

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 20-07) held on Wednesday the 2nd December 2020 at 7.30 p.m. held remotely by video conference

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

	Open Forum
	The meeting started at 19.45 and there was no Open Forum
127.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received
127.1	Apologies were received from P Barnett (personal) The Clerk explained that Patricia was going to resign from the Council at the end of the meeting as she will be leaving the village. She had hoped to attend tonight but could not for personal reasons. It was explained that the Clerk could now advertise the vacancy
128.	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
128.1	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
129.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th November 2020 (Min20-06)
129.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th November 2020 are to be signed by the Chair as a correct record as soon as conveniently possible.
130.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby
130.1	County Cllr R Reid had submitted a written report as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having visits yesterday evening the Green/High Street/Station Road seems to be free of water flooding all be it in danger from building debris of the white House Nurseries development. • The YMCA building and the concern of its security upkeep and the tree preservation in its grounds; I sincerely thank my fellow Councillor Barry Dobson for his findings and report to you these concerns. • I have made an attachment of the current highways live task programme for you to see the position statement on all the issues relating to Thurlby. • The concerns of Woodside East sign/Footbridge broken rail/ Pringles sign damage I have asked the highways manager at 12 noon for attention to these should I have a report before this evening I shall forward it to you. Otherwise, when I am able to get it asap. • Outstanding to the new year is the meeting Councillor Barry Dobson and myself in respect of the controlled crossing on the A15. We shall seek a diary date for the New Year. • May I take this opportunity in wishing a safe Christmas in these difficult times and look forward to working with you in the New Year..

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Reid was asked about a complaint from a resident regarding crossing Northorpe to the footpath to Beck Way and how dangerous it was as it was on a bend. She had asked if it was possible to put a mirror on the telephone pole on the opposite side of the road. Another suggestion was to extend the footpath by the footpath going westwards. This suggestion was thought to be the way forward and Cllr Reid was to take this away and see if he could arrange for that work to be undertaken. • Cllr Reid said that he was hopeful that some funding might be available for the converting of the footpath from Thurlby to Northorpe to a footpath/cycle path • With regard to the work on the road from Thurlby to Manthorpe was almost complete and the road repairs should be completed by the 9th December 2020. Works were also underway to allow wildlife moving safely under the road • Cllr Reid was also asked a question about the fact that 71 houses to be built at Morton, next to the A15, had been approved and they were pressing for a controlled crossing. He was asked that our request should be added to this request so that both could be considered together. Cllr Reid said that he was hopeful that he and Cllr Dobson would meet and set up a meeting with Cllr Adams.
<p>130.2</p>		<p>District Cllr B Dobson had submitted a written report as follows:</p> <p>1. Road Safety – 'No Need to Speed'</p> <p>A message from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership: The week before last was Road Safety Week. It's that time of year again, especially after Lockdown2 and now Tier 3, when people urgently need to get somewhere. In a crash, 1mph can mean the difference between life and death. With someone injured on a UK road every four minutes the main message, not only at this time of year, is that there's No Need to Speed. Slower traffic is safer, makes places more welcoming and can encourage people to walk or cycle more often.</p> <p>2. New Foot- and Cycleways</p> <p>The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced funding allocations for the second round of their active travel fund – with £799,900 on its way to Lincolnshire. The funding is to be used to give people more opportunities to choose walking and cycling for their day-to-day journeys, to boost active travel and reduce traffic congestion.</p> <p>We're hoping, of course, that this will encourage greater use of public transport and non-polluting modes of travel, such as walking and cycling where convenient, possible and, above all else, safe.</p> <p>You can submit your ideas for pavement widening, new cycleways or road closures online at www.widenmypath.com.</p> <p>3. BP Service Station (A15/A1175 roundabout)</p> <p>Well, despite all the efforts, this has been approved. I would like to see us now putting in a request to consider making the roundabout that marks part of the border between The Deepings and Langtoft into a Dutch roundabout. This is successful in assisting pedestrians and cyclists over busy junctions in Holland and there is even one in Cambridge. I am beginning a campaign supported by Langtoft PC.</p> <p>4. General Inconsiderate Parking</p> <p>We've said in the past that the only way to stop wrongful parking is for it to be policed. So, there is now a new app: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/nuisanceparking which will register the situation and instigate action. It's yet to receive any praise or criticism, but it's worth a try.</p> <p>5. Counter Fraud and Investigations turns 10!</p>

	<p>Lincolnshire County Council's Counter Fraud and Investigations Team (CFIT) has achieved a lot in 10 years – saving £7.7m of taxpayers' money being lost due to fraud. Fraudsters excite your interest in an email that make you want to reply immediate: 'free tickets to Strictly Come Dancing' was a recent one. Remember if the offer is too good to be true, it probably is. Report suspicious email to the Service Desk on 01522 55555</p> <p>6. The parking area at Almond Court is currently under consideration and we had an online meeting about this. The area to be made into parking is the green area in front of the houses on the northern side. In order to start the proceedings, a survey is being carried out to see what, if any, services are underneath that area.</p> <p>7. I have managed to sort out the soakaway situation at 23 The Green (White House Nurseries) site. The builder had redirected the surface water drainage into the ditch around the farm to the south-west of the plot. I was called by Charles Fordham at 10 Station Road. The builder has now dug proper soakaways and I am assured that this is now acceptable.</p> <p>8. The YHA building has been reported to me by John Spooner. I have now got LCC working on this with the YHA property team. The major problem still exists with the ash tree in the grounds, the roots of which are encroaching on the building, potentially causing damage to it and possible collapse. The solution would be to use a root control screen to prevent the roots spreading. SKDC planning has refused the application, but Robert and I will work jointly to resolve this. The Clerk advised Cllr Dobson that he had received notice that planning permission had now been granted to fell the oak tree. Cllr Dobson said that he understood that the YHA had advised the Council that they no longer wished to continue with the lease of the building, so the County Council were considering what might be the best use of the building.</p> <p>It was pointed out to Cllr Dobson that the collect some of the dates in SK Today were wrong and that the draft article should have been checked before it was printed.</p>
131.	To co-opt one (1) Councillor
131.1	<p>Paul Hayley applied to be co-opted onto the Council. He lives at 28 Viking Way and has lived in the village for over 11 years. His application had been circulated in advance. Before Councillors asked questions the Clerk said that he had two question to ask which were: Are you an undischarged bankrupt and do you have a criminal record. Mr Hayley was able to answer no to both questions. He then gave a brief resume of himself and a few questions were asked of him. Resolved: that he be co-opted onto the Council. He was invited to sign the Notice of Acceptance of Office and remain at the meeting until it was concluded.</p>
132.	Clerks report and correspondence received.
132.1	<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.</p> <p>There were two other e-mails received which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An e-mail from a resident asking <i>about the path connecting Northorpe to Beck Way.</i> • <i>Crossing over here feels quite dangerous, it is hard to see if traffic is approaching from both directions due to the bend. Many families walk this way to school, and I feel it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs due to the speed of some drivers on this road. I was wondering whether a mirror could be positioned on the telephone pole near the cut though, to help with visibility. Is this something the Parish could look into or help with?</i> After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Reid would see if he could investigate the possibility of extending the footpath • An e-mail from another resident stating: <i>I would like you to discuss the dangerous state of the footpaths in the village. I live in Viking Way and walked down Northorpe Lane and started talking to a number of residents who all commented on the condition of the</i>

		<p><i>footpaths. Would you please discuss Residents concern at your next meeting.</i> The Clerk said that he had contacted this lady and asked her to be specific about her complaint and where. She had come back to Say it was the state of the footpath around the village. She was advised to take a photograph of a part of the paths that she considered to be dangerous and then to report that on Fix My Street. If that did not get the work done then she should let the Clerk know and the reference number and he would take this up with the County Councillor. The general feeling from the Councillors that this was a problem throughout the entire village so the Clerk was asked to take this matter up with Cllr Reid to see if he could arrange a meeting with someone from Highways so that we could give them a guided tour of the village and point out the problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk also explained that this lady had also complained about what she considered an inappropriate messages left on a grave in the cemetery. In particular there was a poem about going to the pub. Cllr Thomas said that when he was next down there he would check this out and report back at the next meeting
133.	Planning applications:	
133.1	To consider any Planning Applications received: S20/1869 - Application for approval of Reserved Matters relating to access, scale, layout and materials in connection with outline application no. S18/1467 (Erection of two storey dwelling and detached garage) at 68 Swallow Hill, Thurlby, Response: 10th December 2020, Resolved: no comment	
133.1.1	After the agenda was posted a planning application was received - S20/1908 - Proposal: Erection of side extension.at: Woodlands, 16 Obthorpe Lane, Thurlby. We had until the 21 st December to respond and the Clerk explained that we could deal with it tonight if no one considered the application contentious or we could call a special meeting. It was resolved that we would deal with the application tonight and give the Clerk delegated authority to respond. Resolved: that we would deal with the application and that the Clerk respond to the application to advise that we had no comments.	
133.2	To note Planning Applications approved: S20/1056 – Outline Planning permission for the demolition of the existing outbuilding and proposed new dwelling with garaging at 9 - 10 The Green Thurlby S20/1348 - Replacement garden room to rear South Cottage Wilsthorpe Road Obthorpe. CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Sect S20/1607 - Proposal: First floor extension to be built over existing double garage Location: 18 Swift Way Thurlby 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	
133.3	To note any Planning Applications refused: No plans had been refused	
133.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: there were none to note	
134.	To consider and approve the 2021-22 budget and to set the Precept for that financial year.	
134.1	The Clerk had circulated Draft 1 of the proposed budget for 2021-22 and has also send out a copy of the budget spreadsheet for this financial year up to the 31 st October 2020. This showed what money had been received and spent since April 2020. The Clerk gave a number of explanations as to why items had been included and why there was a certain sum set for that item. The Council discussed the budget and a number of small adjustments were made. It was	

		resolved that the budget would be set at £19232.00 a slight reduction from last year. The Clerk would send out a copy of the Final draft budget to every Councillor.
135.	To receive an update on the appointment of a new Internal Auditor now that Godfrey Parkes has retired from that post.	
	135.1	No one as yet had approached the Clerk. Cllr White said that he would put a larger advert in the next edition of the Village Link on the hope this may attract someone who may be interested in becoming the Internal Auditor.
136.	To discuss which Parish Councillor should represent the Parish Council on The Thurlby Causeway Charity to replace Patricia Barnett	
	136.1	It was explained that as a result of the resignation of Patricia Barnett we need to fill the vacancy of the representative on the Causeway Charity. It was agreed that this role would be taken up by Cllr Lowe. The Clerk was to notify Stephen Knipe
137.	To receive the Christian Aid record of 60 years collections in the Parish	
	137.1	A letter from Quil Peasgood and Brian Lythgoe the Hon Treasurer and the Hon Organiser for Christian Aid in Thurlby stating that since 1960 to date they had collected from the residents a total of £43,699.21 which was a magnificent achievement.. This information was noted by the Council with thanks to both gentlemen and that this information would be shared in the Village Link.
138.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	
	138.1	Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained from the Reactive Sign positioned on Swallow Hill for Inbound (Eastward) traffic during November. The data, based on 7-day results, would indicate a 22 % decrease in traffic compared with December 2019 (which included the Christmas/New Year period) and 23% down on June 2018. The average speed is slightly higher at 1.8mph to 27.5mph with a similar maximum speed of 54 mph. The number of vehicles traveling above the speed limit slightly increased to 35% but with a reduction in speed above the limit marginally down to 33.3mph, it should be noted that both figures are down on 2018 including LRSP results. There were no questions. Full details can be found on the website
139.	To discuss the Local Plan review and the concerns of Stephen Holland	
	139.1	Stephen Holland was asked to address the Council regarding this matter. He explained that all papers regarding the Local Plan Review had been submitted and acknowledged. He was thanks for his help with that matter. He also explained that he would like to amend the Village Services and discussed the proposed amendments. Resolved that we are happy for those amendments to be made.
140.	Tell the Government that local communities know best for planning	

	140.1	<p>Stephen Holland had sent an e-mail he had received from Cllr Reid with a copy of an e-mail he had received from CPRE. This e-mail said</p> <p>A few weeks ago we emailed you about Government proposals for sweeping changes to the planning system. A public consultation has just closed on the <i>Planning for the Future</i> White Paper, while another recently closed a few weeks ago on the <i>Changes to the current planning system</i> consultation paper.</p> <p>We believe these proposals will be hugely damaging to our communities and the environment. They will significantly reduce the rights of the public to be involved in decisions about local development plans and planning applications that affect them – while doing nothing to address the housing crisis and climate emergency.</p> <p>They will also side-line the local knowledge and experience of councillors and planning committees up and down the country, reducing your ability to make vital decisions for the communities you serve, which could have significant impacts on their quality of life.</p> <p>We therefore believe it is vital that local decision makers across the country speak out and defend local democracy – many already have. Recent polling by CPRE showed that over half of MPs oppose the planning changes</p> <p>Please join councillors and MPs from across England in signing a joint open letter to the Secretary of State, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, calling for a planning system that is democratically accountable, delivers sustainable development, builds community cohesion and a healthy environment.</p> <p>You can read and sign the open letter to the Secretary of State, by clicking this link.</p> <p>Stephen Holland felt in his opinion that we should sent the letter to the Secretary of State as it could not hard our cause for opposing his suggestions to the planning laws. It was resolved that the Clerk would send the letter.</p>
141.	To discuss the concerns of a resident in relation to the condition of the land and hedgerow and trees at Lidl Milestone Road	
	141.1	<p>The letter from the resident had been circulated in advance. After considering the complains it was agreed the Clerk would send this complaint to the Planning Enforcement Team at South Kesteven District Council to investigate.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the complaint made about the Greggs banners at the Petrol Station, Milestone Road, Bourne, had been reported to the Planning Enforcement Team and they had replied saying that they would investigate but it might take longer than expected because of the Covid19 pandemic. The Clerk said that he would try and take photographs of the banners and send them on to speed up the process.</p>
142.	To receive an update on the combined footway/cycleway Thurlby to Northorpe	
	142.1	There was nothing more to discuss following comments made by Cllrs Reid and Dobson
143.	To receive an update on the suggestion of a voluntary letter picker team	
	143.1	There was no further news, and it was felt that this matter should now be left in abeyance. There was then a discussion about with present litter picker extending her duties to include litter picking in Northorpe, Northorpe Lane and High Street. The Clerk explained that he had spoken to the litter picker and gave details of that discussion. He was asked to see if this extra work could be done not all in one go but spread over the month.

144.	To consider how we spend the Best Kept Village Competition prize money and when the prize is to be presented.
144.1	<p>The Clerk was able to confirm that we had now received the prize money of £200.00. Cllr White said that he had hoped to arrange the presentation of the cheque and certificate but this was not possible as Mrs Cockerill felt uneasy about meeting people whilst we were still having to be careful because of the Covid19 pandemic. A further attempt had been made but Mrs Cockerill had injured herself and we were now restricted as to what we could do as we were under Tier 3. It was agreed that the presentation would take place and Cllr Bill as Chair would be the recipient. Cllr Bill would make the arrangements.</p> <p>Regarding the prize money Cllr White explained that Mrs Cockerill had suggested that the present flower tubs be replaced with larger tubs and square in shape rather than round. He also explained that the floweret tub at the front of the Post Office was damaged and needed to be replaced. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Waterside Nursery to see if they could or would be prepared to provide the tubs at a competitive price and is so this could be acknowledge in the Village Link and in the minutes.</p>
145.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees
145.1	<p>Cllr Thomas said there was nothing to report as all seemed to be in order.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that Scribe had almost completed the job of updating the cemetery software and he was impressed with the new layout and reports that could be created. This was still work in progress but once it was completed he would like to share this with Councillors.</p>
146.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council
146.1	There was no written report as no meetings had been attended.
147.	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 closing date for articles to be included was the 19th January 2021
148.	<p>To confirm Expenditure for October To confirm Expenditure for November £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) £56.40 – Precision Workwear Ltd (hi viz vest and coat for litter picker) £46.20 – 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>
148.1	Resolved: that the above payments be made. The Clerk was asked to see if he could try and see if he could get a better deal on the Broadband, at the time of renewal, as it was felt we were paying too much and there were good and cheaper to deals to have,

149.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.
149.1	The Clerk was asked about the Telephone kiosk on The Green and he was able to confirm that this was adopted by Community Heartbeat who has also adopted the kiosk in Northorpe. Cllr Owen said that she had recently spoken to the charity and it was thought that they might transfer the kiosk to the Parish Council if we purchased a defibrillator. It was pointed out that both kiosks were in need of renovation as they had not been decorated for years now. The Clerk was asked to write to them and point out that the kiosk on Northorpe was leaning badly and both need painting. At the same time he was to ask if they were willing to transfer either kiosk to the Parish Council and if so at what cost.
149.3	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 22.05 with the Chair wishing all Councillors a Happy Christmas and New Year and thanking them for their time in attending the meeting.
150.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.30 p.m. remotely by Video Link or in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby