

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 22-05) held
on Wednesday the 5 October 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance
Park Social Room

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

Open Forum	
Before the Open Forum Cllr Thomas said that it was only correct and appropriate that we should remember Queen Elizabeth II who sadly died on the 8 th September 2022. He asked all to be upstanding for a Minutes Silence.	
<p>Mr Holland wanted to address the council regarding the Bourne Neighbourhood Plan Housing Sites Options Consultation 12th September to 7th October 2022. He asked if the Clerk had received notice of this consultation which he had not. Of particular interest is Site 2 page 19 to 22 to the South West of Bourne which is in reality to the South West of Elsea Park and Raymond Mays Way with the proposed development extending beyond Raymond Mays Way in to open countryside. The proposal includes land which adjoins Thurlby northern parish boundary. The assessment recognises some constraints which would be overcome with mitigation. However, the assessment does not fully recognise the importance of two PROW (Public Rights of Way) across the site which provide connectivity from Thurlby to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Site at Toft Tunnel and the PROW from Elsea Park again to the Wildlife Site. Further connectivity links to the disused railway and beyond into neighbouring parishes. PROW through Elsea Park have already been lost to housing development.</p> <p>He would have thought that as a statutory body Thurlby Parish Council should have been informed of the Consultation especially as the proposed site is on the parish boundary. There were public events held during the Consultation period, the last one being on Saturday 1st October</p> <p>Cllr Reid said that he was aware of the plan as he was a member of Bourne Town Council, who had discussed this matter. It appears that Bourne would have to find 234 houses under the Local Plan and a site for 114 had been allocated and they needed land for the remaining house. A landowner had suggested that they could make land available for 100 houses but then came up with the land referred to in the Plan. There was a fundamental problem as they were suggesting 2 access points. One on Raymond Mays Way and the other on the A1621. Cllr Reid confirmed there was no mention of preserving public rights of way.</p> <p>It was agreed that this matter would be dealt with further under the Clerks report as Mr Holland had sent emails about this.</p>	
The meeting was formally opened at 19.48	
97.	To elect a Chair for the remainder of the year and to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office
97.1	Cllr Thomas agreed to be Chair for the next 2 meetings and we would then nominate someone else for either a month or 2 months. The Clerk would check with LALC about the legitimacy of this suggestion.
98.	To elect a Vice Chair

	98.1	It was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance
99.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
	99.1	Apologies were received from M Reece (personal) and P Haley(work) Resolved that the apologies be accepted. The Clerk was able to report that no one had called for an election so we can co-opt at the next meeting in November. Notices would go out shortly.
100.	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	
	100.1	All Councillors had an interest in Item 104.1 although this was not a pecuniary interest. This meant that if they wanted to discuss the application they could.
101.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 7 September 2022 (Min22-04)	
	101.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 September 2022 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.
102.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
	102.1	<p>County Councillor Robert Reid had sent a written report</p> <p>Highways. Last Monday saw me attending Lincoln for The Planning and Regulations Meeting which approved the Traffic Order at Northorpe for the 40-mph extension approved to now run to just before the roundabout in Bourne at MacDonald's. He will approach Highways with a request for the 50 mph to be reduced to 40 mph from Thurlby to Northorpe</p> <p>Outstanding issues will be updated at my next meeting with the Division County Manager on October the 11th. There were issues about</p> <p>I attended the Black Sluice Drainage Board meeting yesterday, and afterwards requested the riparian boundary definition, so we can finally attain who can help, us with various Situations.</p> <p>No update on the Pedestrian Crossing this month.</p> <p>High Street refurbishment I will confirm what is outstanding on Oct 11th.</p> <p>He also sent a copy of the up-to-date County Advise on Cost-of-Living Support. This will go onto the Village Link and Cllr Dobson will send the link from the District Council.</p> <p>Questions/observations were asked of Cllr Reid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing- it was a pity that kerbs marked up for replacement were not complete beforehand, also water seeping up through surface at -Spring Farm • When are drainage repairs scheduled High Street/ Obthorpe Road and subsequently road surfacing? • Resurfacing should extend by The Green to Station Road. Section opposite Vets very bad • When are marked up footpath repairs to be carried out. • Footpath between Lawrence Way and Wood Lane needs repair but marked up

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a water leakage across the toad as you come into Obthorpe. This has been looked at for months and if repairs not carried out the water will freeze and turn to ice in the winter months. The advice given was to report this on FixMyStreet and once done to notify Cllr Reid • Whilst not in Thurlby water was draining from a garden in Willoughby Road and had been for many, many months. Cllr Reid said he and the Town Council were very much aware of this problem and were taking action to get this resolved. Likewise, he was advised of the state of the road surface down Meadow Drove, Bourne
	102.2	<p>District Councillor Barry Dobson had prepared a written report as below</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second The nation in mourning for one of our greatest ever. What an abysmal ending to the summer and beginning of autumn. Her passing certainly put a hold on many activities in the country, at the council and even across the world. 2. SKDC Restructure There has been a restructure or rather a clearer arrangement of operations at SKDC which should make dealing with issues much simpler. There has been a revised plan sent to councillors. Although this may mean more work for some of the officers, it does make the requests for action more direct. I have been able to make use of this arrangement on several occasions throughout the summer and welcome the revision. 3. Complaints from Residents I have been dealing with several complaints from SKDC tenants and discussed these with the director responsible. Although these are a result of a slow response, I am pleased that these are now being dealt with. 4. People in Need With the shock of energy bills as well as mental health, SKDC is able to give advice and help. So if there is anyone having problems, please send me their details.
	103.	Clerk's Report and correspondence received
	103.1	<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. Since the agenda was sent out the following have been received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An email from a resident asking if there was any appetite to create a group within the village to work towards this next year, where we might be able to enlist volunteers to help with those areas needing work, such as verge trimming etc, and also maybe a fundraising plan to help pay for communal features? I noticed on the minutes there was comment about the elderly population, and maybe a volunteer group might be willing to help those less able to maintain their gardens etc? It was agreed that the email received should be given to Cllr White so that he could make contact with her and see if there was any possibility of working together. 2. An email from a resident stating that residents of 3 houses in Crown Lane have allowed their trees/bushes to grow over the footpath. This is making it extremely difficult for people with mobility scooters, wheelchairs, buggies etc to fit on the path. It was agreed that this could be discussed under Item 110 3. An email from NALC suggesting Since your council signed the pledge, we have designed a pledge sign up 'badge' which can be used as an email footer, on websites or social media, to show that your council has signed the pledge. I have attached

	<p>several different formats. Please feel free to start using this badge. It was agreed that we should use one of the logo's</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. An email from a resident stating: that I noted, WITH GREAT INTEREST the item in the current Parish Council report about an enquiry for a bus service ROUND THE VILLAGE. I fully support this suggestion (I'm sure Delaine have small enough buses that can run around Thurlby/Northorpe nowadays - their VERY old excuse). Cllr Lunn had tried to get an answer from Delaines but without success. The Clerk said he would now send a letter rather than an email as they never seemed to answer. 5. An email from LALC that the AGM and conference would be held on Wednesday 12th October 2022. 9.30am-4.00pm at The Bentley Hotel, Newark Road, South Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 9NH. £10 plus VAT per delegate 6. An email from a resident stating that Reading the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th September I note that an application had been made to modify a Public Right of Way off Water Lane. I am not aware of any public rights of way off Water Lane. Please can you advise how I may see the proposal. I have tried the SKDC and LCC websites to no avail. It was suggested he should be sent to email received from Cllr Reid or to contact him direct 7. An email from the Royal British Legion. I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you from Royal British Legion Industries about getting your Parish Council ready for the upcoming national period of Remembrance this November by installing a veteran-made Tommy Statue. The Clerk was asked to order 10 Tommy lamp post signs at a cost of £4.99 each. We would consider different signs at the meeting when the precept was discussed. 8. Minutes of the 48th AGM for LALC and Annual Report 2021/22 9. As mentioned in the Open Forum Stephen Holland had been in correspondence with the Clerk about the Bourne Neighbourhood Plan Housing Sites Options Consultation. This was further discussed, and it was agreed that the Clerk would seek an extension of 1 week to allow us to lodge comments/objections. In the meantime, as Mr Holland was in the process of lodging his own comments it was agreed that once we had an extension we would consider his objections and if necessary use them as our objections as well.
104.	Planning applications:
104.1	To consider any Planning Applications received – S22/1792 - Proposal: Install six solar footpath lighting columns at 6 meters in height Location: Lawrance Park, Crown Lane, Thurlby. Response by 14 October 2022. Resolved: although each Councillor had declared an interest but as it was a pecuniary interest there would be no objections to the proposal as it was considered the lights would benefit residents, they worked off solar so there was no cost involved and people could walk safely though the park in the daker evenings. ,
104.1.2	<p>After the agenda was posted 2 further planning applications had been received which are as follows:</p> <p>S22/1828 - Proposal: Siting of residential log cabin structure to be occupied in connection with petting farm use.at Cross Farm, Park Wood Road, Thurlby, Response by 21 October 2022 and</p> <p>S22/1829 - Proposal: Change of Use of land as petting farm (Use Class F2c) (revised submission following planning permission S21/1546). at Cross Farm, Park Wood Road, Thurlby. Response: 24 October 2022</p> <p>The Clerk advised that we could deal with the applications tonight provided no one considered the applications contentious. If no one did then the Council would have to give the Clerk delegated authority to respond. If it was considered that either plan was contentious then we would have to call a special meeting.</p>

	Resolved: that we call a special meeting on the 19 th October as the hall was available on that day for 30 minutes from 7 p.m.
104.2	To note Planning Applications approved: since the agenda had been posted a notice had been received being S22/1514 - Proposal: Extend existing porch at: 29 Swallow Hill Thurlby
104.3	To note any Planning Applications refused: S22/1171 - Proposed New Bungalow and Garage at Manor Farm, Wilsthorpe Road, Obthorpe
104.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: none to note
105.	<p>To confirm Expenditure £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office) £456.37 – B M Champness (salary) £128.30 – Elaine Reynolds (salary) £40.74 – BT (Broadband services) DD £123.50 – Thurlby PCC (insert in Village Link October) £16.00 - Mrs L Lowe (bouquet of flowers in respect of the death of Queen Elizabeth II) £149.20 – Mr A Thomas (planning application fee and service charge) £375.40 – HMRC (PAYE & NI) £10.00 – SLCC (additional fee) [] 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>
105.1	<p>Resolved: that the payments be approved. Cllr White asked if we had considered changing the Broadband provider to UPPS as they were very cheap. He was told that we were halfway into our yearly contact but once we came to the end we would see if we could get a cheaper quote. The Clerk explained that he had received further invoices since the agenda was posted which were £99.84 – D White (plants and compost for winter /spring planting) £90.00 - C S Harris (cutting grass, hedge and sweeping path) Resolved that these payments be made as well</p>
106.	To discuss the accounts and for the bank reconciliation to be signed
106.1	The Clerk was able to circulate in advance various reports from Scribe for September 2022 which showed the items purchased, money received, and bank balanced at the end of the month. The bank reconciliation was circulated, and this was approved and then signed by the Chair.
107.	To discuss a request that the top of the hedge at the Northorpe junction with A15, heading towards Bourne can be cut back.
107.1	Cllr Bradley had asked for this item to be on the agenda. She had been approached by a local farmer stating that when driving a tractor, the hedge thickness and height made it very difficult to see oncoming traffic from Bourne. It was explained that we could not do anything as the hedge was not on the highway and was not encroaching onto a footpath. It was suggested that Cllr Bradley or the farmer approaches the householder to explain the problem and to ask if the hedge could be cut down a little in height.

108.	To discuss the CTS Scheme Consultation (26.09.22 to 21.10.22) and whether we wish to respond.	
	108.1	South Kesteven District Council is currently considering how it can fund the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme from April 2023 and has put forward a no change scheme for public consultation. The final Council Tax Support scheme for 2023/24 will be approved at the Council meeting in 26 January 2023. It was agreed previously that Cllr Dobson would send us the link to the website for publication in the Village Link
109.	To consider the review of polling district and polling places in the South Kesteven area (review ends 7/10/22)	
	109.1	The appropriate email and documentation were circulated to all Councillors in advance. As this did not affect Thurlby we had no comments to make.
110.	To receive an update on the distribution of leaflets regarding overhanging vegetation	
	110.1	The email from a resident in Crown Lane was considered and Cllr White was able to confirm quite a few other properties in the Village had been sent notices advising them that they should cut back the overhanging vegetation onto the footpath. The Clerk had been notified of the addresses where the notices had been posted. It was pleasing to note that some residents had cut back the hedges, but some had not. There were still other properties where notices were to be posted. It was agreed that Cllr White would carry out a survey of the houses where notices had been posted and if work had not been carried out another letter would be sent advising them that Highways had been notified and that if they cut back the hedges then the householder would be sent the bill for that work
111.	To discuss the proposals for the future of the Youth Hostel	
	111.1	There was nothing further to add as this was dealt with earlier by Cllr Reid.
112.	To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.	
	112.1	There was nothing further to add as this was dealt with earlier by Cllr Reid.
113.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	
	113.1	<p>Cllr Bill had downloaded data from the reactive sign and circulated a report of this information which is below</p> <p>The unit this month was positioned in Northorpe registering traffic in a westbound direction i.e. towards The Green. During this time High Street was closed between the 5th and 14th September so a period outside of these dates was also analysed.</p> <p>In both cases the data is compared with that from 12 months ago.</p> <p>As one would expect with the road closure more traffic took the alternate route along Northorpe and an increase in daily count of 103 & 135 (increase 10% and 14%) for a 5 and 7 day period was recorded. Peak counts as would be expected were also increased with the peak PM time changing to 15.00 to 16.00 which would possibly reflect in the school collection time. Despite the increase in traffic the average speed remained similar to before however, those traveling above the speed limit were down 17% and 16% with their average speed very similar to before. Maximum speed was the same at 57mph recorded at 02.05.00 hrs.</p>

		The data for the period outside of the closure indicates the daily count slightly down by 21 and 32 or 2% & 3% on 2021 figures with other data remaining very similar. It is noted that with the reduction in traffic compared with during the High Street closure the traffic travelling above the speed limit increased and has returned to the previous norm.
114.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	114.1	Cllr Thomas was able to report that the cemetery looked tidy and that the hedge had been cut back and now looked neat. He was advised the next cut would be in September 2023 but if work needed to be done before then we could ask Mr Harris to do the work. He had spoken to Mr Harris about tidying up the cremated remains area and what the cost would be. He would dig out the soil lay a barrier membrane and then granite chippings. He had obtained a quote for the chippings, and this was £149.94. Mr Harris felt he would take a day and a half to do the work, He charged £10 per hour so the total cost would be in the region of £300. Resolved that Mr Harris be instructed to carry out the work
115.	To consider if there is anything we need to report to the Neighbourhood Policing Priority Setting Meetings	
	115.1	There was nothing to be reported at this time.
116.	For any Councilor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	116.1	There were no reports as no one had attended any meetings on behalf of the Parish Council
117.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	117.1	Cllr White would prepare an item for the Village Link and send that to all Councillors for approval.
118.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	118.1	It was reported that some Councillors had been approached by residents saying that the planters around the village looked lovely and thanked the Parish Council for doing them
	118.2	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.14
119.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby	