

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 20-03) held
on Wednesday the 1st July 2020 at 7.30 p.m. held remotely by video
conference

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

Open Forum	
There was no open forum and the meeting was formally opened at 19.33.	
40.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received
40.1	No apologies were received as all Councillors were present.
41.	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
41.1	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
42.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 3rd June 2020 (Min20-02)
42.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 3 rd June 2020 were to be signed by the Chair as a correct record as soon as conveniently possible.
43.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby
43.1	<p>County Cllr Robert Reid had submitted a written report as follows: Firstly, good progress on behalf of LCC's community gang and highways, you should now be able to see the benefit from this work.</p> <p>Covid-19 Community Fund Grant I still await further information on behalf of The Village Shop/Post Office from David White, to then enable me to enquire if it is eligible due to its business actively position. I confirm £300 funds are still available.</p> <p>LCC are operating a website training fresher for Parish Councillors between July 13th and August 27th (various dates) if any of you are interested.</p> <p>Grantham Hospital- Representation on Downgrading and its grade 1 accident and emergency retention is continued, a motion was supported and has been made by Martin Hill following the Full Council Meeting last Friday.</p> <p>Quite separately SKDC are doing the same today - hence the lateness of this report.</p>

	<p>I confirm that 71 Northorpe Lane, Dyke filling in is being investigated, no approval was, or would be given.</p> <p>High Street blockage is confirmed for further work to be done by LCC</p> <p>The Welland and Deepings internal Drainage Board, have confirmed that their operations engineer will report back.</p> <p>The damaged milestone- A15 Roundabout, Thurlby/Bourne has been removed and a replacement ordered.</p> <p>Waste Recycling Amenity Centre Continues it's up to 7 day in advance appointment system and opening further intakes on selected days. Please check the LCC website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk click and tip will give the details</p> <p>Coronavirus testing Anyone showing CV symptoms is eligible to book a swab test www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested.</p> <p>In closing I am assembling an update request from our Southern Highways manager with District Councillor Barry Dobson and myself in a progress report on the A15 pedestrian crossing.</p>
<p>43.2</p>	<p>District Cllr Barry Dobson had sent a written report as set out below:</p> <p>Our Art Centres have closed but there has been a vibrant online presence during lock-down thanks to digital technology. Grantham and Stamford have been closed since 23rd March and probably won't open until we near the year's end. However, the teams have been working online and, potentially, revolutionising the council's future delivery of culture, developing new audiences with artists delivering some really interesting material.</p> <p>We are continuing to review the situation, but with social distancing, etc it's not easy. We are currently providing Arts at Home e-newsletters, online film screenings, sketching classes, poetry readings and exhibitions, and a photographic competition, which have successfully overcome COVID-19 restrictions, along with the staging of Stamford's Poet Laureate competition from Stamford Arts Centre via a Zoom link.</p> <p>Fortnightly Cinema Speaks events have been running for film enthusiasts and A Pint of Poetry connected local poets with writers from further afield. Under latest guidance, related activities such as indoor play areas and workshops, gyms and dance studios, exhibition areas and conferences remain firmly off limits, but parks are now due to re-open providing social distancing is maintained.</p> <p>Planning wise we have developed, under the guidance of my colleague, Robert Reid, cabinet member for planning and housing. We are having increased meetings and training sessions for all those involved in decision making on many very ambivalent cases. At this time, we are waiting for the appeal on the back-land development at 9 Northorpe Lane and the decision whether or not the ongoing saga of further changes to the stable block at 3 Obthorpe Lane will need planning permission or not.</p>

		<p>Tomorrow morning, I am opening the first Business Tea Break session online for all businesses in South Kesteven. So far we have 40 people signed up. The meeting is designed to last 45 minutes, starting at 09:30. This is especially important as we approach what is being called super Saturday and many businesses open their doors to trade once again. This meeting will repeat every first Thursday of the month at the same time. Some shops have been allowed to open already and SK staff have not reported any incidents. The markets have also successfully opened in Bourne, Stamford and Grantham and we hope to encourage more people to try their hand maybe to start up a new business. Artisan type stalls would be especially welcome, and the stalls are cheap, and customers are not confined to the enclosed spaces of traditional shops. Markets can be great fun to visit</p>
44.	To co-opt two (2) Councillors	
	44.1	<p>No one had come forward to be co-opted and it was agreed that the matter would be let on the agenda until the spaces had been filled. A resident was still interested and wanted to attend a meeting. He had been advised that this meeting was going to be held remotely by video link, but he had not asked for the link to join tonight.</p>
45.	Clerks report and correspondence received.	
	45.1	<p>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 explained that a number of other items had been received since and they were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An e-mail from a resident regarding the footpath from Chapel Lane and wanted to advise that the rubbish had been collected and removed • Notice of notice of closure of the A151, Spalding Road, Bourne from the 3rd August for 4 weeks to enable road works to be completed. • A resident from Tudor Close had written regarding the area of grass on the corner of Chapel Lane and Tudor Close which has not been mown this year and was now around 2 feet in height in places. It is unsightly, detracts from the general neat nature of the village and frankly is probably becoming a breeding ground for rats and other vermin. He had contacted SKDC to see if they are responsible for its upkeep and they pointed him towards LCC Highways who have also denied responsibility. He wanted to know which body is responsible for the upkeep of this piece of land. Cllrs Reid and Dobson asked for the e-mail and photographs to be sent to them so that they could both chase this matter up. Cllr Bradley asked if the road was still a private road and as such were the residents responsible for maintaining the grass verges. Both Cllrs Reid and Dobson said that could be correct about being a private road but felt that the grass should be cut by either the County or District Councils. • Stephen Holland had sent a letter regarding the Lincolnshire Fieldspath Association and had been in touch with them after being advised by the Clerk of thee-mail address of the Chairman of that organisation. He was happy to share the following information <i>"I would expect that any connections members of the PC have with the Ramblers Association would be well aware of the 'cut off' date of 2026 for claiming rights of way (ROW) to be added to the Lincolnshire Definitive Map. Without my local interest in ROW, and a conversation in passing with David White, I would have been unaware of this legislation. Perhaps the Newsletter could be shared with the local community as a matter of interest"</i> The Clerk explained that he only had a hard copy of the report and no facility to scan the document. Cllr Bill asked the Clerk to let him have the document and he would scan it.
46.	Planning applications:	

	46.1	There were no plans to discuss at the time that the agenda was posted.
47.	To consider the request that the Parish Council pay for the trees to be trimmed back in the Churchyard, which borders the Cemetery	
	47.1	On a recent visit to the cemetery the clerk noticed that the trees on the boundary between the Churchyard and Cemetery were overhanging into the cemetery and were covering some of the graves. After discussing this matter with Cllr Thomas, the Clerk wrote to the Church Warden, Mary Trumble asking her if the trees could be cut back as it was assumed that this was the responsibility of the Churchyard and not the Parish Council. Mary had replied and a copy of that e-mail had been circulated in advance. It appeared that at a Churchyard meeting in November 2019 Cllr Lunn had suggested that he would ask the Parish Council if they would be prepared to fund this work. Mary Trumble was to get a quote but when questioned she had not but was asked to get this information before this meeting. To date we had heard nothing. Cllr Bill had sent 4 photographs showing the problem of the overhanging trees. Following a discussion, it was resolved that we would instruct Chris Harris to cut back the trees and to leave the branches/vegetation on the bank in the churchyard for the church to dispose of. The Clerk would notify Mary Trumble of this decision.
48.	To consider action to be taken to repair the milestone on the A15 by McDonalds	
	48.1	Cllr Bradley had contacted the Clerk to say that the milestone, which was a listed monument, had been badly damaged. The Clerk had contacted Cllr Reid to see if he could take appropriate action to get the repairs carried out or to pass the request onto the proper department. Cllr Reid had sent an e-mail from Highways stating <i>"The works for this milestone replacement have been ordered and already in hand. Closed as Assessed – no action proposed as duplicated report"</i> <i>Your request for an update has been added to Kyra's task list and she will respond to it upon her return, after the 1st July."</i>
49.	To discuss the proposed new Model Code of Conduct.	
	49.1	NALC had sent details of a new Model Code of Conduct for consultation and this had been circulated in advance. We could respond if we wanted to and had until the 17 th August to do so. It was agreed that the model code was an excellent piece of work and that all Councillors would be happy to sign up to it. The Clerk would notify NALC of this and complete the survey
50.	To discuss the proposed request for funding from the Community Fund	
	50.1	At the meeting in June discussions were had with Cllr Reid about obtaining a grant from the Community Fund. The money would go to the Post Office to help with the work they were doing in helping the community during the Covid19 pandemic. The advice given was that we should submit an application which could be obtained on-line from the Lincolnshire County Council website and once submitted Cllr Reid would then approve it. Cllr White had tried to complete the form but found it rather complex. The Clerk had written to Cllr Reid asking if the Parish Council could apply on behalf of the Post Office after it was ascertained that the Post Office could not apply themselves. Cllr Reid explained that we could apply as a Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would complete the application online.
51.	To discuss the problem of litter at the picnic area by Elsea Woods.	

51.1	This matter was on the agenda as the Clerk had written to all Councillors stating that when walking his dog in the Maths & Elsea Woods he saw a resident from Northorpe carrying a very large bag of rubbish back to his house, He got into a conversation with this man who explained that this was the third bag of rubbish he had removed from the picnic area at the edge of the woods near Bourne. The Clerk thanked him but wanted to know from Councillors whether this was part of Thurlby/ Northorpe and whether this could be a place where the Community Cleaner should be attending to collect the bags and arrange for their removal. It was agreed that as the picnic area was in the conservation area it was in Bourne and the residents were responsible for paying a management fee for someone to clear up the litter and remove the bags. Cllr Reid said that he was a member of that Management Committee and he would bring this matter to their attention on the 2 nd July when there was a meeting taking place.	
52.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	
52.1	Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained for the A15 Thurlby Northbound. With restrictions being lifted, more shops opening and people returning to work traffic flows are increasing. Data indicates the daily count is 28% down on pre-lockdown but when compared to the southbound figure during lockdown down 44% would indicate a (slow) return to 'normal' volume. As before with reduced flow the average speed and average speed above the limit is slightly increased by 7.6% and 4.5% but the % above the speed limit is down 5.59%. Details can be found on the website. There were no questions.'	
53.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
53.1	It was agreed that the following would go into the next edition of the Village Link: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That there were 2 vacancies for Councillors. • The guidance from South Kesteven District Council about people lighting bonfires during this pandemic • A break down/summary of the matters dealt with tonight Cllr White said that the next edition would go out in September and would be the July/August edition.	
54.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
54.1	Cllr Thomas said that the grass had recently been cut and all was looking neat and tidy. The Clerk pointed out that Cllr Thomas was providing the black bags from his own expenses and wanted to know if the council could provide him with a box of bags for him to use. It was agreed that as we had some bags for the Community Cleaner we should take some from there and give them to Cllr Thomas to use	
54.2	The Clerk explained that He has spent some time in transferring data from books onto the computer software and the majority of this had been completed. He found that there were still slight problems with the software, and he was taking this matter up with Scribe. He understood that Scribe were in the process of upgrading the software which would make completing the data easier and bring the system up to date. He wanted to know if he could give up filling in paperwork and to rely on the software. It was thought he should continue to use both.	
55.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	

	55.1	There were no reports of any meetings attended but Cllr Thomas was able to report that the play area in Lawrance Park was to open shortly but it had to be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised before children would be allowed back in. They were looking for someone to undertake this work. He also explained that some groups would once again be holding classes and the school had allowed some groups to use the cage which was outside.
56.		<p>To confirm Expenditure for June [£37.80 – B M Champness(black bags for litter picker)] [£429.49 – B M Champness (salary)] [£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)] [£102.95 – Community Cleaner (salary and expenses)] £185.00 – Thurlby PCC (Village Link entries in April May and June) £80.00 – Trevor Hill (clean bus shelters in Thurlby & Northorpe) £59.99 – B M Champness (Purchase Office 365) £352.00 – HMRC (PAYE & NI) [£47.99 – BT (broadband)] 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</p>
	56.1	Resolved: that the above payments be made. The Clerk would now take up with BT the fact that they had agreed to postpone payment for the broadband as we were not using it and to seek a refund of the payments made since April.
57.		Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.
	57.1	Cllr White said that he had been approached by a resident about a defibrillator being installed either on the wall of the Church Hall or the Public House. Cllr Thomas would have a word with the landlord to see if they would agree and Cllr Reece said that he would look to see if he could get a financial help from his employers. This matter could then be discussed further at the September meeting.
	57.2	The Clerk reported what he considered to be anti-social behaviour in the Maths and Elsea Woods which he would report to the local PCSO
	57.3	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.43
58.		The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby or on a date to be agreed