

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 20-08) held on Wednesday the 3rd February 2021 at 7.30 p.m. held remotely by video conference

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

	Open Forum
	Stephen Holland wanted to address the Council on 2 matters. The first was to thank Cllr White and his team on getting out the digital version of the Village Link. The other matter related to the information that £2.2 million was being made available for drainage repairs. He wanted to know if we were part of the repairs programme included in the list of 34 destinations. Cllr Reid confirmed that the figure of £2.2 million was correct, but he could not comment on the 34 destinations or whether Thurlby was included. He would have to come back with the information after he had made enquiries. He did confirm that there was an extra £200000.00 for flooding issues and would include funding for sandbags.
	James Wallace wanted to address the Council regarding the flooding problems he suffered during the recent heavy rainstorms. He had sent a letter to the Clerk setting out the problems that existed at the pumping station, close to his house, in Church Street. The Clerk explained that the letter had been circulated in advance. Mr Wallace said that he had been investigating the problem which appeared to be that the adjacent ditch, to take the overflow, was full of rubbish and needed clearing which would in turn allow water to flow away easily. It appears that roadside ditches are not the responsibility of Highways but had riparian responsibilities. His house was next to the pumping station and when it rains it floods and water overflows into his driveway and garden and the water is unable to flow away into the ditch. Cllr Reid said that he would make sure this is reported and look into as soon as possible. Mr Wallace continued that flooding seems to occur more frequently now but development is still taking place with both the County and District Councils receiving an income from this that some of that money should be spent on putting in place adequate infrastructure.
	The meeting was officially opened at 19.52
151.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received
	151.1 There were no apologies as all Councillors were present.
152.	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
	152.1 No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
153.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 2nd December 2020 (Min20-07)
	153.1 Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd December 2020 are to be signed by the Chair as a correct record as soon as conveniently possible.
154.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby
	154.1 County Cllr R Reid had submitted a written report as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 - I am sure you will have seen all care homes in Lincolnshire have their residents vaccinated And inspection of the operation has received glowing reports on COVID Compliance.

- SCHOOLS have had 17% in attendance for frontline works in January .
 - HIGHWAYS have spread 24000 tonnes of grit/salt on our roads during January
 - LIBRARY SERVICE Remain on Click and Collect Only.
 - LCC Executive Councillors Meeting ,Yesterday Reported and agreed a revised Budget proposal on several Millions of Pounds for additional Funding of support to small businesses (£10k)max per claim. More Importantly RESPONSE TO FLOODING,and Single track road repairs in 2021/22 budget.
 - Looking after your mental health - A comprehensive range of support is available. A good place to start for self-help information and mental wellbeing guidance is Public Health England's Better Health – Every Mind Matters NHS website which has just launched its “When things aren't so good out there, make inside feel better” campaign. This encourages people experiencing difficulties to create a free NHS-approved 'Mind Plan'. Locally Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust (LPFT), the county's mental health and learning disability NHS trust, is offering a variety of wellbeing support, this includes a confidential emotional and mental health support line 0800 001 4331available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This enables callers to speak to an experienced support worker who will provide you with emotional support, advice
- Now to Thurlby,
- Flooding :there has been a series of ongoing issues, that the terrible incident on December 23rd also were influenced by me personally and with District Councillor Barry Dobson (whom I would like to thank for his support and help in resolving with me) I have been asking the Welland Internal drainage board for enforcement on Riparian Responsibility on Dykes and Ditches etc, Referring to Report made by the previous Chairman on 26/10/2019.The land behind Water Lane, water course/Blue land drain. The filling in of the ditch at 71 Northorpe Lane and Woodside Close No's 2 6 8.
 - Highways. Again with reference to the Highways Report of 09/09/2019, constructed by Barry Sadler as then Parish Chairman.
 - The Green /High Street Again! and Cllr.Mandy Owen in January.
 - Bourne Road ,Northorpe A15
 - Chapel Lane Gullies
 - Land/property owners on Bourne Road have meet their riparian water responsibilities this January.
 - Cllr Reid gave details of the correspondence he sent to LCC and issues I wish to raise through the Water and Flood Scrutiny Committee on Feb 23rd.For which I feel you will be interested in I have had valued communication with Barry Sadler, whom has suggested that I should try to arrange for a small council grant for the Landowners to resolve issues working with the local drainage board whom have power over consent and seems lesser over enforcement!
 - Turning to the footpath issues kindly forwarded to me from David White, They have all been Logged on Fix my Street, As these are Pavement NOT FOOTPATH Issues. Further ones should be logged this way please.
 - The footpath style has been repaired at Woodside/field entrance.
 - Planning Issues connected to the TPO 03 request from Resident Joyce Stevenson to be put on hold now The youth Hostel are in negotiations for cessation of their lease with

		<p>LCC, since the tree is Scheduled to come down and another planted owing to root considerations I don't see a change in ownership will change the situation of this tree.</p> <p>There then followed a lengthy discussion about the problems that still existed in the village and Cllr Reid said that he would do what he could to get these problems resolved.</p>
154.2		<p>District Cllr B Dobson had submitted a written report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flooding Storm Christoph has thankfully now left us, but before that we had a pretty disastrous end to 2020. At least it took our minds off Covid19 for a while. I managed to get two fire engines with crews, five police cars and teams through County to attend the flooding along Northorpe Lane and Crown Lane. A team from SKDC brought out much needed sandbags within an hour of my call to our Environment team. Cllr Robert Reid joined me, and we spent hours trying to help get the flood water under control. During that time, it was clear that the water run-off from the field behind Water Lane where the water was rushing down towards Northorpe Lane with such force that it was difficult to walk against the flow. We also noticed that the ditch at 71 Northorpe Lane had been filled in; according to the owners of the property they had permission to do this providing a pipe was put in the ground to take away the water. Cllr Reid and I believe it is time that the drainage board and LCC should begin some research and resolve investigations. 2. Footpaths Although strictly not SKDC work, we are particularly keen during these lockdown months to get people out walking and cycling. It would be interesting to get as many to report about footpaths and cycle ways as possible. You can submit your ideas for pavement widening, new cycleways or road closures online at www.widenmypath.com. The second round of funding comes as data from fitness app Strava has revealed over 16,000 more cyclists took to Lincolnshire's roads in 2020, compared with 2019. The data also showed that more people are choosing to commute on their bikes in Lincolnshire, with around 2,000 more regular commutes logged through the app each month compared to last year. 3. BP Service Station 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. 4. General Inconsiderate Parking 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 5. Leisure Centres Leisure SK Ltd took over the running of the centres at Grantham, Bourne, Stamford and Deepings from 1st January. I have been made chairman. We now have a new logo and kit. We had delayed the opening of the centres until 4th January, but as we know, that date could not be realised because of the new lockdown. So, we are currently carrying out some repairs and improvements to the centres in this break. We have through a system called TUPE, brought over most of the staff that were previously employed by 1-Life. The design for the new centre in the Deepings is still being finalised. During the lockdown, we are preparing online fitness sessions; not so energetic as Joe Wicks but ones that can be done by all. This will include some simple sessions we hope to stream into care homes. 6. InvestSK Business Tea-Break Sessions We held our last Business Tea-Break session on 25th January where 120 businesses registered to join. I changed the format back in 2020 to assist businesses, especially the smaller ones to ask questions of a panel. It has proven really popular and the next one is due to take place on 18th February at 09:30. We've had really good, encouraging feedback to continue these for the foreseeable future. <p>Cllr Dobson said that he would like to donate £500 to the Parish Council so that we could purchase of a waste bin to be sited on Thurlby Fen towards the Slipe as some people who went there left litter and made the area look untidy. He suggested we also put-up signs to try and persuade these people to use the bin. He also said that we could purchase a bin to place at the junction of</p>

		<p>Northorpe and Wood Lane and the balance could go towards flower tubs to place around the village or to replace the existing flower tubs. He would send a grant form to the Clerk to complete and send back. Cllr Dobson was thanked for this suggestion and the grant.</p> <p>Cllr Dobson also explained that the road works on the Manthorpe Road would not commence until at least June 2021, due to the badgers.</p>
155.	To co-opt one (1) Councillor	
	155.1	No one had approached the Clerk so it was agreed that this matter would be left on the agenda until the post was filled.
156.	Clerks report and correspondence received.	
	156.1	<p>The Clerks Report was circulated in advance which the Clerk went through and there were no questions.</p> <p>The Clerk pointed out that he had received a letter from South Kesteven District Council regarding South Kesteven District Council - Draft Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven (SPD) - Public Consultation. We had until the 12th March to respond. This would be placed on the March agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas was able to report that a new defibrillator, the second one in the village, had now been installed on the wall of the public house facing the car park. It had been registered with the Ambulance Service and was now fully functional and working.</p>
157.	Planning applications:	
	157.1	<p>To consider any Planning Applications received: S21/0111 - Reserve Matters for, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale under Planning outline: S20/1056 (Detailing, proposed dwelling with detached garage, parking provision arrangements to existing premises complete with drop kerb at: Land Rear Of 9-10, The Green, Thurlby. Response by 16th February 2021. The meeting was closed at 20.29 to allow Andy Baker to address the Council. He had sent a letter to the Clerk making observations in opposition to the proposed property and this had been circulated in advance. He felt that the property was too large for the actual plot and once built he would lose his privacy and light. The access to the site is dangerous and it is out of character with the area. The meeting was re-opened at 20.39. It was pointed out that the application was for reserved matters and that outline planning permission had been approved. Once outline permission had been granted, the developer needed to ask for approval of the details ("reserved matters") before work can start. These details will be the subject of a "reserved matters" application at a later stage, which this was. Resolved: that we would object to the planning application and ask that it is called in and there is a site visit by the Planning Group so they can see for themselves the concerns expressed by Mr Baker. Mr Holland had also sent the Clerk a written objection which had also been circulated in advance. He was happy for us to use his comments in any letter of objections we made.</p>
	157.1.1	<p>After the agenda was posted another application was received: S21/0087 - Repositioning of wall to create enlarged parking area and erection of garage at Fletland Mill House, King Street, Baston. Response by 18th February 2021. Resolved that the Clerk have delegated authority to respond and that as it was outside the parish boundary we had no comments</p> <p>Another application was received as well S21/0177 - Proposed first floor extension at 38 Viking Way, Thurlby. Response by 23rd February 202. Resolved that we had no objections.</p>
	157.2	<p>To note Planning Applications approved:</p> <p>i) S20/1908 - Erection of side extension at Woodlands 16 Obthorpe Lane</p> <p>ii) 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</p>

		<p>iii) S20/1973 - Single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 3 Obthorpe Lane Thurlby</p> <p>iv) S20/1674 - Submission of details reserved by conditions 3 (Levels), 4 (Drainage), 5 (Boundary Treatments) and 6 (Soft & Hard Landscaping) of planning approval S19/2013 (Erection of chalet bungalow as a revision to Plot 5 At White House Nurseries 23 The Green</p>
	157.3	To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn: S20/1916 - Erection of double garage at Lintre House Water Lane (Withdrawn by applicant
	157.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: there were none to note
158.	To discuss the Thurlby Village Survey of Facilities, Services and Amenities	
	158.1	Stephen Holland had revised the survey to reflect what was in the Village and the revised document had been circulated in advance. Cllr Bill had already responded and it was agreed that if anyone else had any suggestions on the alterations or wished further alterations to be made that they should let Stephen Holland know before the end of the month. If he heard nothing then he would submit the document on behalf of the Parish Council and in his capacity of Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. The Parish Council thanks Mr Holland for his assistance and help in this matter.
159.	To discuss the proposed replacement tree to be planted at the Youth Hostel, Thurlby in place on the felled Oak tree	
	159.1	The Clerk explained that he had received notice from the planning officer about the proposed replacement tree once the oak tree had been felled in the grounds of the Youth Hostel. He said that the e-mail was sent for notification and not consultation despite a previous officer saying that the Council would be instructed to make observations and comments on any tree that they would plant. Cllr Owen had already written to the planning officer as a concerned resident about the choice of tree and a letter had been received from Joyce Stevenson suggesting that the felling of the tree wait until the decision was made about the lease on the building. It was resolved that we would write back to the planning officer complaining about the total lack of consultation on the choice of the new tree. We would also ask that as the oak that was to be felled had a TPO on it then we would expect any new tree would also have a preservation order on it to stop it been cut down by any owner of the building without at least having to ask permission to do so.
160.	To discuss the matter of a hose poking under the fence of 7 Park View with water pouring initially onto the grass verge and then overflowing onto the road and down a nearby drain. (Cllr White)	
	160.1	<p>Cllr White requested this matter to be placed on the agenda as he had been approached to look into the matter. A report was given to the Council as follows</p> <p>Following an investigation by Lawrance Park, there is a problem area up the 300mm concrete pipe approx. 20mtrs from the east end manhole in the garden of 20 Chapel lane. This seemed to be exactly where the footings would be for the small extension which was built on the side of 20 Chapel Lane. Large round smooth stones could be seen, when a camera was used, as well as an old wellington boot sitting in the pipe, which obviously does not help the flow of water. When the park is flooding there is a trickle of water through this manhole in the garden of 20 Chapel Lane</p> <p>The house at 7 Park view has a willow tree in its garden near the piped dyke and as the pipes are loosely jointed this may be causing a problem. The other gardens on Park View along with Lawrance Park also flood every year after heavy rain, this never occurred until about 10 years ago.</p> <p>Robinson the builder piped the dyke when he built the houses on Park View as the open dyke was in the gardens of these houses.</p> <p>It was the view of the meeting that due to riparian ownership, it is the house owners at Park View's problem, as well as the IDB to enforce them to resolve it, as the actions of 7 Park View with the pump are now flooding the road and the bottom of Lawrance Park. The whole of the</p>

		<p>water from Crown lane, LP carpark, the back of the bungalows on Fox Covert and the LP playing field cannot satisfactorily drain into the piped dyke, as it backs up and so the football pitches are flooded, the water has nowhere to go apart from a small trickle in the pipe at 20 Chapel Lane. When Lawrance Park piped the ditch and built a manhole at the west end of the dyke in 2017, Lawrance Park had to get permission from IDB to do this, as well as specifying the design and completing a Wildlife habitat survey for them before they could commence the work. So the IDB are definitely involved with this drainage dyke that has been filled in and which has issues in the garden of 7 Park View.</p> <p>Cllr Reid said that he would raise this matter to be investigated and hoped that the drainage board would be forced to resolve the matter.</p>
161.	To receive an update on the problem of flooding in and around the Village since the last meeting	
	161.1	<p>This matter had been discussed at length in the Open Forum and during Item 154.1 and there was nothing else to add to that discussion. Cllr Owen said that she had reported all the problems on Fix My Street and hoped that by doing so matters would be resolved very soon.</p>
162.	To receive an update on the appointment of a new Internal Auditor	
	162.1	<p>The Clerk was pleased to be able to report that a David Thornburn had been recommended to us and he had been in talks with him to see if he wanted to do the work and whether he was qualified enough to do the work. Mr Thornburn had sent an e-mail explaining that he was self employed and lived in Bourne and which he gave details of the work that he did. He was an Accountant and did Audit work This letter had been circulated in advance. An e-mail had also been received from LALC setting out the job description for an Internal Auditor and this too had been circulated in advance. Resolved: that we would ask Mr Thornburn to be our Internal Auditor subject to receiving two references from his Clients.</p>
163.	To discuss the possibility of working in conjunction with Community Heartbeat to renovate the two old telephone kiosks in the village.	
	163.1	<p>Heartbeat had expressed willingness to help us but had so far not commented on whether they would undertake remedial work especially on the telephone kiosk in Northorpe. Cllr Own said that she would go and take photographs of the kiosk in Northorpe so we could show that this was leaning quite badly. The Clerk would then write to them to ask that they take what action was needed and that we would then be able to give due consideration on whether or not we wanted a defibrillator in that kiosk. As for the kiosk on the Green we would leave that for the time being to see if we got a favourable response to the kiosk in Northorpe</p>
164.	To discuss whether we retain the present website or have a new website hosted by Lincolnshire County Council	

164.1	<p>The Clerk pointed out that he had already sent details of the LCC hosted websites and felt duty bound to bring this matter to the attention of the Council as they might want to consider taking up that option. He pointed out that he was Clerk at Witham on the Hill Parish Council and their website was hosted by LCC. The old site had been replaced by a new site but trying to upload data onto the website was an almost impossible task. However, a man had come forward with good references from LALC who could help, and his services would be free, The Clerk had taken that offer up and whilst his services were free there was no guarantee that this would continue as he was helping a large number of other Councils with the same matter. After discussing the matter, it was resolved that we would retain our present website but would ask Ian Bratley if he could consider updating it. It was also agreed that we would have an item on the agenda each month asking Councillors if they had any suggestions or information that would or should be on the website</p>
165.	<p>To consider the data received from the reactive sign for December and January</p>
165.1	<p>Cllr Bill had submitted before the meeting the data he had obtained from the Reactive Sign positioned on Northorpe Eastbound during December 2020 and Obthorpe Lane Incoming during January.</p> <p>The Northorpe survey period includes Christmas, New Year and the partial road closure and the data should be viewed accordingly. In general, the daily count, speeds etc. all indicate figures, as would be expected, below that of the previous - October 2019, however, are in line with much earlier data - March and October 2018. For Obthorpe Lane, the data would indicate a 35% and 48% drop in volume compared to February 2019 and November 2017. Those travelling above the speed limit are also down 30% to 19.51% but the average speed above the limit remains similar at 34.79mph. Maximum speed is also down to 51mph.</p> <p>There were no questions. Full details can be found on the website.</p>
166.	<p>To receive an update on the request for a crossing at Thurlby crossroads.</p>
166.1	<p>Cllr Reid said that he had heard from the County Council that they were not going to change their minds by refusing our request for a controlled crossing but instead wanting us to approve a crossing with a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road. He said that he thought that he had sent an e-mail but would do so. During the meeting, the following was received although not made know to the Councillors. Without this information the Council wanted to continue with their request for a controlled crossing and if necessary apply for section 106 money from any development that might happen at Elm Farm.</p> <p><i>To continue to pursue this option would be in direct conflict with the detail in this report. There would be implications for the frontage residents at this location, bus users would be inconvenienced as the bus lay by would require re-siting further out of the village, and the report has stated that the visibility of the signal heads would be limited which would seriously impact on the safety of the crossing.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the overall criteria for a signalised crossing has not been met.</i></p> <p><i>To continue to pursue the option of a signalised crossing would require a departure from policy in direct conflict with the recommendations in the feasibility report. I am not prepared to support this unless the parish can provide opposing evidence of their assertions in points 1, 2 and 3 below, and evidence that they have considered the needs of all residents in their decision making.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. They state that this unsafe, and would put lives at risk.</i> <i>2. The position south of the Junction is the wrong position</i> <i>3. That a Controlled pedestrian Crossing North of the junction would be Safe.</i> <p><i>I can still progress the pedestrian refuge option south of the junction. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.</i></p>
167.	<p>To receive an update on the Greggs banners and landscaping at Mill Road</p>
167.1	<p>Before this was discussed the Clerk pointed out that he had made an error in the agenda by saying Mill Road when it was Milestone Road The Clerk explained that he had not heard further from South Kesteven District Council since their last letter although he had noticed that the banners had been</p>

		moved back from the footpath to the perimeter fence. He had no further news on the landscaping by Lidl, but he would chase South Kesteven District Council for an update.
168.	To receive an update on the combined footway/cycleway Thurlby to Northorpe	
	168.1	Cllr Reid explained that the request was being considered favourably and the work was due to go ahead in the next financial year
169.	To receive an update on how we spend the Best Kept Village Competition prize money	
	169.1	It was agreed that there would be a meeting with Cllr White and Cllrs Bill and Thomas on Friday 5 th February to discuss possible raised planters, tubes etc. The purpose of the meeting was to see what was required and where they could be placed
170.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	170.1	Cllr Thomas said there was nothing to report as all seemed to be in order. The Clerk did say that he had been approached by Set in Stone the stonemasons in Bourne as they had received a request to place on a memorial a photograph of the deceased on one side of the memorial and on the other the logo for West Ham United. The Clerk had said that he would ask the Council as he felt unable to make that decision on his own. He explained that the photograph would be about 12cms in height and oval shape with the widest part being 9 cms. The football logo would be the same size. Resolved: that there was no objection to this request.
171.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	171.1	There was no written report as no meetings had been attended.
172.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	172.1	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.
173.	To consider a request from Lives for a financial donation to continue their work across Lincolnshire.	
	173.1	It was explained that a letter had been received asking for a financial contribution to help continue their charitable work. The Clerk explained that he thought that the only way we could make a contribution would be under Sec137 and as such we had to show it was for the benefit for the residents and not disproportionate. He could not say that he was able to prove those points. After discussion it was resolved that we would make a donation of £75 and the Clerk would check if there was any other power to make this payment other than Sec 137.
174.	To confirm Expenditure for December and January £553.97 – B M Champness (salary for December and to include back pay) £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office for December) £109.70 – Community Cleaner (salary and expenses for December) £14.39 – Zoom (monthly licence fee December) £46.20 – BT (broadband - December)] DD £393.58 – HMRC (PAYE & NI) £75.00 – Royal British Legion (Donation under Sec137) £50.00 – Colin Grey (Christmas tree) £40.00 – A Thomas (electrical items for defibrillator) £487.33 – B M Champness (salary for January) £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office for January) £87.76 – Community Cleaner (salary and expenses for January) £14.39 – Zoom (monthly licence fee January)	

	£46.20 – BT (broadband - January)] 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
174.1	Resolved: that the above payments be made.
175.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.
175.1	The Clerk mentioned that the noticeboard in front of the Post Office needed repairing as water was leaking in and he had to remove the papers as they were soaking wet. In addition, the backing was coming loose, and it was very difficult to pin notices up as the backing kept on falling forward. Cllr White said that he would look as what could be done to resolve both matters.
175.3	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.47
176.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30 p.m. remotely by Video Link or in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby

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