

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council (Min 21-11) held
on Wednesday the 6 April 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park
Hall Social Room

Present: **Councillors:** R Bill, N Bradley, S Broadbent, H Edwards (Presiding), L Lowe, E Lunn, M Reece, A Thomas and D White
Residents: S Holland, Mrs E Jones, Mrs M Coles, Mrs M Moss, Mrs E White, Mrs C Blake, J White, M Bish, M Laws, R Coles, N Edgar
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr Robert Reid, and District Cllr Barry Dobson.

	Open Forum
	<p>Eleven residents attended the open forum to discuss the planning application under Item 191.1 as they were very concerned about the proposal. They were asked if they were all present to talk about the same matter, which they agreed, so Mrs White was their spokesperson and explained the following</p> <p>Flooding Wet field soaks up water from Swallow Hill, poor drainage. Standing water in lower part of field, concreted areas will exacerbate the problem. From field to road the drop is over 7ft. after prolonged rain there is a large amount of run off rain onto road which caused extremely bad flooding in Dec 2020. Gov. Flood map shows High Flood Risk. No 79 already has subsidence caused by the very wet field and water run off through the garden. The patio of no 87 also shows signs of subsidence.</p> <p>Privacy Plan shows it surrounded by 1.2-meter post and rail fence. No 87 only has chain link which has been there for 35 plus years, so provides no privacy at all, nor to neighbouring properties. The living and sleeping areas of the bungalows are at the rear of the properties so will be overlooked by the new building and as the bungalows have also been built about 3 ft lower down the hill than the proposed new building this increases being overlooked. The proposed access road is blocked paving at the beginning and then gravel, a bedroom of no 85 is close to the access road and gravel is very noisy especially at night resulting in disturbed sleep. No 91A has lounge, dining room and landing windows facing the field. Thurlby Neighbourhood Development Plan TNP09</p> <p>Outward Extension The application involves the outward extension of the village into open countryside. Thurlby Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan TNP09</p> <p>Retention of Green Spaces and Wildlife This plan does not retain or enhance green spaces, biodiversity and wildlife interests in the village. Badgers and foxes come through the field into the garden of no 87 and no 85, barn and tawny owls hunt across the field at night, red kite during the day. Bats, squirrels and a wide array of birds from redwing, field fare, pheasant to common garden birds are to be seen. As well as a multitude of meadow flowers when the field is grown for hay. No 75 grows organic hay in the field behind their house, it is full of wildflowers, hares, rabbits and a muntjac deer call this field home. The access road has always been used for access to their field. Thurlby Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan TNP09</p> <p>Village Character The proposed new build is a modern style Siberian Larch clad, zinc roof and aluminium clad dormer. Reflection from the sun will affect the nearby properties. This is completely inconsistent with the character and existing buildings in the village. It does not respect the character of the village. Thurlby Neighbourhood Development Plan TNP11. A single dwelling of this kind is not consistent with meeting the local need for housing. Thurlby Neighbourhood Plan TNP10</p> <p>Pollution Light pollution from the rear of the building will affect all properties especially any PIR lights which will shine into bedrooms. The properties are all owned by elderly people who retire early. A septic tank is situated close to the access road near back gardens, possible smell in hot weather, seepage from the tank into gardens/vegetable patches. That area has standing water all winter where tank is to be situated so is already a very wet area. The plan shows 4+ bedrooms with en-suites so a lot of water will be going into the septic tank. This would be, considered unneighbourly development that resulted in an increase in noise, fumes and or pollution. Residents are also worried about debris from the proposed building site blowing into their gardens. Thurlby Neighbourhood Development Plan TNP09</p>

	<p>Access The proposed access road between No 79 and 85 is narrow, danger of collision with the porch of no 85 and subsidence. Traffic coming down the access road at night, their headlights will shine directly into the bedrooms and living room of No 60. In and out movements from the affected properties are of a high-risk nature due to clear sight lines not being available and the nature of the road layout i.e. blind bend. Emergency vehicles will have great difficulty accessing the proposed new development. The bins will have to be left at the end of the access road, making access difficult as there is no public footpath on that side of Northorpe Lane.</p> <p>Application Inaccuracies Site plan does not show that the No 85 goes up to the edge of their property next to the access road. It says 'No risk of flooding', Gov Flood Map shows High Flood Risk. Plan says 3 bedroom house, application describes 4+ bedroom. West facing elevation shows bedroom block to the left of the living block, site plan shows bedroom block to the right. No dimensions have been given for the plot or for the buildings although it is for full planning permission, residents do not know how close it will be to their back gardens, or how big and how much it will impact on their lives.</p> <p>No Public Notification has been attached to the nearby telegraph poles, so villagers will be unable to make representation either to the Parish Council or SKDC. SKDC planning department have been informed.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that a similar development by the same Applicant was discussed last month and this week we heard that the application was refused and the reasons for the refusal were read out. One resident stated that the biggest concern was flooding and if the development was allowed this would mean more water running off the field into the gardens of the properties in Northorpe lane,</p>
	The meeting was officially opened at 19.43
186.	Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received
186.1	Apologies had been received from Cllr P Haley(work) and Cllr M Owen (health) Resolved: that the apologies be accepted.
187.	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
187.1	No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
188.	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 2nd March 2022 (Min21-10)
188.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 2 March 2022 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
189.	To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby
189.1	<p>County Councillor Robert Reid had sent a report as follows:</p> <p>Highways Update Firstly despite all our efforts Government's decision to not fill our highways maintenance funding gap, despite our active lobbying of Westminster, was incredibly disappointing. The maintenance funding Department for Transport has allocated to us is simply not enough and continuing to fund the shortfall by dipping into our reserves and increasing council tax will not be sustainable. At some point, something has got to give. The worst part is that DfT's allocations do not factor in inflation or the fact that labour and material costs are skyrocketing. So, the funding gap we will need to fill over the next three years will be considerably higher than £36m in real terms. That is why it is important that we continue our fight for fairer funding for the residents of Lincolnshire. We cannot continue to be overlooked.</p> <p>Local On going issues. The Pedestrian Crossing. North is not suitable for placing this crossing - TRO will contact you directly Ask an Update 1st week in April. Thurlby - Pumping Station, Church Street – Standing Water</p>

		<p>This is still being dealt with by Kyra and you will be updated accordingly once she has made contact with the team at the Internal Drainage Board (IDB) - Karen Daft - Update No Further Information from Kyra. My Senior Highways Officer Will Take This On Update Feb 22 Next IDB Meeting Discussion Jan 22 (DG) Shared Area Who's IDB is it. Black Sluice adopted area Enforcement of Riparian Rights - Update Feb 22 - No Update waiting on next Meeting</p> <p>Vicarage Driveway Flooding - rainwater from Church Street discharging into the vicarage driveway- Highways issue. Working on a solution - With SHO - Wait until May & Good Weather</p> <p>Thurlby - A15 Cycle/footway Progressing as expected with the TRO team. Consultation period is finished, Now at the advert stage. Ownership by TRO Jeanne Gibson Next Update is Feb 2022 - Update from TRO by DG</p> <p>Chapel Lane Thurlby Water Filled Hole. AW were going to investigate - No Progress - Matt Moore AW Next UPDATE IN Mar 22 - Re-Investigate with Joe Greeves It is possible AW may need to be Engaged (DG) - Included in DG Meetings DG to Rattle the Cage</p> <p>Northorpe - A15 drainage clearance Dyke Crossing the Road and Gas Lines are in place One side to be cleared by LH Graham - In Due Course Deal dealing directly with the IDB main drain running down Fen Road Northorpe URGENT Meeting with IDB Remain - Waiting on the IDB - Next Meeting Apr 22 GS NEXT MEETING IN PERSON WITH HIGHWAYS 21st April</p>
189.2		<p>District Cllr Barry Dobson had submitted a report as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Almond Court Firstly, I was asked some weeks ago when the defibrillator was going to be installed at Almond Court. I apologise for not responding quicker but this has been installed for some months now on one of the outside walls. Secondly, I have asked for the slabs around the fishpond to be taken up and laid so that there are no tripping hazards. I am conscious that the Queen's Jubilee will be celebrated in June which gives rise to safety concerns with the occupants in and around Almond Court. 2. Leisure I was given the honour of signing a covenant to show support for the defence community in South Kesteven. Military representatives were at the ceremony along with Major Sarah Conway, Royal Logistic Corps who lives in Bourne and signed the document. I was delighted that we were able to encourage the members of the defence community the chance to engage with the communities of SKDC in both providing help and training as well as encouraging them to use the services. 3. Ukraine Refugees At SKDC, we are welcoming some refugees to our district and helping them find accommodation. There have been many people coming forward to help. We already have some Ukrainians and some Russians in our district with the main concentration in Grantham. However, we understand that they are living in harmony and that there has not been any disturbing instances. 4. Grass Cutting Environment SK has taken over the responsibility for cutting the grass on those areas that we are due to provide that service. There has been a considerable amount of confusion over the years so SKDC has undertaken to map all those areas for which they are responsible. Cllr Dobson was asked if we could get a copy of the maps and he said that he would try and get copes. 5. Fly tipping Please report any fly tipping when you see it. I am going to use What 3 Words when I see anything. I was out in the Fens the other day to see some building rubble left at the side of the path. I photographed it, went on the W3W's app and up came the exact location. The rubble has been removed. 6. Homes up to Band D Homes up to Band D are entitled to £150 rebate. If people pay by direct debit, this will be sent to them by the same method. If not, they will need to claim through SKDC.

190.	Clerk's Report and correspondence received	
190.1		<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.</p> <p>The Clerk wanted to point out for discussion various e-mails that had been received which were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Lawrance Cup Nomination 2022. There were 2 nominations and we had to choose one before the 19th April. Resolved: we would nominate our first proposal which was Anne Hedger 2. Lawrance Park Committee were looking for a representative from Thurlby Parish Council to sit on the committee. Resolved: The Clerk to write back saying that Cllrs Lowe and Thomas would remain on the committee until our Annual Meeting on the 18 May 2022 when that matter would be discussed. 3. A resident in Northorpe had written about dog fouling and that there were no signs despite asking for them. The Clerk had replied stating that he would bring this to the attention of the Council but explained that we did not supply signs he should contact the Dog Warden at South Kesteven District Council. It was agreed that he should contact the Dog Warden, but the Clerk was asked to write the SKDC asking if the Dog Warden could come our once again to investigate the problem 4. An email from Reverend Carolyn Bailey Rector of the Ness Group with an invitation i to join her and colleagues from Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby to discuss the creation of a nature recovery plan for our three parishes at a Zoom meeting at 4pm on 14 April. The Chair said that it would seem appropriate if there was a representative from the Parish Council attending. Cllr Broadbent said that he would be happy to attend. <p>Since the Agenda was posted the following emails/correspondence have been received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An email from Mary Freeland who is the Campaign Manager at Upp and we are delivering Next Level Broadband across the region – here is a link to an article in the Rutland and Stamford Mercury documenting the project https://www.stamfordmercury.co.uk/news/new-broadband-provider-creates-jobs-9214453/. She would also like to come along to the next Parish Council meeting to introduce herself to all the Councillors. The Clerk was to write back asking her if she wanted to advertise this in the Village Link which they would be charged for, 2. County Views Panel and Survey Promotion - can you help? The latest survey on roads, transport and highways is now live until Monday 9 May. We know this subject affects every resident and visitor in one way or another. We'd love to hear their views on this important topic. 3. An information poster about an upcoming Senior Citizens Fair, hosted by Dr Caroline Johnson MP. The Fair will take place at The Ark, North Hykeham, LN6 9AA on Thursday 12th May 2022 (2pm-4pm) 4. An email from Cllr Thomas stating that, SKDC say that streetlight 51 should be replaced in the next two weeks, now the trees have been felled 5. Five (5) residents have written expressing an interest in an allotment in Thurlby. The Clerk had acknowledged each one saying he would relay this information to the Council. 6. South Kesteven District Council Consultations on Street Trading Policy and Street Collection & House to House Collection Policy March 2022. Please note these consultations close on 20 April 2022 7. A letter from Joyce Stevenson being a copy sent to Cllr Robert Reid and others, about the state of the Thurlby YHA Hostel. 8. A brochure from Glasdon advertising their products such as waste bins, benches, picnic tables and more 9. A brochure from ElanCity about their products for road safety and urban communication solutions. 10. A brochure from Broxap about their sunshine outdoor gym equipment
191.	Planning applications:	
191.1	To consider any Planning Applications received	

		S22/0528 - Proposed new single store dwelling with associated parking.at Land to Rear Of, 79-87 Northorpe Lane. Response extended to 7th April 2022. Resolved: We would object strongly to this application using the same arguments we used on the application S22/0234 as well as using the residents' comments made in the open forum. The Clerk was to point out that this application was linked to S22/0234 as it was the same Applicant, and the proposed property was identical in design.
	191.1.1	S22/0519 - Proposal: Side extension over an existing double garage, pitched roof added to porch.at 12 Woodside East, Northorpe. Response by 11th April 2022. Resolved: no objection
	191.1.2	S22/0650 - Proposal: Submission of details reserved by Condition 5 (Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan) of S21/1546 (Change of use to provide a community-based leisure business (including a variety of miniature farm animals) (Use Class F2c)) at Tiny Steps Petting Farm, Park Wood Road. Response by 22 April 2022. Resolved: no objections and that we considered the plan to be very thorough.
	191.2	To note Planning Applications approved: S22/0087 - Proposal: Approval of details of Condition 3 (materials) of p/p S21/1970 Location: Earl House Farm 59 Northorpe
	191.3	To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn: S22/0234 - Proposal: Construction of new single storey dwelling with associated Parking at Land To Rear Of 60-76 Northorpe, (Refused)
	191.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: there was none to note
192.	To confirm Expenditure	<p>£440.44 – HMRC (amended figure for PAYE & NI) £597.21 – B M Champness (amended figure to include back pay) £40.74 – BT (broadband charges April) DD [£80.00 – Mr T Hill (cleaning bus shelters)] £162.00 – LALC (training fee for year) £460.87 – LALC (Annual fees) £145.00 – I Bratley (hosting fee & support and domain renewal fee) £525.60 – Scribe (Annual subscription for Accounts and Cemetery) £108.00 – Thurby PCC (April Village Link entry) £91.87 – D White (purchase of plants for planting around the village) £4000.00 – Lawrance Park Association (grant payment) £2500.00 – St Firmins Churchyard Committee (grant payment) £40.00 – B M Champness (heavy duty black bin bags) [] 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>
	192.1	Resolved that the payments be approved. The Clerk explained that the payments to Lawrance Park and the Churchyard would be paid once we had received the Precept. Two more invoices had been received. One was for £95.00 being the annual subscription to ICCM and the other was for C S Harris £40.00 to cut the grass in the cemetery. Resolved that these payments be paid. It was further agreed that the Clerk be authorised to pay £44 for the Green Bin sticker for the bin in the cemetery
	192.1.1	An email had been received from the External Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP, giving details of when the Audit would take place. The default submission deadline for the receipt of the approved AGAR and all supporting documentation or the Certificate of Exemption (as appropriate) is Friday 1 July 2022. Non-submission by this date will lead to chargeable chaser letters being issued (£40 plus VAT for all financially active smaller authorities. Another email was received from PKF Littlejohn saying that we have been selected for intermediate review for the 2021/22 reporting year as part of the required 5% sample of those who would

		otherwise be subject to a basic review. Their email does not affect our eligibility to declare the smaller authority as exempt from a limited assurance review provided all the exemption criteria are met. In this circumstance, please continue to use AGAR Form 2 and just submit a copy of your certificate of exemption to us. The Clerk explained that as we did not meet the three criteria the fact that we were selected for an intermediate review would make no difference to us.
193.	To approve the salary increase for the Clerk and for this to be back dated to 1 April 2021	
	193.1	The Clerk explained that on the 28 th February an agreement was reached on the proposed increase in the Clerks salary. The agreement also stated that the award should be back dated to the 1 st April 202. The hourly pay would be £11.97 per hour from £11.53. If this is back dated to 1/4/21 then there would be back pay of £137.28 in total less tax. Resolved: that the pay increase be approved.
194.	To approve the salary increase for the litter pickers for 2022-23	
	194.1	The Clerk explained that each year the litter pickers should be paid the Government approved pay but this year it was resolved that they would be paid £10 per hour. The Clerk explained that we needed to advertise again for a litter picker to empty the seven waste bins around the village. This would be advertised on Facebook and whoever was employed would be paid £20 per week however long it took to empty the bins,
195.	To discuss a request from the owner of land at the end of the housing development on the western side in Obthorpe Lane on how we would deal with a request to change the use of the land from a paddock to residential which we would have one mobile home on, an allotment and a few chickens	
	195.1	Although the landowner was invited to attend he did not do so and it was agreed that this matter be removed from any future agenda and if necessary could be dealt with in the Open Forum
196.	To discuss the purchase of a new noticeboard for Chapel Lane and another for the Cemetery	
	196.1	The Clerk explained that he had been to the Cemetery with Cllr Thomas and was shown the noticeboard which was in need of replacing. In addition, the noticeboard in Chapel Lane had still not been replaced. The Clerk had sent details of noticeboards to the Councillors as a guide to how much they might cost. Cllr White provided details from another company which showed the cost of £580.00 plus VAT. He explained that they were made from plastic and looked like wood. They would be able to be fitted onto the existing posts that were already on site. Resolved: that two noticeboards be purchased,
197.	To receive an update on the proposed Parliamentary Boundary Changes	
	197.1	<p>After the meeting in March no one had contacted the Clerk from South Kesteven District Council to give a detailed explanation of what it meant if the proposed boundary changes were made. However, the District Councillor who represented Witham on the Hill had sent that Parish Council details. This information had been shared to all Councillors and it was decided that we did not need to respond or call a special meeting. The information that was supplied stated the following</p> <p><i>There is disparity between the number of residents in each Parliamentary Constituency. For example, the boundary commission is to allocate roughly equal constituents to each MP. Currently, our MP Gareth has 140,000 The aim of the view is to even up the head count to between 69,000 and 77,000 per MP. This will result in an increase of 1 extra constituency in the East Midlands region.</i></p> <p><i>SKDC will still operate as they always do and Lincolnshire will operate as it always has done. The only changes you will see is if you want an audience with your MP. Instead of Gareth it</i></p>

		<i>will be Alicia Kearns. We will be known as Stamford and Rutland Constituency and Gareth will be known as Grantham Constituency</i>
198.	To receive an update on the A15 crossing at Thurlby	
	198.1	Cllr Reid had touched slightly on this matter in his report. Cllr Bill had Asked him how far the crossing would be from the junction. but he had not replied. We need that information before we could decide whether the crossing should go on the north or south side of the junction. LCC were saying the crossing on the northern side would not be appropriate,
199.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign	
	199.2	Cllr Bill was able to report the following data received During March, the unit was positioned on the A15 at Thurlby recording traffic in a northbound direction. It is clear that both traffic volumes and peak times are returning to pre-covid figures. The average 5- and 7-day daily count, 8380 and 7833 although 14% up on last April are only 4% and 2.5% different from February 2020, pre-covid. Peak times have also returned to 'normal' 08.00-09.00 & 17.00 -18.00hrs. Compared with 2021 data, the average speed is slightly down (0.5mph) at 35.8mph with the average speed above the limit very similar at 44.26 and 44.36 mph but those travelling at these speeds has increased by 45 and 50% to 18.6 and 20.64%, for 5- & 7-day figures. It should be noted that more people travel above the speed limit on a Sunday than any other day. A maximum speed of 95.0mph was recorded which was slightly higher by 5-10mph than readings for the last three years.
200.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	200.1	The Clerk explained that he had added all the notices of burials from paper to the website. This included Exclusive Rights of Burial, Burial and Memorials. All that was needed was to check every entry and to get the map on the website up to date. He had been in correspondence with Cllrs Edwards and Thomas showing them what had been included and how they could check the records if they were contacted by an Undertaker or Stonemason. The Clerk and Cllr Thomas had been down to the Cemetery with a map of the plots on the east and west side and a report from the software to check that all the information was included on the website and on the map. Thankfully all was in order.
	200.1.1	It was agreed that on the 1 st June the Council would meet at the Cemetery at 7 p.m.so an inspection could take place. In the meantime the Clerk was to sort out the sticker for the green bin.
201.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	201.1	There were no reports of any meetings attended
202.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	203.1	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.
203.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	203.1	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 20.47
204.	The date of the next meeting – which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 8.15 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby.	