

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 21-07) held on Wednesday the 3 November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Hall Social Room

Present: **Councillors:** R Bill, N Bradley, S Broadbent, P Haley, L Lowe, E Lunn, M Owen, M Reece, A Thomas (Presiding) and D White
Residents: James Wallace, T Hall and M Tuplin-Hughes (Tiny Steps Petting Farm)
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr Robert Reid & District Cllr Barry Dobson

Open Forum	
Tracey Hall from Tiny Steps Petting Farm was present and wanted some help and clarity. The problem related to the road which the petting farm was on. It was once the old A15 and one of the residents living there put up a sign saying, "Private Road". She had taken this up with the County Council who stated it was not a private road but highways. South Kesteven District Council said that it was private. The other confusion was the name of the road. Was it Old Peterborough Road or Parkwood Road? As a result, her request to put up a brown sign could not go ahead as it appeared that no one had applied through the official road naming process. As both Cllr Reid and Cllr Dobson were present they indicated that they would do what they could to sort out the confusion as get a definitive answer. Once a decision was made that it was or was not a private road then the street naming process could then be resolved.	
James Wallace was present, and he wanted to talk about the problem of potholes in Church Street by the pumping station. He was advised that his email and photographs of the problem had been circulated to the Councillors and to Cllr Reid. Cllr Reid explained what the position was as set out in his report in Item 114.1. Mr Wallace explained that he thought the whole process was a complete waste of money as he and the other residents were paying for the work to be done. He felt that rather than to report the potholes individually which was expensive, when carrying out the repairs, consideration should be given to repairing all the potholes in that vicinity,	
The meeting was officially opened at 19.56	
111. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
111.1	Apologies had been received from Cllr H Edwards (work) Resolved: that the apologies be accepted.
111.2	Cllr Thomas reported that John Spooner had recently died. He had been a Parish Councillor for 11 years and resigned in September 1987. Since leaving the Parish Council he was very active on helping resolve the Chance to Share Scheme for Lawrance Park with Lincolnshire County Council. He will be sadly missed.
112. 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	
112.1	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
113. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6 October 2021 (Min21-06)	
113.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6 October 2021 be signed by the Chair as a correct record. Cllr Bill said that there was no reference to the discussion regarding the possible purchase of a second reactive sign It was agreed that

		rather than to amend the minutes that issue should be discussed when the Precept was set.in the December meeting.
114.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
114.1		<p>County Cllr Robert Reid had sent a written report which is below Highways Updates following my meeting on October 29th. In Response to the enquiry/complaint from James Wallace /repairs done and not done as per his photo's. The intervention level to a pothole is OVER 40mm, if there are potholes surrounding the offending intervention which are, at the time LOWER than 40mm, they will not be done at the same time. The other extenuating circumstance of NOT doing surrounding Potholes is that the contractor will only take Material Sufficient for Intervention Potholes on the day of repair ONLY at multiple sites. If we involve reactively at EVERY pothole, then the system would be overloaded and exhausted and would ultimately go against the policies of Highways. My suggestion is to register all other ones needing repairs On fix my street.</p> <p>Reference The Cost of the work on The Badger Repair, nearly finished, just the verges to be completed, so the cost not yet fully in. This and any other enquiries can be obtained as follows</p> <p>Please use the information in your reply / comment - Pothole Repairs and Wastage of Money: LCC utilises a contract whereby we only pay for the work being completed, there is no extra money paid for workforce and attendance to site, this is all part of a contractual agreement with our contractors.</p> <p>Car Dyke, low lying flooding, stagnant water flow situations Church Street to Katesbridge</p> <p>Reply from the Welland Drainage Board...</p> <p>The Car Dyke is controlled by the Environment Agency, and you will need to contact them direct. Action Now contacted, EA awaiting response.</p> <p>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? Schemes Submission is in process, and I will be sitting with Kyra, while these are finalised and submitted – It's been 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)</p> <p>Update is that schemes in submission are being reviewed including Thurlby's for the forward program in November!</p> <p>Quest. Dan Goodman/highways LCC Manager, is willing to make a visit to Thurlby, Would the Parish Council confirm and elect a member? if so then I can liaise a date.</p>

Other LCC information.

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NHS Lincolnshire:

NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is conducting a formal public consultation exercise on the future of a number of NHS services. This is your chance to share your views on these services, the challenges they face, and proposals for improvement. For more details, please see <https://www.lincolnshire.nhs.uk/get-involved/our-campaigns/changes-to-nhs-services>

Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) for Theddlethorpe:

RWM (Radioactive Waste Management) is the management team looking for a suitable site across the UK. A working group is being formed with the local parish council as well as Lincolnshire County Council who have nominated the leader Cllr Martin Hill to represent the Council. The working group is an information gathering exercise. The decision to get involved is to really reflect grass-roots views from across the community and to recognise that ultimately it will be a community decision as to whether a GDF should be built. The council's involvement is therefore to make sure that residents and businesses have access to information they need, and to help reflect their views. Participating in the group does not mean the Council wants the GDF at the Theddlethorpe site and no view has been taken.

It was agreed that Cllr Bill be the appointed rep of the Parish Council to meet with Cllr Reid and the Highways Manager. It was however, suggested that the Clerk ask Cllr Edwards, as Chair, if she wanted to attend instead.

The Clerk read the letter from Mr Holland about the Lincolnshire Local Transport survey and stating that he hoped that Cllr Reid would mention this in his report. He also suggested that the Council might like to meet with other Councils along the A5 and join with them to approve suggested improvements. Cllr Reid said that he had not been told of this survey and asked the Clerk to send hi the link which he said he would. On the matter of us joining other Councils he explained that Cllr Dobson had worked tirelessly on trying to get local transport improved along the A15 so he suggested that he and Cllr Dobson would get together to see why nothing had been done since the various suggestions were made by Cllr Dobson.

Regarding the badger crossing the work was almost complete and all that needed to be done was to finalise the grass verges. Cllr Lunn explained that the wire mesh which was exposed could cause serious damage to farm vehicles if they were forced onto the verge..

		<p>Cllr Reid was advised that water was now being pumped onto Lawrance Park and as a result water was draining onto Chapel Lane. This had been discussed last year but nothing seemed to have been done and he was asked to chase this up.</p> <p>The King Street gravel excavation site was still on going and after a hard-fought battle it had been agreed that the road would be widened to 6 meters.</p>
<p>114.2</p>		<p>District Cllr Barry Dobson had submitted a report which is below.</p> <p>1. Deepings Leisure Centre</p> <p>I took a group of councillors to the North Hykeham to see NK One, their conversion to a similar aged leisure centre building. The conversion was completed some 5 years ago. The group found this to be really enlightening and were encouraging as I had promoted this as the quickest and most economical way to get the facility, or a facility, up and running again. We have managed to get users at the Deepings centre to use both Bourne and Stamford as well as the Stamford Endowed School's pool.</p> <p>Despite lots of criticism in the beginning, we should be able to get a decision to go ahead in December so that the centre can be open again in the shortest possible time. The centre has 6 x 25m lanes and is ideal for those taking swimming seriously. Bourne and Stamford only have four lanes and these do not have the 'apparently' necessary black lines on the pool floor for those swimmers that require them.</p> <p>2. Leisure and Health</p> <p>I am continuing to create additional leisure interest by supporting the upkeep of pathways and, of course, pitches around our area and beyond. It is a huge task for our officers.</p> <p>3. Whitehouse Nurseries Site</p> <p>The officer inspected the soakaways and reported that it was difficult to inspect these as they are subsurface, but that these had inspection caps clearly visible where the soakaways should have been installed. One of these had still to be installed and there was an open pit for his examination. The builder was on site and he informed the inspector that he was about to install another soakaway. The inspector has reported that the soakaways are all in the correct locations.</p> <p>The inspector points out that there is a channel alongside the site where the driveway is going to be laid. He has asked the developers for further information on this as it is not on the plans.</p> <p>He points out that flooding on construction sites are usually caused by the compaction from heavy site traffic. This often leads to pooling and run-off. This becomes a civil matter between the complainant and the developer; however, the inspector points out that he will be contacting the developer to see what can be done about the channel as it is unlikely to be helping the issue.</p> <p>He is also going to check the height of the buildings as these do appear to have been built higher than detailed in the approved plan. For this he needed a special device that was not available to him during the visit, but he will be returning to check this and keep me informed.</p> <p>4. Waste Collection Site</p> <p>There have been a few comments about the request to avoid putting fruit (waste and fallen) into the green bin. This is because the garden waste is used in anaerobic digesters that produce electricity. The mixture of fruit in the mix prevents the maximum output of the other garden waste. Apparently, an anaerobic digester is like a cow (told to me by the director of Beeswax Dyson when I visited their site last year) in that it upsets the digestion process. There have also been a few councillors saying that we should all have our own composters, but these are good with fruit and vegetable waste, not necessarily with grass, etc. Not only does the anaerobic digester turn garden waste into electric power. I am currently also working on a project to utilise the waste from the digester to be used as compost.</p>

		<p>5. Ward Member Grant I have increased this to £300.</p> <p>6. Bins There here and installed. The one in the Fens is being well used. I thought that the one on the green at the end of Wood Lane looks a tad Dalek-like!</p> <p>7. Almond Court I met residents at Almond Court on Monday to look at the parking problem there. I had an officer from SKDC with me and I have requested we put a sign up as soon as possible to restrict the parking there to residents only. We have also agreed to look at some additional parking, pollarding of trees as well as removal of a dead one. In addition, the heating systems are antiquated, and the buildings lack proper insulation.</p> <p>Cllr Dobson was thanked for the generous grant of £300.00 which was appreciated</p> <p>He was asked if he knew when the defibrillator would be installed at Almond Court. As he did not know he would chase this up</p> <p>He explained that he would be presenting the cheque and certificate for coming 2nd in the Best Kept Village Competition on the 4th November to Cllrs Thomas, White and Bill</p>
115.	Clerk's Report and correspondence received	
	115.1	<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. The Clerk pointed out that in the report was an email from LCC asking if we wanted a bag of salt to use this winter. The closing date for confirming this was the 31 October. In view of this deadline the Clerk had responded saying yes to the request, but he then ascertained that the bag weighed 1 tonne. He could not store that in his garage. Cllr Reid has asked someone from LCC to contact the Clerk who told that even if we said no they would still fill up the salt bins around the village He was told that if a bin needed filling it was far quicker and easier to go onto Fix My Street and report that fact. As a result, the Clerk was able to cancel the delivery of the bag of salt to his house. 2. The noticeboard in Chapel Lane had been damaged at the weekend by the strong winds. Cllr White had removed the broken parts and had taken them home. We would need to agree a figure which could be spent on repairing the damaged doors. 3. Tracey Hall of the Petting Farm had been in touch regarding the problem of having a sign erected advertising the farm as there was some confusion over whether it was a private road or highways and whether it was called Parkwood Road or Peterborough Road. The email received had been sent to Cllr Dobson to see if he could clarify the matters 4. Cllr Reid had sent an email he had received from Katie Fraser the Senior Maintenance Design Technician at Lincs County Council saying "We have received a request to look at changing the speed limit along the A15, Bourne Road near Northorpe. In line with our speed limit policy, it meets the criteria for the attached extension" Are you happy with this going out for consultation? Cllr Reid had replied agreeing that it should go out to consultation. 5. An e-mail from a Keith Duly asking about the verge cutting and wanting to know more information.

		<p>6. A brochure from Sunshine Gym advertising outdoor gym equipment</p> <p>7. An email had been sent by S Holland to the Chair Cllr Edwards saying he was surprised that there was no mention of the Lincolnshire Transport Plan Prospectus and the Local Transport Plan Survey on the agenda or previous minutes. He would expect the Parish Council to embrace this opportunity and perhaps join with others along the A15 between Bourne and Market Deeping to offer a robust reply and put forward ideas to relieve the traffic congestion along this stretch or Primary Road. The Clerk pointed out that the answer was very simple why there had been no mention of this before as the email from the County Council was received on Friday 29th October. This was after the agenda had been posted the day before. It was agreed that he Clerk would send the email to the Councillors to consider and if possible the survey would be completed before the deadline.</p> <p>8. The Clerk was reminded that the minutes in the Post Office needed to be updated.</p>
116.	Planning applications: To consider any Planning Applications received	
116.1	<p>S21/2006 - The proposed works are to extend an existing patio area using the same matching sandstone slabs, to incorporate a central raised water feature with surround grass square areas with red brick edgings. Raised softwood planters are to be introduced, steps to access different levels of ground and an oak pergola within the patio area at: West Farm, 13 Northorpe. Response by 12 November 2021(Listed Building) Resolved: no comment</p> <p>S21/2005 - The proposed works are to extend an existing patio area using the same matching sandstone slabs, to incorporate a central raised water feature with surround grass square areas with red brick edgings. Raised softwood planters are to be introduced, steps to access different levels of ground and an oak pergola within the patio area at West Farm, 13 Northorpe. Response by 12 November 2021. Resolved: no comment</p>	
94.2	To note Planning Applications approved: none to note	
94.3	To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn: none to note	
94.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: there was none to note	
117.	<p>To confirm Expenditure</p> <p>[£40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office)]</p> <p>[£447.33 – B M Champness (salary)]</p> <p>[£93.80 – Lorraine Cole (salary and expenses)]</p> <p>[£17.82 – Elaine Reynolds (Salary)]</p> <p>£34.43 – BT (broadband charges October) DD</p> <p>[£154.05 – A Thomas (2 batteries for Christmas tree)]</p> <p>£21.99 – D White (soil and bulbs)</p> <p>£36.00 – APS (payroll services April, May, and June)</p> <p>£36.00 – APS (payroll services July, August and September)</p> <p>[£40.00 – B M Champness (2 boxes of heavy duty wheelie bin bags)]</p> <p>£90.00 – Thurlby PCC (November Village Link insert)</p> <p>[] 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>	
117.1	<p>Resolved that the payments be approved. An invoice had also been received from Chris Harris for £96.00 for cutting the grass in the cemetery and sweeping the paths twice.</p> <p>Resolved that this invoice be paid.</p>	

118.	To discuss the draft Precept budget and to consider what if anything can be included or removed from the budget before the final approval in December
118.1	The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for 2022-23 and explained that although tis was being discussed in full at the December meeting he wanted to know if anyone had any queries or suggestions on reducing or increasing any of the budget's proposals. He pointed out what the figures for Lawrance Park and the Churchyard Committee was a guess as he had not heard from either what if anything they required from us. It was pointed out that the Churchyard Committee would be looking for a larger sum this year. It was also pointed out that we might have to increase the payments for the inserts in the Village Link. Councillors were asked to consider the budget and to liaise with the Clerk if there was any suggested additions or amendments so that he could make the amendments and they could be discussed at the next meeting.
119.	To discuss a request from Dimension Skatepark in Bourne for financial support
119.1	A letter had been received from a Phil Galpin who is a Trustee for a small charity in Bourne "Dimension Skatepark". The charity was set up solely to provide a multi wheeled sports facility in Bourne. A few years ago, the youth of Bourne and the surrounding area asked Bourne Town Council for help with that project, but nothing came of that. With the help of volunteers, they have secured a site on Abbey Lawn. The cost of the project is £327,000.00 and they have secured in excess of £270,000.00 so far and were looking to Thurlby Parish Council for financial support. The Clerk advised the Council that although we as a Parish Council had the authority to spend money on projects such as this the money we would be spending was from residents of the village and as such there seemed little if any benefit for local people to use that facility. The alternative was to use Sec 137 but we were very limited with its use as it had to be proportionate and for the benefit of the residents. He had taken advice from LALC who said that as the facility was outside of Thurlby we would have to use Sec 137 and as explained above we were limited with how much we could give. It was agreed that we would write back to explain that we were very limited with what we could give financially so we would not be able to make a donation now but once the skate park was built and being used they should come back to us and we would look into this aging to see what we could afford.
120.	For Councillors who attended training sessions to give an update on these sessions
120.1	Cllrs Broadbent and Owen explained that they had attended Councillor training, and both thought it was very good and very helpful. They recommended all new Councillors should undertake the training. The Clerk explained that Cllr Edwards had booked to attend the Chair training session.
121.	To discuss request to use the Waterside Nursery voucher to purchase a round planter and soil for the Obthorpe Lane triangle
121.1	Cllr White explained that he had spoken to Mrs Cockerill to see if she wanted anything for planting and she explained that and she would like a round tub to go on the Obthorpe triangle to provide balance with the two already there. The cost of the tub is £49.00, and he was wondering if we could use the voucher to purchase the tub and soil. It was agreed that there was no rush to buy the planter. Cllr White was asked to prepare a budget which could be discussed at the December meeting when the Precept was set.
122.	To receive an update on the A15 crossing at Thurlby

	122.1	The Clerk had been asked to include this item from now on as an agenda item so it would not get overlooked in the reports from Cllr Reid. For the update see Item 114.1 in the report from Cllr Reid
123.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	
	123.2	<p>Cllr Bill was able to report the following data received During October the unit was positioned in High Street recording traffic in an eastbound direction. The 5-day daily count at 1148 is 5% up on the last data however the 7 day and peak AM & PM figures remain similar. Peak times remain the same. The average speed is slightly higher (1mph) at 23.4mph with the average speed above the limit very similar however those travelling above the speed limit have increased by 60% to 9.96% & 10.22% for the 5 & 7 day figures. The maximum speed of 60.0mph was a 6mph increase on the previous year but is the same or below the 2018 & 2019 figure.</p> <p>The Clerk asked if it was correct that a car travelling less than 25 mph the speed would not show on the sign, but it would be recorded within the data obtained.</p> <p>Cllr Bill was thanked for undertaking this monthly task</p>
124.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	124.1	<p>There was nothing to report other than Mr Harris had cut the grass twice and swept the paths twice. Cllr Thomas suggested that in the Spring of 2022 we should all meet again at the cemetery before a meeting, so we were all aware of what was happening there.</p>
125.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	125.1	There were no reports of any meetings attended
126.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	126.1	Cllr White would prepare a draft report of what was to be included in the Village Link, but he would send it out first to all Councillors to approve. It was suggested that it might be appropriate now to have a history of Lawrance Park printed so that new people moving to the village would know how the park was acquired and the work that was done to reach an agreement with Lincolnshire County Council to have the school built on the park. He would let Cllr White have a copy which had previously been printed
127.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	127.1	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.01
128.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.	