

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 21-05) held
on Wednesday the 1 September 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance
Park Hall Social Room

Present: **Councillors:** R Bill, N Bradley, H Edwards, (Presiding) P Haley, L Lowe, E Lunn, M Owen, A Thomas and D White
Residents: Mr B Gunner, Mrs E Gunner and Mr D Gunner
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, and County Cllr Robert Reid

Open Forum	
Ben, Emma and Dave Gunner attended to discuss their planning application which is being dealt with under Item 74.1.1. They want to change the use of the barn to provide workshop and parts store. They had previously applied for pre planning advice. They gave a detailed explanation of their work and how many were employed. They showed copies of the plan and answered various questions that were asked. The Clerk said that he had received an email from a resident regarding a plan/drawing that he disagreed with, and no one was answering his concerns. Unfortunately, no planning reference number was given and if it related to this application were they aware of any problems with the drawings. They said that as far as they were concerned the drawings were accurate and had been prepared by a professional. They were also going to apply to have the house renovated and the planning application was shortly to be lodged with the District Council	
The meeting was officially opened at 19.44	
69. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
69.1	Apologies had been received from S Broadbent (personal) M Reece (work) Resolved That the apologies be accepted. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Barry Dobson.
70. 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	
70.1	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
71. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 7 July 2021 (Min21-04)	
71.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 7 July 2021 be signed by the Chair as a correct record
72. To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
72.1	County Cllr Robert Reid had sent a written report which is below There are apparently 50 jobs outstanding on my division, for Bourne South, Thurlby, Toft, Manthorpe and Lound. Many for some considerable length of time. An assurance has been given for a real push for my division! Additionally, the current Highways Manager Kyra is moving on, Thurlby - 'Badger Crossing'

		<p>We are expecting to get the Natural England license in the next couple of weeks. We will then need to one-way gate the badger set for 21 days to remove the badgers. We are now preparing the work to the excavate, backfill, and reinstate the road, dependant on the successful removal of the badgers.</p> <p>Thurlby - High Street drainage Further survey and repair work programmed in for 16 August.</p> <p>Thurlby - Pumping Station, Church Street – standing water Kyra to contact Karen Daft at the IDB to discuss.</p> <p>A15 Thurlby Controlled Crossing If the design criteria was met and the existing bus stop was repositioned could the proposed crossing be sited north of the junction? If so, is it possible to reposition the bus stop to the south of the junction? To meet the design criteria how do we proceed, if another survey how do we identify OAPs and disable users missed previously in the count as they appear to be the governing factor in the calculation? Discussed with the County Manager and agreed to resubmit a scheme brief based on the provision of a signalised crossing on the basis that the Parish Council would try to fund the difference between the costs of a refuge (which is what policy dictates should be provided) and the signalised crossing. Kyra to draft scheme brief and discuss with Cllr Reid.</p> <p>Thurlby - A15 Cycle/footway Progress on upgrading the footway from Thurlby to Northorpe to combined cycle/footway? Progressing as expected with the TRO team.</p> <p>Northorpe - A15 drainage clearance? Kyra to discuss with Karen Daft at the IDB and update Cllr Reid.</p> <p>He explained that he was working with Elsea Park to work on an emergency flooding procedure. If we felt that this would work in Thurlby he was happy to work with us on a similar project.</p> <p>Cllr Reid was asked about the telephone call that Clerk had with a resident on Pulford Close. He agreed that the answer given by the Clerk was correct and it was Riparian ownership</p> <p>Cllr Reid was updated on work that had been on going in High Street regarding drainage work and putting a camera down to find any faults</p>
72.2		<p>District Cllr Barry Dobson had sent his apologies and had submitted a report which is below.</p> <p>1. Apologies Unfortunately, I cannot be with you tonight as I have a meeting regarding the leisure centre in the Deepings. However, my first bit of good news is that we have come 2nd in the Best Kept Village competition.</p> <p>2. Invest SK Tea Break Following on from July's meeting announcement, we will be running a Tea Break for businesses later in September.</p> <p>3. Almond Court I've received a thank you card from a lady who has now been contacted by SKDC regarding her application to rent a lock-up garage. After well over a year of waiting, she has now been allocated one.</p>

		<p>4. Leisure SK This has been the big issue of the month with the Deepings Leisure Centre closing because of a health and safety report. As you can imagine, this is not a happy time. A new leisure centre is still on the cards, but this is a few years away still and we had hoped to keep the existing centre open until the new one was complete. However, public outcry means we will try and get permission to remain in the existing building. The issue is that it is the only real swimming pool in the south of the district. I have managed to assist getting use of another pool in the interim for the Deepings Swim Club with the help of their chairman. Leisure SK Ltd will provide the additional lifeguards.</p> <p>5. Waste Collection Site With the growth of the district comes the problem of increased waste. SKDC has now acquired a new site close to the A1 in Grantham where we will build a fit-for-purpose waste collection depot. This will house our fleet of bin lorries and Environment SK Ltd vehicles as well as new offices for staff. This will remove the existing site from its present location which is in a residential area in Grantham. It also facilitates ease of transport of vehicles between the LCC waste disposal site and our collection depot.</p> <p>6. Ward Member Grant As I mentioned last time, there is a new £500 ward grant available to be shared between Thurlby and Braceborough & Wilsthorpe PCs.</p>
73.		Clerk's Report and correspondence received
	73.1	<p>The Clerk's 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. Further correspondence had been received as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An anonymous letter had been received from a resident in Swallow Hill regarding dog fouling. The Clerk advised that he understood that when an anonymous letter was received it should be ignored and that no action taken because the resident was not prepared to say who they were or where they lived other than Swallow Hill. This advice was accepted as the right way to deal with anonymous correspondence. 2. A resident from Pulford Close had telephoned the Clerk asking who was responsible for clearing the dyke that ran at the back of some gardens in Pulford Close. The resident was advised it this would be discussed at the meeting tonight. See the advice from Cllr Reid above and if possible send the resident a copy of the article we had received about riparian ownership 3. A resident had written to the Clerk regarding Park Wood Road and how it came about that the name had changed and why residents had not been advised. The resident was advised that this would be discussed at the meeting tonight. It was agreed that this was a Highways matter, and he should approach them for answers to his questions. 4. A resident had asked how to become a Parish Councillor and the Clerk had replied that there were no vacancies at this stage. 5. Notice had been received that the planning application for development to extract and process sand and gravel and to progressively restore the site to a mixture of agricultural land, nature conservation area and an agricultural water reservoir at land at Kind Street, Greatford will be reported to the Planning and Regulation Committee on Monday 06 September 2021. The meeting will be held at County Offices, Newland, Lincoln, LN1 1YL and is due to commence at 10:30am. The audio and video of the meeting will be streamed live via the Council's website and a link to this

		<p>stream will be available on the dedicated meeting page for this meeting which is https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=5807</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. An e-mail has been received giving details relating to works on the A46 M1 to Lincoln, northbound and southbound. 7. Issue 3 2021 of LCR 8. Issue 137 September 2021 of Clerks & Councils Direct 9. A letter of congratulations from our MP Gareth Davies for getting 2nd place in this year's Best Kept Village Competition 10. An e-mail had been received from the Youth Hostel Association regarding their intentions with the Youth Hostel in Thurlby. Following substantial subsidence damage arising from interference to the building's foundations by the roots of an adjacent tree, now felled, YHA is awaiting ground settlement in compliance with our insurers' requirements prior to carrying out repair and redecoration works. This matter commenced in February 2020 and was subsequently delayed by Lockdown. Prior to this the hostel could not be occupied due to the damage caused making it unsuitable for guest occupation and delays in securing consent for this tree to be removed. 11. It has transpired that Carr Dyke has still not been cut from the bridge to the Manor and the vegetation was still very tall and getting through is difficult. 12. The Clerk was asked if he had a price from the man who was going to cut the grass verges next year. The Clerk said that he did not but would chase this.
74.	Planning applications: To consider any Planning Applications received	
74.1	S21/1546 - Change of use to provide a community-based leisure business (including a variety of miniature farm animals) and a temporary dwelling on site for manager and respite care at Tiny Steps Petting Farm, Park Wood Road, Thurlby. Response by 2 September 202. Resolved:	
74.1.1	S21/1502 - Change of use of existing rear barn to provide workshop and parts store; including the replacement of roofing, replacement of existing sliding doors and flooring alterations, along with installation of pallet racking at Earl House Farm, 59 Northorpe, Thurlby Response extended to 2 September 2021. Resolved: no comments or objections having spoken to the Applicant.	
74.2	<p>To note Planning Applications approved:</p> <p>S21/1345 - Non-Material Amendment to change to the elevations include the reinstatement of arrow slit windows to the Station Road elevation, alterations to the setting out and number of rooflights, minor alterations to the position and style of windows and doors, minor increase in size of extension of planning permission S16/1385 at 21 Station Road Thurlby</p> <p>Another planning application has been approved since the agenda was posted and this is.</p> <p>S21/1396 - Erection of cabin as an annex to the main dwelling to provide ancillary accommodation at 91A Northorpe Lane Thurlby</p>	
74.3	<p>To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn:</p> <p>After the agenda was posted details of a planning application which was refused was as follows: S21/1154 Proposal: Erection of a car port at Woodlands 16 Obthorpe Lane. The reasons why the plan was refused was as follows. The scale of the proposed development fails to respect the street scene to the detriment of the character and appearance of the area and street scene of Obthorpe Lane. The proposed car port, through its height, scale and positioning is considered to result in an overbearing impact to the street scene of Obthorpe Lane, Thurlby. The proposal is therefore, considered to be contrary to the NPPF Sections 9 and 12, Policy TNP11 of the Thurlby Neighbourhood Plan and Policies DE1 and</p>	

		SD1 of the South Kesteven Local Plan, which seek to achieve well-designed places and prevent harm to the character and appearance of the area and to neighbouring residential amenity
	74.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: there was none to note
75.	To confirm Expenditure £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office July) £447.33 – B M Champness (salary July) £75.08 – Lorraine Cole (salary and expenses July) £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office August) £447.33 – B M Champness (salary August) £93.60 – Lorraine Cole (salary and expenses August) £17.82 – Elaine Reynolds (Salary July) £17.82 – Elaine Reynolds (Salary August) £175.00 – D Collins (refurbish 4 benches) £100.00 – Yvonne Scott (Grant to Open Gardens) £39.99 – BT (broadband charges July) DD £39.99 – BT (broadband charges August) DD £40.00 - Information Commissioner Office (Yearly fee) £114.79 – D White (balance of cost for plants) £130.00 – SLCC (yearly membership fee) <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 payments be approved..
	75.1.1	Since the agenda was posted two more invoices have been received and these are £60.00 - Thurlby PCC (insert in Village Link) £200.00 – C S Harris (cut grass in cemetery in July and August and for cutting hedge and spraying path) Resolved: that these two extra invoices be approved for payment.
76.	To agree payment of £100 as a grant to Open Gardens	
	76.1	A request for a grant had been received from the organisers of the Thurlby and Northorpe Open Gardens 2021 event had been received. Details of the expenditure that had to be made was submitted together with evidence by way of invoices or receipts. Resolved: that the grant be awarded
77.	To discuss whether or not we wish to continue to receive hard copies of the LALC News and if we do to agree the increase in fees to £4 per copy	
	77.1	An e-mail had been received from LALC asking if we still wished to receive hard copies of the LALC News as if we did the cost would be increased to £4 per copy. Resolved that we should cancel the hard copy and rely on the soft copy sent by email
78.	To discuss the Proposed combined footway/ cycleway - A15 Northorpe to Thurlby	
	78.1	Lincolnshire County Council has sent an email with various attachments relating to upgrading the footpath from Thurlby to Bourne to a combined footway/cycleway. They wanted to know if we were in agreement to these proposals. The email and attachments

		had been circulated in advance. Resolved: that we were in agreement and hoped the work would start soon.
79.	To discuss the Lincolnshire Riparian Project - Questionnaire	
	79.1	It was agreed that nothing further could be discussed as we were awaiting the questionnaire.
80.	To discuss and complete the South Kesteven Village Services and Facilities Survey 2021	
	80.1	Cllr Bill thought that Stephen Holland had prepared a similar document in December and would send this on to the Clerk. It was agreed the Clerk would then complete the form and submit it to all Councillors to agree before sending it back
81.	To discuss how we can spend the balance of the grant from District Cllr Barry Dobson and to agree the money spent to date	
	81.1	The Clerk explained what money had been spent on planters and plants and manure. We still needed to have a sign put up on Thurlby Fen when the new bin is in place. We were also paying for the grass to be cut on The Green and other grassed areas in the village and the cost of that would also come from the grant from Cllr Dobson. We also wanted to spend money on the purchase of winter plants and new manure. Cllr White said that would cost in or about £150. Resolved that he be allowed to spend up to £150 to purchase winter plants and manure. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write back to Cllr Dobson saying we had spent the money as above and that if possible we would welcome extra help with more funding to enable winter plants to be purchased and new plants in the Spring.
82.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	
	82.2	<p>Cllr Bill had submitted and circulated a report on the data received during July and August a copy of which can be found on our website, and which is summarised below:</p> <p>During July and August, the Reactive Sign has been positioned on the A15 at Northorpe monitoring traffic northbound and on Swallow Hill for eastbound (incoming) traffic. The A15 northbound at Northorpe covers the period 30.06.21 to 27.07.21. The average 7 day daily volume, although considerably up 55% post easing & 100% on lockdown on last year's figures they still remain below 2019 and 2018 results. With the increase in traffic the average speed and average speed above the limit is slightly lower than last year but still above the 2018/2019 figure (more traffic less speed!), the percent of speeders above the limit is however down 26% of the last three year's average. Both the peak AM and PM times have returned to pre covid times. i.e 08.00 - 09.00 & 17.00 -1800 which perhaps would indicate a return to 'normal'.</p> <p>Swallow Hill Eastbound (incoming or down the hill) covers the period 31.07.21 to 27.08.21 Like all recent results the average daily volumes are up (13%) on the previous November figure but still remain below pre covid. Interestingly the peak AM count has moved to late morning. While the average speed and average speed above the limit has remained similar to previous the percent over the limit has increased 15% to 40% with an average speed of 33.5mph.</p>
83.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	83.1	It was agreed that Cllr White would draft an insert for the next edition of the Village Link and send this to all Councillors for agreement. It was suggested that he include an item

		stating that the Parish Council would not deal with any request that was made in an anonymous letter or r-mail. Als\o it would be sensible if an article could be included regarding riparian duties for house owners that about a river or dyke.
84.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
84.1	Cllr Thomas had nothing to report other than it was hoped that now the famer had harvested the crop in the adjoining filed he would trim back the hedge. He suggested we should give some thought as to when the Christmas memorials should be removed from the graves as the Churchyard had changed their regulations giving people until the 6 January to remove them.	
85.	To discuss the proposed sign for the Cemetery and where this should be sited.	
85.1	Following on from the last meeting the Clerk had been in touch with Set in Stone for a quote for a sign pointing out where the Cemetery was. A quote had not been received but a draft sign had been prepared and circulated. The Clerk had also contacted Mary Trumble, Church Warden, who had requested the sign where it should be sited and whether we had permission from the Church to place it on the building or tree in the Churchyard. Mrs Trumble has replied that the sign should be placed at the entrance to the cemetery so people who were visiting the Churchyard were aware of where the cemetery was. Resolved that a sign saying Thurlby Cemetery possible A4 in size be obtained and placed at the entrance to the cemetery. Rather than have the sign fixed on a pole it was agreed that the sign could be attached to the conker tree on the right as you walk into the cemetery.	
86.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
86.1	No Councillor had attended any meetings on behalf of the Council so there were no reports	
87.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
87.1	Cllr Bill said that he had been approached by a resident who understood that Morton was having the 40-mph speed limit reduced to 30 mph and wondered if we could get this done at the crossroads at Northorpe and Thurlby. It was suggested that we do not do this as it might adversely affect our chances of having a controlled crossing installed at Thurlby.	
87.2	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.46	
88.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.	