by email the date when he proposed to go. Additional forms are with the Clerk. He has also requested the Clerk to circulate by email to councillors the election rules that applied to Councillor candidates application forms.</p>
165.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees.	
	165.1	Cllr. Thomas advised that all was in general good condition. The path edges highlighted by Cllr. Rose would be trimmed with the grass cutting.
166.	To discuss the change of the administration team running the Insurance and whether we are happy with that.	
	166.1	The current insurance is with Zurich through Community Link which is to change to be direct with Zurich. In principle there is no objection to this but the Clerk is to check if our previous negotiated agreed cost cap for future years is still to be honoured. Also, when is the renewal date. The Clerk to advise Councillors at the next April meeting and ensure our Insurance cover does not lapse.
167.	To discuss speed data obtained from the reactive sign and any actions that can be taken to have a crossing installed at Thurlby crossroads.	
	167.1	Clerk to write to Cllr. Dobson to obtain an update on the A15 Thurlby Crossing Feasibility Study and when will the findings be known.

	167.2	Cllr. Bill tabled data (copy attached) he had obtained from the reactive sign sighted in Obthorpe Lane. The results were similar to previously recorded. It was decided that in future the data sheets would be attached to the minutes and not kept as a separate file.
168.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	168.1	There were no written or verbal reports from any councillor.
169.	To discuss whether we wish to apply to claim the section of footpath between footpaths 4 and 6	
	169.1	It was agreed, although a lengthy procedure, that we should claim this section. The Clerk is to request a claim pack from the Definitive Map Team, complete the application and then submit on behalf of the council.
170.	To approve a date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (election year) and a date for the Annual Parish Meeting and if a speaker is to be invited.	
	170.1	It was explained that as this was the year of the election of Parish Councillors an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was to take place on the fourth day after the election or within 14 days thereof. Resolved: that the meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 th May 2019
	170.2	As a date had been fixed for the annual Meeting of the Parish Council consideration had to be given as to when the Annual Parish Meeting should take place and whether this was held on the same day or an alternative date with a speaker or speakers being invited to attend, Resolved: It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the same day i.e. 8 th May and the Clerk would invite a Highways representative to present to parishioners the proposed crossing solution for the A15 at Thurlby Cross Roads. Behind this request sits a presumption that the design /feasibility works will have already been completed and that the Parish council would have held preliminary talks/agreed with LCC about the proposed final design going forward.
171.	To discuss items for placing in the Village Link	
	171.1	The following was to be included in the next edition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals to address the current outbreak of vandalism in the village by encouraging residents to report and address. Also, involve PSSO. • Annual Parish Meeting 8th May & proposed LCC speaker regarding A15 Road Crossing. • Major Cycle event, route, website • Thurlby Neighbourhood Plan Referendum result.
172.	To confirm Expenditure	
	£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £429.29 – B M Champness (salary) £52.92 – BT (Telephone charges) £352.23 – HMRC - (PAYE & NI for Oct, Nov & Dec 18) £352.00 – HMRC (PAYE & NI Jan Feb and March 19) £36.00 APS (payroll services) £60.57 – Litter Picker February) £15.00 – Nat West Bank (safe custody) (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	

	153.1	Resolved: that the above payments be made.
173.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	173.1	Lawrance Park Cup – it was proposed that Mrs Kathleen Cockerill be proposed.
	173.2	Cllr. Rose requested an update on alterations to the pedestrian bars to the footpath between Northorpe and Beck Way to allow disability scooter use. Clerk to advise at next meeting.
	173.3	The information on the Parish website is not kept up to date e.g. the named County Councillor is not correct and certain links do not work. It was agreed that the Clerk should carry out a review and repeat every 3 months to ensure all information is accurate, up to date and links work correctly.
	173.4	Cllr. Bradley had resigned from the Causeway Charity a replacement would be proposed at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.
	173.5	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.37.
174.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.	