

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 20-04) held on Wednesday the 2nd September 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 and Kate Ward
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, District Cllr Barry Dobson,

Open Forum	
Although residents were present as they wanted to talk about the planning application at Item 65.1 it was agreed that we would proceed with the agenda and then close the meeting to allow the residents to talk about the application. The meeting started at 19.30.	
59. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
59.1	No apologies were received as all Parish Councillors were present. County Councillor Reid had sent his apologies
60. 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	
60.1	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
61. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1st July 2020 (Min20-03)	
61.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 st July 2020 were to be signed by the Chair as a correct record as soon as conveniently possible.
62. To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
62.1	Although County Cllr Reid had sent his apologies he had sent a written report which is as follows: County issues first <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's good to see the Milestone replaced at the A15/ Mac Donald's roundabout. • The Green Flooding - I attach the up to date response received this morning, I have raised this twice already on May26 and July 28. See 1. Below. The image to follow on separate email. • I also attach a update position statement on the A15 pedestrian crossing issue for your comment's. Further work is now being undertaken by our highways new manager to find a way forward. See 2. Below District Issues For helpfulness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 High Street - Mrs Jean Redding/White House nurseries Andrew Kirby, following my visit to address the roadway holes caused by the construction traffic on the development. I contacted highways to make them aware and additionally I called on Mrs Jean Reading and followed through on boundaries enforcement issues causing

		<p>her undue distress. Our SKDC enforcement team have subsequently levied several orders on this development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water drainage I believe from White House Nurseries is a significant contribution to the High Street blockages, to this end I have reported this to Highways and the reply is below. • The pond at Almond Court/Extra Car Park facilities further consultations is being undertaken with SKDC Housing Department. • The planning appeal at 9 Northorpe Lane, has been dismissed. <p>Report on standing water at The Green, Thurlby.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having researched it I can see it's been a long-standing issue, with several drainage investigation jobs raised through 2019. A further job has been issued to the contractor by my team, to undertake investigation and drain clearance of the next section of pipe up to and past the White House Nurseries site, as indicated on the plan below. This should be completed within the next 2 months and I'm keen now to ensure the matter is brought to a conclusion. I will keep you informed of the results. <p>I appreciate that the standing water is an issue for the post office and we will endeavour to resolve any issues with the drainage system, however there are sites with internal flooding to properties which may have to take priority.</p> <p>Image Item 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reviewed the feasibility report for the A15 Thurlby Pedestrian Crossing. The pedestrian refuge is the only option that meets the criteria identified in the Pedestrian Crossing Assessment and is therefore the only option we can consider regardless of the desire of the Parish to contribute financially to upgrade to a signalised crossing point. • I will now prepare a submission for funding for the detailed design and build of a refuge facility. I'd be grateful if you could indicate if the Parish Council will support this <p>The matter of the crossing was discussed with concern being expressed about not having a pedestrian crossing. It was resolved that the clerk would write back to Cllr Reid saying we could not support his submission for funding for a pedestrian refuge as it was considered to be unsafe and would not be used. It was agreed that we should continue our request for a pedestrian crossing</p>
62.2		<p>District Cllr Dobson had sent a written report as set out below:</p> <p>It has been a fairly busy August within SK sorting out some grant funding to as many businesses as possible throughout the District. Those funds have now had to be closed although we didn't get enough requests from companies in the district to distribute all of the funds, I'm pleased to say that almost £28 million has been awarded to 2,289 local companies (SKDC). Administering these programmes from a standing start by the team at ISK and getting the funding out to businesses quickly was certainly a challenge for both ISK and SK. Speaking to many businesses at various meetings has shown that this support has been a welcome lifeline for so many. Subsequent to this funding stream being closed, we then supported almost 300 businesses who weren't eligible for the initial two Government programmes by awarding a further £1.54 million through the Local Authority Discretionary Grant scheme. InvestSK and the council, are here to support you as you continue that journey. That's why we've taken some difficult decisions lately, to streamline the InvestSK management team so that it can concentrate on growth and as part of my portfolio, this has become a vital element of our work. Heritage and culture have now been brought back into the Council, leaving ISK to concentrate on their core business.</p>

South Kesteven District Council's Local Plan for 2011 - 2036 was adopted in January this year, with a commitment to an early review allowing the council to consider changes in local housing needs and provide an update on the provision of employment land and gypsy and traveller accommodation. The review will take the plan forward to 2041. I was pleased to see that the recent appeal for 9 Northorpe Lane was turned down and that the inspector referred to our Neighbourhood Plan in the decision.

We have also managed to get some response from the builders of the dwellings at 23 The Green to prevent the collapse of the wall at the rear of the properties along Obthorpe Lane.

Grantham has been designated as one of the two major commercial hubs in the county. With my team at SKDC, we have submitted a bid for £8.1 million of funding to regenerate Grantham's town centre. I have also been involved with a project to create better public transport connections in and around the area. It's going to be a long haul, but maybe in the foreseeable future we might have a bus service between Bourne, Grantham and Lincoln. If successful, under the Future High Streets programme and working closely with businesses, landowners and strategic partners, we really can transform Grantham to make it better all round for businesses, jobs and a better hospital.

Bourne and Stamford leisure centres will hopefully open for swimming again in the not too distant future. Meanwhile, Stamford and Grantham opened for lane swimming yesterday.

WhatShop.co.uk

This is a new website to support local businesses run by InvestSK hosted on our tourism website, discoversouthkesteven.com, enabling local businesses to benefit from the high volume of consumer traffic already visiting that site. If you need anything and don't know where to find it, there are more than 100 businesses of all types and it's growing. It's free to local businesses and not just shops.

We held our monthly business breakfast this morning for local businesses under the title of Rethink & Recover. It was attended by over 50 people from businesses across the district. These are free to businesses and this week we were promoting our new, state-of-the-art training centre in Grantham.

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This will also be very interesting for young people starting their own businesses under the new Government scheme which is due to launch soon. While the Covid19 crisis has caused untold heartbreak to so many families and significant shock to our economy, I have no doubt that in its wake there lies opportunity.

I also visited Almond Court during the month by invite from the residents to see their magnificent horticultural know-how. They were so proud of their achievements and rightly so. There has been an issue of parking and I am currently looking into a scheme to provide some access to the bungalows to the west of the main block. Residents have problems unloading shopping from cars that they have to park so far away from their bungalows. We do not want them to lose their lovely pond that they have recently restocked with fish. I am hoping that we can get them some better arrangements soon.

Cllr Dobson that South Kesteven District Council had instructed a Company to look at the complete planning system and that they would submit a report.

63. To co-opt two (2) Councillors

63.1	An application had been received from a Helen Edwards who had completed an application from which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Clerk asked her if she was an undischarged bankrupt or had a criminal record both of which she was able to answer that she was not and did not. Councillors were asked if they had any questions which were answered. Following on from this it was resolved that Helen Edwards be co-opted onto the Council. The Chair welcomed her to the Council and invited her to stay for the remainder of the meeting. The Clerk had sent her several forms to complete and as well as the Code of Conduct and the Standing Orders to peruse and asked her to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to send it back.
64.	Clerks report and correspondence received.
64.1	<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. There one item that had been received since the report had been completed and one from the report which needed to be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several e-mails from the resident about the grassed area in Tudor Close. It was understood an agreement was reached between the developer and County Council that the County Council would be responsible for cutting the grass. He took this up with the Council who denied such an agreement existed and continued to accept that this was their responsibility. The grass had been cut recently but it is not known by whom. • A request had been received from South Kesteven District Council regarding a suggestion for a road name on the development at 22 The Green. They would like an answer by tomorrow. Various suggestions were put forward and it was resolved that the name should be Dole Wood View as the new house would be looking towards the woods.
65.	Planning applications:
65.1	<p>To consider any Planning Applications received: S20/1264 - Erection of 2no. dwellings (outline planning permission with all matters reserved at 22 The Green, Thurlby. Response 9th September 2020. Cllr Edwards declared an interest because her daughter was friends with the Wards daughter. It was pointed out that this did not amount to a pecuniary interest and she could still take part in the discussion. Before the matter was discussed the meeting was formally closed at 19.36 to allow Kate Ward to address the Council. Mrs Ward was aware that she had 5 minutes to address the Council and she was advised that her written submissions had been circulated to all Councillors in advance. Mrs ward wanted to point out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Local Plan the results of Site assessments carried out in 2017 have been published. Thurlby village has only one allocated proposed site for development SKLP16. 22, The Green, Thurlby was not allocated as a proposed site for development. • Section SP3: Infill Development of the local plan states that it must be ‘within a substantially built up frontage or re-developed opportunity (previously developed land)’. In the application, Plot 1 and Plot 2 are in fact behind the built up frontage and the outline plan situates the proposed dwellings on the rear garden, land that was not previously developed. SP3 also states that infill development must be ‘within the main built up part of the settlement’. The proposed development is outside of the main built up part of the settlement. • The proposed development of Plots 1 and 2 in the outline plan is a direct contravention of policies TNP 9 and TNP11 Housing Design and Local Character, SP1 and SAP H1: Other Housing Development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of privacy and Overlooking • Overshadowing and Loss of Light • Highways - Impact on traffic in Thurlby and increased pressure on access to the site. There was also the problem of vehicle access onto an already busy/dangerous bend/road • The site and surrounding area comprise heavy clay soil and have historically suffered from flooding caused by poor drainage, particularly around Obthorpe lane. The development will make this 'poor situation' worse <p>Stephen Holland as asked if he wanted to add anything else. He was asked various questions but he main argument was that the Appeal against refusal of planning permission at the rear of 9 Northorpe Lane was dismissed and reference was made to the Thurlby Neighbourhood Plan on why the Appeal was refused.</p> <p>Cllr Dobson said that he would ask for the plan to be called in which would be accepted and this would result in there being a site visit,</p> <p>The meeting was reopened at 19.56. A discussion took place regarding the above comments and it was Resolved: we would set out the above arguments and in particular the development being contrary to TNP 9 of the Thurlby Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan.</p>
65.1.1	After the agenda was submitted a further planning application was received. This was S20/1427 for a Front Porch Extension at 42 High Street, Thurlby, It was explained that we had until the 19 th September to respond but it could be considered tonight and the Clerk could be given delegated authority to respond. Resolved that we deal with it tonight and the Clerk given delegated authority to respond. The Planning application was considered, and it was resolved that the Clerk would respond with no comments.
65.2	To note Planning Applications approved: a) S20/1045 Single storey extension, dormer window, demolition of existing garage, new garage extension at 8 The Green Thurlby b) S20/0874 - Proposal is to form side hung 4.0m x 2.4m barn doors to south elevation of existing out building. Material to match existing timber cladding at 3 Obthorpe Lane. c) S20/0046 - Erection of three wooden stables and tack room on a concrete base at Land to The Rear of Pond House 5A Swallow Hill d) S20/0048 - S73 application - variation of Condition 20 (Protected Species Survey) of pp S17/2282, updated survey at Park House 8 Church Street
65.3	To note any Planning Applications refused: there were none to note
65.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: a) Appeal Ref: APP/E2530/W/19/32435159 Northorpe Lane, Appeal Refused
66.	To discuss the Government Planning Policy and to submit any comments to South Kesteven District Council
66.1	Stephen Holland had sent various e-mails to the Clerk and to Cllr Reid regarding the Government Planning Policy. He was asked if he wanted to address the Council. Mr Holland said that we had until the 29 th October to respond to the proposals and he would like to be able to prepare a response/report to submit to the Council. He suggested the matter be adjourned to the October meeting. Resolved : that the matter be adjourned to the October meeting.
67.	To consider the outcome of the 2019-20 Audit and to Note the External Auditors comments/report

	67.1	<p>The Clerk explained that after he had submitted the papers to the External Auditor they had come back with a similar question as the previous year. Details of the correspondence between the Clerk and the External Auditor had been circulated. After the Audit was completed the External Auditor sent a report as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR:</i> • <i>Information received from the smaller authority indicates £37,837 and £163 of repayments related to precepts and grants respectively have been included as other payments in Section 2, Box 6. These items should have been netted off from the relevant income i.e. Boxes 2 and 3 respectively, either against both the prior and current year figures or against the current year figures only rather than shown as expenses.</i> <p>The report was noted and that it made no difference to the outcome of the Audit as it was successful</p>
	68.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign
	68.1	<p>Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained for the A15 Thurlby Southbound. The overall daily count for the July/August period would indicate that the traffic volumes have still not yet returned to pre lockdown numbers, down 13% on March figures but would indicate an increase in general volume when comparing it with the June figure for northbound which was 28% down. The average speed of 34.5mph remains similar, with a very slight increase of 0.26mph in average speed above the limit and a reduction of 10.5% in speeds above the limit. The volume data for August which includes the diverted Spalding traffic indicates an increase in the overall July/August period but is still below the pre lockdown figure. Details can be found on the website. There were no questions.'</p>
	69.	To consider the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator either at the Horseshoe Public House or in that vicinity.
	69.1	<p>Cllr Thomas had spoken to the Manager at the Horseshoe Public House and he had no objection to a defibrillator being placed on the wall of the pub. Cllr Thomas was asked if he had asked permission of the Landlord and it was thought he had not. It was agreed that the Clerk would ascertain the cost and then approach The Causeway Charity to see if they could help financially with the purchase and installation. Cllr Thomas would ask the pub manager to seek approval from the Landlord.</p>
	70.	To consider a proposal by a resident regarding litter around the village.
	70.1	<p>An e-mail had been received from a resident asking if we had a litter picker working for the Council as it had been noticed that there was a problem of litter around the village. If we did not have a litter picker then it was suggested that we set up the Thurlby Wombles , purely voluntary , a small group of likeminded people who go out with litter picking equipment in the area and bag anything they pick up. An agreement with parish council on where to leave the full tied up bags for later collection which are also supplied by the Parish Council. The Clerk had replied that we had a litter picker and asked where the problem was around the village, It transpired that the main problem was in Lawrance Park. Cllr Thomas was able to confirm this was not the problem for the Parish Council but in any</p>

		event Lawrance Park had their own litter picker who went round 3 days a week to pick up litter. The Clerk had also confirmed that the suggestion of organising a group of litter pickers would be discussed at the meeting.
71.	To consider the results of this year's Best Kept Village Competition and to decide what we should do with the prize money and how we can improve in 2021.	
71.1	Although the Clerk had not received official notification, he had been advised by Cllr White which was subsequently confirmed on the South Kesteven District Council website that Thurlby came 3 rd in this year's Best Kept Village competition. Apparently for coming 3 rd we would receive a prize of £200. Cllr White wanted to have this matter on the agenda as we needed to discuss what we intended to do with the prize and what we could do to try and gain 1 st prize next year. Resolved : that the matter be considered in the October meeting.	
72.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
72.1	It was confirmed that the overhanging trees had been cut back by Mr Harris but he was reluctant to cut back in one area where there was a wasps nest. Cllr Thomas had been down that evening with wasp nest destroyer and hoped this would then make the area safer	
73.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
73.1	There were no reports of any meetings attended.	
74.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
74.1	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. ∴	
75.	To confirm Expenditure for July [£429.49 – B M Champness (salary)] [£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)] [£82.36 – Community Cleaner (salary and expenses)] £47.99 – BT (broadband)] DD [£80.00 - C S Harris (cutting grass in cemetery)] [£300.00 – A Kaur (grant from LCC for Post Office)] [£360.00 – PFL Littlejohn LLP (external audit fee)] [£36.00 – APS (payroll services for April May & June 2020)] [£78.59 – Hereward Stationers & Printers Ltd (ink cartridges and paper)] Expenditure for August [£429.49 – B M Champness (salary)] [£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)] [£85.96 – Community Cleaner (salary and expenses)] £40.00 - Information Commissioner's Office (Data Protection fee) £47.99 – 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>	
75.1	Resolved : that the above payments be made. The Clerk explained that Chris Harris had sent in an account for work he had undertaken at the cemetery which came to £80.00. Cllr Thomas had also spent £9.98 on wasp killer He wanted to know if payment could be approved. Resolved : that payment could be made	

76.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.
76.1	A question was asked if we had heard from Cllr Reid regarding our request to have the footpath from Thurlby to Northorpe adjacent to the A15 made into a combined footpath and cycle path. The Clerk explained that he had sent a reminder to Cllr Reid but had not had a reply. Cllr Bill said that he had registered the footpath for a cycleway on 'Outside Space for Physical Distancing' web site. He had personally sent an email to Cllr Reid regarding the Post Office flooding.
76.2	The Clerk was asked when we could revert back to having meetings at Lawrance Park. He pointed out that NALC had recently sent out a newsletter suggesting that despite the lock down being loosened they did not suggest that Councils stop meeting remotely by video link. In any event we needed to see the Risk Assessment of Lawrance Park and we would need our own risk assessment as well as permission from Lawrance Park to start to reuse the room. It was agreed that this matter would be reviewed from time to time. The Clerk was asked to see what it would cost to subscribe to Zoom because using the free package we were restricted to 40 minutes whereas if we paid a subscription we would not be limited to time. .
76.3	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.46
77.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7.30 p.m. remotely by Video Link or in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby