

**Thurlby Parish Council**  
**Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 22-02) to be held on**  
**Wednesday the 1 June 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park**  
**Social Room**

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

<b>Open Forum</b>	
Stephen Holland wished to address the council on the matters raised in his letter to the council as set out in Item 31.1 item 2. He said that he would like to know if the Council was prepared to meet with Anglia Water so they could explain their work and intentions. He was also concerned that he understood that there would be 38 movements a day for 2 weeks by lorries going through the village which he thought was not acceptable. He said that if the council did not want this meeting he would be happy to meet them himself not on behalf of the council but as a resident. He was told this matter would be dealt with under the Clerks report.	
The meeting was formally opened at 19.33	
<b>26. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies &amp; noting of resignations received</b>	
<b>26.1</b>	No apologies were received as all Parish Councillors were present. Apologies were received from District Cllr Dobson
<b>27. 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</b>	
<b>27.1</b>	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
<b>28. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 18 May 2022 (Min22-01)</b>	
<b>28.1</b>	<b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes of the Annual meeting held on the 18 May 2022 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.
<b>29. To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby</b>	
<b>29.1</b>	County Cllr Robert Reid sent a written report as set out below: Following on from the Annual and Parish Meeting, on the 18th of May. An update on The Youth Hostel's property being relinquished by the YHA and being used as a Children's' home has not moved on any further, A meeting has been held by the property team who I am awaiting a response from and have now asked for a team's meeting update. However, the concerns of overhanging tree branches by neighbouring properties have been reported and the preservation of the snowdrop beds has been noted to. I noticed the grass in the Youth Hostel had not been touched and I have requested LCC as landlord for some urgent action.

	<p>A15 Crossing, following the decision to pursue this with LCC Highways...further safety audit will be arranged, and I will inform you of the outcome in due course! My next highway's meeting is on June 9th. So I will ask for an update on the crossing safety Audit Progress. Similarly, I will send an update, on all highway's matters related, immediately afterwards to bring everyone right up to date. As you know the A15 is closed each night this week for repairs, I have asked for a progress update to give you verbally too.</p> <p>Cllr Reid explained that he had put his name forward as the representative to liaise with the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board as he thought this would be beneficial to residents of Bourne and Thurlby. He was pleased to say that he was nominated for that post.</p>
<b>29.2</b>	<p>District Cllr Barry Dobson although had sent his apologies had sent a written report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bins will be collected as usual this week despite the two days of public holiday. It's silver bin week.</li> <li>2. I am still waiting a reply from planning about the proposed solar farm. The last thing I heard was that this was still being considered by planners at SKDC.</li> <li>3. I have been in touch with Mrs Mumford concerning Almond Court and I am pleased to report that the Director, Andrew Cotton, has informed me that the slabs around the fishpond where the residents wish to hold their Jubilee Celebrations has been re-laid and that all are very pleased with SKDC's work. In addition, the door to the main building has now been fitted with a new lock.</li> <li>4. I understand from recent correspondence that our person who has kept the village and the Fens clean by collecting the liners from the bins, etc. has retired. I think this was a great effort for a small reward, but it did make a difference. I was recently out with my dogs on Long Drove when a white van drove past me around 6:30 on a Sunday morning. It stopped for a while at the end and I must admit I did wonder what they were doing as they didn't stop long. I then saw them stopping at the mid-way bind and suddenly realised it was the person collecting the bin bags. I would like to propose a real thank you that person for all the good work done. The Clerk explained that he had recently seen Maria Cox collecting litter on Swallow Hill who was doing this on a voluntary basis. It was pointed out that quite a number of other residents also did voluntary litter picking and it was agreed that an article should be placed in the Village Link thanking all those volunteers for the great work they were doing.</li> <li>5. I'd also like to wish us well for this year's best kept village competition. Unfortunately Dr Peter Moseley is no longer a councillor, having resigned in order to concentrate on his business. So, I do not know when we will be inspected. However, I must compliment those who have worked hard putting in additional planters around and especially in front of the post office.</li> <li>6. I have also decided to step down from my Cabinet position to concentrate on local issues and my own business. I am still planning to be with you at least up until the next elections. I am now in my 8th year as your councillor – perhaps long enough!!</li> </ol>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Clerk's Report and correspondence received</b>
<b>30.1</b>	<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. Since the agenda was sent out the following have been received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lincolnshire Fieldpaths Association Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter</li> <li>2. A letter from Stephen Holland about the Ancaster to Bexwell water pipeline. SKDC Planning Application s22/0230. Anglian Water construction team is currently</li> </ol>

		<p>reviewing their plans for compounds and the possibility that the need for a Laydown Compound, a Satellite Compound and a Trenchless Compound at the top of Swallow Hill could be under review. The Clerk was asked to write back to say that his comments and concerns had been noted and to thank him for his interest in this matter. The Council did not wish to take this matter further and did not want to meet with Anglian Water</p> <p>3. An email from Maisie McMahon, Safer Together Coordinator North and South Kesteven. The Neighbourhood Policing Inspector and I have been working on a way to better communicate with the community before our Priority Setting Meetings. In these Meetings, the force along with other partners, come together and discuss what the priorities should be for each Neighbourhood Policing Area. As I am sure you have seen in my quarterly newsletter I update both North and South Kesteven on the priorities chosen for the areas. After some queries from Parishes, we have created a document for you where you can write into us to let us know of what priorities you believe should be in your neighbourhood policing area. For this month's PSM for both NSK, if you would like your priorities suggestions to be discussed they need to be sent back to my self by end of play <b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> at the latest.. It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the agenda each month as once we had a priority we would complete the form and submit it</p> <p>4. An email had been received from David White regarding the discussion at the last meeting about the Best Kept Village competition. He wanted to say that if we knew the scores and comments of the judges for last year's competition then we could take steps to improve on these matters with a view to getting 1<sup>st</sup> place. The Clerk explained that he had written asking for the scores and comments. He had received a reply to say that the email was sent to another person who was asked to respond. To date nothing had been received.</p>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Planning applications: To consider any Planning Applications received</b>	
<b>31.1</b>	<b>S22/0997</b> - Proposal: Installation of 5no. charging stations and associated infrastructure at Petrol Station, Milestone Road, Bourne. <b>Response</b> by 11 June 2022. <b>Resolved:</b> no concerns and would welcome the proposal.	
<b>31.2</b>	<b>To note Planning Applications approved:</b> none to note	
<b>31.3</b>	<b>To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn:</b> none to note	
<b>31.4</b>	<b>To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal:</b> none to note	
<b>32.</b>	<b>To confirm Expenditure</b> £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £456.37 – B M Champness (salary) £154.30 – Elaine Reynolds (salary) £59.99 – Microsoft Office 365 (annual fee) <b>[ ] 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</b>	
<b>32.1</b>	<b>Resolved:</b> that the payments be approved.	
<b>32.1.1</b>	The Clerk explained that he had received some invoices since the agenda was posted and there were. £48.97 - D White (2 patio pots and compost).	

		<p>£4.29 – B M Champness (notebook)          £312.00 – D Thornburn (Internal Audit fee)          £5.00 – Lincs Fieldpaths Association (Annual fee)          £110.00 - C S Harris (Fee to cut grass, hedge and sweep path)  <b>Resolved</b> that these payments be made</p>
<b>33.</b>	<b>To discuss the accounts and for the bank reconciliation to be signed</b>	
	<b>33.1</b>	The Clerk was able to circulate in advance various reports from Scribe for April 2022 and May 2022 which showed the items purchased, money received, and bank balanced at the end of the month, A bank reconciliations were sent, and these were approved and signed by the Chair for both months.
<b>34.</b>	<b>To discuss any Matter raised at the Annual Parish Meeting that needs a decision</b>	
	<b>34.1</b>	The only matter that might want to be discussed was the acquisition of land for allotments. We still did not have the required number that needed us to make a decision, but it was thought that we might have done so after the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that we place an item in the Village Link explaining that a number of residents were interested in an allotment but the only land we owned was the cemetery and to ask if anyone had land that could be acquired or if anyone had an unused garden that people could use as an allotment. This process could take some time and we would have to hold a referendum to see if residents were happy that we used their money to purchase land.
<b>35.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the purchase of two noticeboards</b>	
	<b>35.1</b>	The Clerk explained that he had forgotten to update the Councillors last month. He had been sent a link to the noticeboards by Cllr White. He had started to order the noticeboards, but he found that there were too many options. This included whether we wanted a header which would allow us to have the name of the Council on the header, but this increased the cost both for the header and wording.. He had contacted the Chair and Vice Chair asking for their opinion, but both had different views. The cost of the noticeboard was £585.65 excluding VAT but if we had a header this would increase the cost by £49.04 and lettering by a further £65.60. If we had a different coloured header this would cost a further £30.31 bringing the cost to £727.60 plus Vat of £145.52, which we could reclaim. <b>Resolved:</b> that we proceed with the purchase of 2 noticeboards with a header but in the same colour as the noticeboard and for Thurlby Parish Council to be on both and in gold lettering.
<b>36.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.</b>	
	<b>36.1</b>	There was nothing to report other than what is recorded in the report by County Councillor Reid's report in Item 29.1
<b>37.</b>	<b>To consider the data received from the reactive sign</b>	
	<b>37.1</b>	<p>Cllr Bill had downloaded data from the reactive sign and circulated a report of this information which is below          During May the unit was positioned on Northorpe Lane recording traffic in a southbound direction.          As recent monthly figures have shown it is clear to see that traffic is returning to pre-covid levels. Compared with 2019 data the results are very similar with the exception that the peak PM count is down 35%. with the peak time now 15.00 -16.00. Comparison with 2021 data the average speed of 23.3mph is slightly higher with more people travelling above the</p>

		speed limit, 10.32/10.21% compared with 8.86/8.57%; the average speed above the limit remains similar. A maximum speed of 48mph was recorded which is down on previous.
<b>38.</b>	<b>To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees</b>	
<b>38.1</b>	<p>Prior to the meeting the Councillors met at the cemetery which was inspected with explanations given to any questions asked. Following on from that meeting it was agreed that we would ask Chris Harris to remove the heathers from the 2 centre areas in the cremated remains area and to replace the soil with chippings. It was agreed that we would ask for a quote and if the quote was for less than £250 we would ask him to get on with the work. We would also ask Chris Harris to remove any slabs from the eastern side that had been discarded and placed on the western side</p> <p>The Clerk was also asked to write to the Churchyard Committee asking if they would cut back the trees that were overhanging the cemetery.</p> <p>The fees had been increased in line with the agreement last month and each Councillor was sent a copy of the amended regulations which they approved. A copy would now go onto the website to replace the old regulations.</p>	
<b>39.</b>	<b>For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council</b>	
<b>39.1</b>	Although there were no reports of any meetings Cllr Thomas asked if an item could be placed on the July agenda about 4 waste bins being purchased by the Parish Council to replace the present ones in the park.	
<b>40.</b>	<b>To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link</b>	
<b>40.1</b>	Cllr White would prepare an item for the Village Link and send that to all Councillors for approval.	
<b>41.</b>	<b>Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.</b>	
<b>41.1</b>	<p>The Clerk was asked whether he had a list of questions that we had to ask the people who were attending the July meeting to talk about the future of the Youth Hostel. He explained that no Councillor had written to him with any more questions, but he would send the questions out before the letter was sent. In so far as the July meeting was concerned it was agreed that the Open Forum would start at 19.15 and would last no more than 30 minutes. The Clerk should notify the people who were to attend of those timings.</p>	
<b>41.2</b>	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.46	
<b>42.</b>	<b>The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 7.15 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby</b>	