

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 20-06) held
on Wednesday the 4th November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. held remotely by
video conference

Present: **Councillors:** R Bill (presiding) N Bradley, H Edwards, E Lunn, M Owen, M Reece, A Thomas and D White
Residents: Stephen Holland,
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr R Reid, and District Cllr B Dobson.

Open Forum	
The meeting started at 19.33 and there was no Open Forum	
103. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
103.1	Apologies were received from Lisa Lowe (work) and Patricia Barnett (work). Resolved: that the apologies be accepted,
104. 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	
104.1	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
105. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 7th October 2020 (Min20-05)	
105.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 th October 2020 were to be signed by the Chair as a correct record as soon as conveniently possible.
106. To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
106.1	<p>County Cllr R Reid apologised for not submitting a written report, but he was waiting for more information to be able to do so. He had now received the information, but he would have to give the report verbally</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding the flooding on The Green by the Post Office he was pleased to report that work would commence on the 10th November 2020 unless there was more urgent work to do elsewhere. 2. Flooding by the White House Nursery, a drain clearance would be undertaken and completed in the next 2 weeks. Cllr Thomas said that the Alms Houses opposite had problems with their drains which was being investigated and if it transpired that the problem was caused by the problems on The Green or from the flooding as mentioned above he would report this to Cllr Reid. 3. Cllr White said that he thought the problem of flooding in Church Street was going to become a problem again as he had noticed a great deal of surface water in the area of the pumps. Cllr Reid said that he would report this and explain that the pumps were in need of replacing. 4. With regard to the road works on the road between Thurlby and Manthorpe it was hoped that work would start on the 9th November to make a safe run under the road for badgers to use.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. He was able to report on the matter of a controlled crossing at Thurlby. It appeared that it was considered that a pedestrian refuge was the proposed solution and should go ahead. After much discussion he was told to go back and say that the Parish Council did not want a pedestrian refuge due to safety concerns but a controlled crossing and to point out that Bourne had 4 controlled crossing on the same stretch of the A15 and Northorpe had one as did Baston and Langtoft. Thurlby was the only village not to have one. The Parish Council would not support the installation of a pedestrian refuge. It was agreed that Cllrs Dobson and Reid would bring this matter up at the South Kesteven District Council Full Council A question was asked if the speed limit could be reduced to 30 mph. Cllr Reid said that there were guidelines to follow and that is was very unlikely that the speed limit would be reduced from 40 to 30 mph 6. Regarding the cycleway/footway from Thurlby to Northorpe he was able to report that this would be given consideration, but they had to see what was needed to be done and the possible cost. Cllr Reid was advised to go back and say that all the Parish Council wanted was a sign at the end/beginning of the path advising that it was a combined footway/cycleway. 7. Cllr Reid said that he still had £800 left in his funds and would be happy to consider a donation to the Parish Council if they had a project that needed funding
	106.2	<p>District Cllr B Dobson had submitted a written report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVID-19 has reared its head again and we are in lock-down as from tomorrow. It is hard on our economy and for all of us with Christmas on the horizon. There will be lots of people, especially the old and the vulnerable that will need some support such as a kind word now and again. Socially distanced, of course. If anyone knew of someone that needed help they should contact him and he would put them in touch with the right person to help 2. We have a new planning white paper, which is due to simplify planning. There is a danger that the Council will not have as much power as they now have. Cllr Robert Reid as portfolio holder for planning will be able to answer any questions on this. 3. Car parks are now back in operation with the charges returning to Stamford and Grantham carparks. 4. We have taken on two new interim directors whilst we look to fill these positions permanently: 1. Director of Growth and Culture, 2. Director of Planning. 5. Invest SK has moved into its new format and having completed the first lockdown successfully, is now due to start the next one tomorrow. I am holding a Business Tea-Break session next week to help businesses to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them. We are also launching a new app for all types of businesses, helping them to promote their wares and services. 6. LeisureSK has now been formed and we are now almost complete with the board of directors, so I am no longer out there on my own! We are looking for a non-executive director who has specialist knowledge in leisure centres. LeisureSK will officially take over the leisure centres at Bourne, Deepings, Stamford, and Grantham on 3rd January 2021. 7. I have in my possession the award for Thurlby for coming third in the best kept larger village category. It would be good to present this to you personally where people could gather socially distanced if the wished to do so. Let me know when you have a convenient date and time. He thought that payment had been made by BACS and should be in the account of the Parish Council, The Clerk pointed out that when he balanced the accounts on the 2nd November payment had not been received. 8. It was reported that Almond Court residents were happy for part of the grassed area to be used for car parking as they did not want to lose the fishpond.
107.	To co-opt one (1) Councillor	

	107.1	No one had applied to be co-opted so it was agreed this would remain on the agenda until the post was filled,
108.	Clerks report and correspondence received.	
	108.1	The Clerks Report was circulated, after he explained that he had kept the report to only what was important. If any Councillor wished to see the e-mails from NALC and various playground equipment companies they should ask the clerk and he would forward them on. There were no questions although the Clerk did point out that there was a request form a company asking if we needed a summer sport holiday club which would cost us £1500 for a week on a date to be agreed. It was considered that we would not entertain this suggestion, but it might be the school could be interested.
109.	Planning applications:	
	109.1	To consider any Planning Applications received: S20/1773 - Proposal: Oak (T1 on site plan - T3 of TPO) Fell. The tree works are proposed to stop the influence of the tree(s) on the soil below building foundation level and provide long term stability at Youth Hostel, 16 High Street, Thurlby. Resolved: that we did not object to the removal of the Ash Tree (T3) but regarding the Oak Tree we would object using the same objections as we used in December 2019 to the same application.
	109.2	To note Planning Applications approved: a) S20/1427 - Front porch extension at 42 High Street Thurlby
	109.3	To note any Planning Applications refused: No plans had been refused
	109.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: there were none to note
110.	To discuss the Government Planning Policy and to submit any comments to South Kesteven District Council	
	110.1	<p>Stephen Holland was asked to address the Council on this matter and the Local Plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding the Government Planning Policy, he had been able to listen in to the Cabinet Meeting at South Kesteven District Council and understood that they had been able to send in a response. 2. The papers on behalf of the Parish Council had also been submitted. 3. He had sent the Clerk a draft of a letter to our MP and he suggested that we adopt that letter and send it off. 4. Regarding Local Plan Review he had sent some documents to the Clerk who was able to confirm that they had been circulated to all Councillors. The deadline for a response was the 30th November 2020. <p>After Mr Holland had concluded a discussion took place and the following was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That we adopt the draft letter and send that to our MP 2. That the Council formally approve the comments made by Mr Holland in respect of the Local Plan and that he had the consent of the Council to send that off in his capacity as Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group. <p>Thanks were to be recorded to Stephen Holland for his valuable help and assistance in all these matters</p>
111.	To discuss a request from a resident for an Allotment in Thurlby	

111.1	A resident had written to the Clerk asking if we provided allotments or if not would we consider providing one. The Clerk pointed out the rules regarding the provision of an allotment and it was agreed that a reply should be sent back saying that the request was considered but we would not be providing an allotment at this stage.
112.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign
112.1	<p>Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained from the Reactive Sign positioned in Thurlby High Street for Eastbound (towards A15) traffic during October. The data would indicate a small increase in traffic compared to the previous August 2019 but down from 2018. However, the 2019 results were obtained during the school holiday and this may be the reason for the increase and also the 'higher' 2018 data included diverted traffic. The average speed indicates a slight reduction to 22.4mph with the maximum speed also down 23% to 54mph. Vehicles traveling above the speed limit was also down by 56% to 6.24% together with a reduction in speed marginally down to 32.7mph.</p> <p>The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) also carried out a survey during September for seven days. Comparing the two sets of results would indicate LRSP 7-day count down 11% and a similar average speed of 24mph.</p> <p>There were no questions. Full details can be found on the website.</p>
113.	To agree a Councillor to be laying the wreath on Remembrance Sunday and to agree a donation to the Royal British Legion for a wreath.
113.1	Cllr Bradley pointed out that there would be a short service this Sunday the 8 th November and would be held outside by the war memorial gardens. She had a wreath and wanted to know if any Councillor wanted to lay the wreath. It was agreed that Cllr Bradley should be the appointed person to do this. Regarding a donation to the British Legion it was resolved that we would donate £75.00 this year.
114.	To agree and appoint a new Internal Auditor now that Godfrey Parkes has retired from that post.
114.1	The Clerk explained that Godfrey Parkes had been our Internal Auditor for many years now, but he had now decided to retire as he was 75 years old. LALC had been contacted to see if they knew of anyone who might be willing to help and if they had a list of people who we could contact. They had replied saying that this area was very short of people who could help but they knew someone in Holbeach that might be able to help. It was agreed that we would advertise this vacancy in the Village Link and if anyone was interested the Clerk would explain what they had to do once a year.
115.	To receive an update on the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator at the Horseshoe Public House and an update on the purchase of a new battery and pads.
115.1	The Clerk explained that the Causeway Charity had agreed to fund the entire cost of a new defibrillator, to be situated at the Horseshoe Public House, with the exception of the Vat which we would pay and could reclaim A new defibrillator had been ordered and had been delivered to the Clerk. It was agreed he would take this round to Cllr Thomas who would then organise an electrician to install it. Our thanks to be recorded to the Causeway Charity for their generous donation.
115.2	A new battery for the defibrillator at Lawrance Park had been ordered and delivered. Cllr Thomas has replaced the old battery and did a self-test to ensure that it was working. It

		pointed out that the old pads needed to be replaced as they were out of date. New pads had been ordered, delivered and placed with the defibrillator
	115.3	The Clerk explained that the Clerk to the Causeway Charity had intimated that they would also like to pay for a defibrillator in the telephone box in Northorpe. The Clerk had contacted BT to see if we could adopt the old kiosk and they had replied that it had already been adopted by the Community Heartbeat Trust who provide defibrillators. This had been communicated to Stephen Knipe who asked why the Charity should become involved in another group who might be doing this. The Clerk said that he wanted the e-mail contents to be made known to the Chair of the Charity. The Clerk should write to the Trust and ask them when they were going to carry out maintenance on the kiosk as it was looking rather shabby
116.	To receive an update on the position of BT and the payment of the BT account for Broadband services	
	116.1	The Clerk explained that he had been sent details of the e-mail address for the CEO at BT. An e-mail had been sent and had been transferred to the complaints department. They had replied that they were not able to stop the payment of the Direct Debit payment although they could defer it. This meant that we could stop paying the invoices now but once in a position to start paying again we would have to pay off the balance that was owing during the time that no payment were made. The correspondence passing between BT and the Clerk had been circulated in advance. It was agreed to continue with payments' to close this item off
117.	To receive an update on the combined footway/cycleway Thurlby to Northorpe	
	117.1	As this matter was discussed under Item 116.1 there was nothing to discuss further
118.	To receive an update on the suggestion of a voluntary letter picker team	
	118.1	Cllr White said that he had spoken to the resident who suggested this proposition who was not overly keen on progressing the matter and felt that there were enough dog walkers like her that could pick up litter as and when they saw some. It was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance. The discussion then changed to the litter picker we employed, and it was suggested that she should once a month walk from the crossroads at Northorpe along Northorpe, Northorpe Lane and then High Street and to leave the rubbish bag at the waste bin there or empty the contents into that bin.. If she could do that in her allotted 2 hours then she should but if this increased her hours we should consider paying her for that time out of the funds we had. The Clerk would take this matter up with the Litter Picker.
119.	To consider how we spend the Best Kept Village Competition prize money and how the prize is to be presented.	
	119.1	This matter was discussed at Item 116.2 when it was agreed that Cllr White would coordinate with Mrs Cockerill and Cllr Barry Dobson a place, a time and a date and would let the Council know when an agreement had been reached.
120.	To agree the purchase and cost of a Christmas Tree.	
	120.1	It was understood that Barry Sadler still had the Christmas Lights and batteries. Cllr Bill said that he would get them from him. Cllr Thomas said that it might be difficult to buy a tree this year, but he would do what he could to acquire one. In the event of this not being possible Cllr Reece said that he had a contact that might be able to help, As far as costs

		were concerned it was thought that if we had £100 set aside this would mean that we would have enough for a Christmas Tree and either a new battery or lights. It was resolved that we set aside £100 for a Christmas Tree and if required a new battery or lights
121.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	121.1	Cllr Thomas said that he had been unable to get down to the cemetery so he could not give an updated report. The Clerk explained that he had not received an invoice from Mr Harris. The Clerk did however explain that he understood Mr Harris had placed soil around the cemetery in order to fill in any holes where the ground had collapsed.
122.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	122.1	No Councillor had attended any meetings and there were no reports.
123.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	123.1	It was agreed that Cllr White would draft a note of what was to go into the next edition of the Village Link, and he would send this around for approval. The following were suggested that should be included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pension Credit leaflet • Fly Tipping • Not cleaning up the dog poo • Details of the new defibrillator • An advert for a new Internal Auditor.
124.	To confirm Expenditure for October £447.33 – B M Champness (salary) £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £87.76 – Community Cleaner (salary and expenses) £14.39 – Zoom (monthly licence fee) £0.76 – B M Champness (first class stamp) £37.56 – B M Champness (defibrillator pads) £36.00 – APS (payroll services for July, August and September) £1482.00 – Wel Medical (new defibrillator) £46.20 – BT (broadband)] DD <i>[] 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</i>	
	124.1	Resolved: that the above payments be made..
125.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	125.1	It was suggested that as the Precept was being discussed at the December meeting and we had new Councillors that the Clerk send out the paperwork well in advance of that meeting. The Clerk explained that he had already started the calculations and would complete this up to the end of October and not to the end of November. Once completed he would circulate that paperwork

	125.2	Regarding the Best Kept Village Competition Mrs Cockerill had made a few suggestions which involved spending money and if we did not make a decision soon it might be too late for plants to be purchased as if we did not discuss this in December it would not be until February before we did. The Clerk pointed out that we might not have to spend the prize money as we had budgeted £100 for this matter and had not spent it yet.
	125.3	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.42
126.		The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.30 p.m. remotely by Video Link or in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby

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