

Thurlby Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlby Parish Council
(Min 23-08) held on Wednesday the 7th February 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in
the Lawrance Park Social Room

Present: **Councillors:** N Bradley, R Bill, S Broadbent, H Daines, P Haley, M Harrison, M Keene, L Day, L Lowe, M Owen, and A Thomas (presiding)
Residents: J Wallace
Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk,

Open Forum	
James Wallace was in attendance as he wanted to complain that the manhole cover had still not be replaced in Church Street and that there was flooding at the beginning of Janauy 2024. He had hoped Cllr Reid would be present so he could get an update. The flooding in his opinion could be avoided if the ditches were cleaned out to allow water to flow freely. It was explained that there was a problem over who was responsible for the manhole cover, but we would once again take this matter up with Cllr Reid. The meeting was formally opened at 19.43	
144. Apologies for absence, acceptance of Apologies & noting of resignations received	
144.1	No apologies were received as all Councillors were present, County Cllr Reid had sent his apologies as had District Cllr Dobson.
145. 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	
145.1	No one declared an interest on any matter on the agenda.
146. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6 December 2023 (Min23.07)	
146.1	Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 December 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
147. To receive a report from the County and District Councillors on matters relating to Thurlby	
147.1	County Cllr Robert Reid had sent his apologies, and a report as follows: The electric vehicle county-wide charging provision is still in it's early stages and, to make sure that the county council has the right foundations in place, we want to hear the views of residents and groups across the county. The survey, now live on LetsTalk Lincolnshire , is about gathering Lincolnshire's views on electric vehicles, charge points and how the county will continue to build its programme for a greener car travelling future. Government support is available to help families with the cost of childcare. Don't miss out on these government offers including, Tax Free Childcare, Universal Credit and funded childcare. To find out what offers you may be entitled to, visit Childcare Choices 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More .

	<p>Understandably, residents have concerns about the potential health impacts of e-cigarettes, or vapes, after their explosion in popularity over the last 18 months. So, in our latest County Views survey we're asking residents about e-cigarettes. The survey is available online via LetsTalk Lincolnshire,</p> <p>Our Greater Lincolnshire devolution consultation officially ended last week and now the last few paper copies have been added to the online results, I'm pleased to be able to tell you that we received 4048 responses across the area. This response rate is higher than other devolution consultations that have taken place recently in other parts of the country</p> <p>A15 Puffin crossing/Horseshoe pub. 26/01/24 - No further update, waiting for delivery timetable. Will update when forward plan confirmed.</p> <p>A15 - speed reduction TRO (50mph to 40mph) - between Northorpe & Thurlby. FPB 3401233. 26/01/24 - Consultation documents sent out, and was with statutory consultees until 12/01/24. Awaiting update.</p> <p>Awaiting update. Crown Lane/Chapel Lane/Park View - Flooding - Job No 5681189 & 5712193 26/01/24 - Forward Programme Brief raised for the dedicated drainage asset team to investigate the issue, to consider viability of larger scheme to alleviate Highways Drainage issues. Works required now go beyond the scope of local highways team.</p> <p>High Street (adjacent to Obthorpe Lane Junction) - FPB 4557084 26/01/24 - Site is being considered for inclusion in the 2026/27 programme year following recent countywide resurfacing scheme prioritisation meeting. Interim period we will monitor as part of our countywide resurfacing scheme prioritisation meeting. Interim period we will monitor as part of our safety & condition inspections and in response to customer enquiries raised.</p> <p>PROPERTY-YHA PROPERTY Awaiting information, now asked for information from Executive portfolio Member. Will advise ASAP.</p>
147.2	<p>District Cllr Dobson had sent his apologies, and a report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Well, what a welcome to 2024. Similar but worse than the one 4 years ago. This time we had 2 fire engines and crews for 3 hours trying to reduce the level of water flooding roads and houses throughout the village. Thankfully, did not experience quite the suffering of Greatford and Waterside, but it was bad. I am attending the Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board tomorrow and I am trying to get on to the Black Sluice board as it is they that actually do most of the work in our village when asked to do so. 2. On SKDC's website there is a link www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/floodgrants, along with information about other schemes designed to support residents and businesses following flooding. 3. This week, we will see the first collection of the purple lidded bins. Please remember that only dry and clean wastepaper and board can be put in these bins. The silver ones will take most of the other recyclable material. As I work in the packaging industry, I do know that DEFRA are working on a completely different scheme, and I just wonder why this was adopted here in SKDC. I understand the frustration of those living in small houses that face directly onto the road. This involves bins being drawn through the

		<p>residential areas in order to be placed on the kerbside for collections. Some of our houses here are also affected by this. I have made my thoughts known.</p> <p>4. We have already had two full councils this year, both in January, and there will be another one this Thursday. The major discussions have been election of a new leader, the Deepings Leisure Centre, devolution and St. Martin's development in Stamford.</p> <p>a. The new leader is an Independent Alliance member, Cllr Ashley Baxter from The Deepings.</p> <p>b. The Deepings Leisure Centre revival is now being managed by a group from the Deepings who set up a CIC. The budget proposal is not good, but the Council adopted to award the new CIC a sum around £800,000. Personally, I believe this will be inadequate to make the pool usable.</p> <p>c. Devolution was discussed, but this is so nebulous in its aims. Basically, the proposal so far is to appoint a mayor who with a team will manage 4 large parts of the county. £740 million was mentioned would come to greater Lincolnshire, but delving deeper, I found that this was going to be divided (not equally) between the 4 newly formed councils, replacing the 7 existing ones. The £740 million will be paid over a 30-year period, i.e. £24.5million per year. I voted against it at SKDC as even this was not clear but chances are that the most of the money would go to the Humber and the east coast regions.</p> <p>d. It is now 5 years since SKDC purchased land now known as St. Martin's Park in Stamford. Burghley House agreeing to work with SKDC using some of their land adjacent to the SKDC plot. The discussions will be held on Thursday this week in an extraordinary Full Council (the third one this year)</p>
148.		Clerk's Report and correspondence received
148.1		<p>The Clerks Report had been circulated and explained that he had received various emails from NALC, ICCM and various playground equipment providers but if anyone wished to see copies they can be forwarded on. He had received the additional correspondence as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application for nomination of the Lawrance Cup 2024. This was considered and was resolved that the Kings Coronation Fun Day Team would be nominated by the Parish Council for organising the event and raising money to purchase 6 Tommy silhouettes to place around the village 2. An email from the Litter Picker who wanted an answer regarding salary. Resolved: that her salary be increased and backdated to 1 April 2023 3. An email from BT saying that the prices will increase on 1 April 2024 by 7.9% an increase of £2.92 per month net of VAT. 4. Cllr Harrison had been in contact as he had a telephone call from a client and saw that his mobile number was on the council website. He wanted this removed as it was he considered private, and he did not want this number disclosed. The Clerk had written to LALC for advice, and this was still awaited. In the meantime, the number had not been taken down as the Clerk was of the view that as a Councillor residents should have access to a councillor for help and advice. 5. The local Facebook page has been having posts about an allotment in Thurlby. The posts are very vocal about trying to get the Parish Council to provide one which is something they are obliged to do. The Clerk explained that he was still waiting to hear from the person who might be interested in renting the council for land.

		6. An email that South Kesteven District Council is currently consulting on the development of its Trees and Woodland Strategy. The consultation closes on 21 February 2024. If you want to take part in the survey the email address is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sktaws
149.	Planning applications:	
149.1	To consider any Planning Applications received: S23/2329 - Construction of a new commercial building to be used as a general workshop and ancillary machinery storage with ancillary office space and staff facilities. at Fenton's of Bourne Ltd, Katesbridge, Thurlby, Response by 13 February 2024. Resolved: no comment. S24/0121 - Proposal: Submission of details reserved by condition 4 (Lighting) of planning permission S23/1777 (Development for an EVC Hub and associated plant, new bin store and parking, and associated works) at Petrol Station, Milestone Road, Bourne. Response by 19 February 2024. Resolved: no comment.	
149.1.1	After the agenda was posted two new applications were received. S24/0120 - Proposal: Section 73 application to remove conditions 2 and 3 of SK.6767 (Erection of one dwellinghouse, Fen Road, Northorpe, Pt O.S. 380) at Northorpe Fen Farm, Fen Road, Northorpe We have until the 23rd February to respond . We could deal with it tonight, but if it was considered contentious by one Councillor we would have to call a special meeting. The Clerk explained that if we dealt with it tonight he would have to be given delegated authority to respond. Resolved clerk be given delegated authority to respond and no comment. The other was S24/0124 - Proposal: Single storey extension to the rear, side and front of the bungalow at 18 Northorpe Lane, Thurlby. Response by 23 February 2024. The same criteria applied above is applicable to this application as well. Resolved clerk be given delegated authority to respond and no comment.	
149.2	To note Planning Applications approved: S23/1925 - Proposal: Submission of details in relation to condition 3 (WSI) of S23/0343 (Proposed change of use of land to create dog exercise paddocks - including associated vehicular hardstanding and secure boundary treatment.) at Land to the East of Bourne Road, Thurlby S23/1987 - Proposal: Single storey front and rear extension at 15 Viking Way Thurlby S23/1878 - Proposal: Proposed relocation of fence line at 65 Northorpe Thurlby S23/2196 and S23/2197 - Proposal: Extensions and alterations to Grade 2 listed barn and change of use to office space (Use Class Ec) at The Barns 8A Church Street	
149.3	To note any Planning Applications refused or withdrawn: none to note	
149.4	To note any Application appealed or any decision made regarding an appeal: none to note	
150.	To confirm Expenditure £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office December) £837.58 – B M Champness (salary December including back pay) £20.00 – Elaine Reynolds (salary December) £44.34 – BT (broadband charges December) £40.00 – B M Champness (use of home as office January) £532.70 – B M Champness (salary January) £20.00 – Elaine Reynolds (salary January) £44.34 – BT (broadband charges January)	

<p>£174.60 – Bourne Skip Hire (3 bin collection charges December) £174.60 – Bourne Skip Hire (5 bin collection charges January) £546.80 – HMRC (PAYE & NI) £44.39 – Lisa Lowe (plants for flower tubs) £50.00 – T Sleight (further verge cutting around the village) £484.40 – LALC (Annual fees payable on 1 April 2024) £180.00 – LALC (Annual Training fees payable 1 April 2024) £147.80 – Thurlby PCC (Feb Village Link insert) £80.00 – T Hill (cleaning bus shelters) [] 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>	
150.1	Resolved: that the payments be approved.
150.2	After the agenda was posted other invoices had been received: £44.34 – BT Broadband charges February) Resolved: that this payment be approved.
151.	To discuss the accounts for December and January and for the bank reconciliations to be signed as a correct record
151.1	The Clerk was able to circulate in advance various reports from Scribe for December 2023 and January 2024 which showed the items purchased, money received, and bank balances at the end of the month. The bank reconciliations were circulated, and these were approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.
152.	To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
152.1	<p>The Clerk had put this on the agenda so we could get organised in good time for these meetings. He had already sent out details of the legal requirements which states:</p> <p><i>In a year which is a year of ordinary elections of parish councillors, the annual meeting of a parish council shall be held on, or within fourteen days after, the day on which the councillors elected at that election take office, and in any other year the annual meeting shall be held on such day in May as the parish council may determine.</i></p> <p>It was agreed that both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council should take place on the same evening. The Annual Parish Meeting would start at 7 p.m, and last until 8.15. This would be followed by refreshments and then the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would start at 8.30 p.m. The date for both meetings would be the 1 May 2024. Invitations would be sent out to those who usually attended.</p>
152.1.2	The Clerk explained that there might be possible problems with the meetings in April and July. Details were given to the Council relating to the possible problems. After discussion it was agreed that the April Meeting would take place on the 27 March 2024 and the July meeting to take place on the 17 July 2024
153.	To discuss the Training Policy and for Councillors to agree to attend any training sessions
153.1	The Clerk had circulated to all Councillors a copy of the Training and Development Policy. He explained that we should abide by this policy and that all Councillors should

		undertake training which would include who might be Chair for the next year. Details of the training schedule by LALC had already been circulated in the Clerks Report. It was agreed that Councillors would check available dates and let the Clerk know so he can book them in. It was explained that any travel expenses would be made by the Council.
154.	To discuss the cemetery hedge and the suggestion by Lincolnshire Wildlife	
	154.1	Cllr Broadbent had sent an email explaining that Lincolnshire Wildlife have been working with the Naturehood Project Team in the Churchyard principally laying the hedge along the eastern boundary with the field. Lincolnshire Wildlife have provided the materials and skills to carry this out. They have made an excellent job of it and it will over the next few years ensure the hedge thickens up and provides an enhanced wildlife habitat. In addition, they have helped the Naturehood Team create a 'dead hedge' along the boundary with the Cemetery between the trees, from the trimmings off the hedge and trees. This is to provide an additional wildlife habit and eliminates the need to burn or otherwise dispose of the trimmings. He further explained that the Team Leader from Lincolnshire Wildlife there is the opportunity to lay the hedge around the Cemetery if the Parish Council wanted it done. I believe this would be done at little or no cost to the Parish Council. I told Mary I would raise it with the Parish Council. It was agreed that the hedge could be extended on the eastern edge of the cemetery up to the boundary post. It was further agreed that the hedge running from west to east in the cemetery would not be touched,
155.	To discuss the recent flooding and to consider what actions we can take to help residents if this should happen again.	
	155.1	<p>Before Christmas the Clerk was asked to see if he could order some Sandbags from the County Council and to see if they could be stored that depot in Station Road. He wrote to Cllr Reid to see if he could have a word with the appropriate person., which he did. That person had replied:</p> <p><i>"I have spoken with our Network Resilience Manager outlining the below, and he has asked if it is believed there is an imminent a threat of flooding in Thurlby? We don't normally issue out sandbags unless in an emergency or direct threat?"</i></p> <p>As we all know we had a very wet spell and there was flooding around the village. The Clerk received a number of telephone calls asking if we had sandbags or how they could get them from some very distressed residents.</p> <p>The response from the Network Resilience Manager was considered to be an insult bearing in mind he should have access to local weather reports and should know that we were going to have heavy rain. The frequency of flooding was now no longer likely to happen once in 10 or more years. The last time was 4 years ago.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would ask both the County and District Councillor to see if they could supply us with sandbags. Cllr Thomas said that he was sure the new empty bags could be stored at Lawrance Park with authority from the management committee.</p> <p>The Clerk would write an email to Cllr Reid which was only about flooding and complain that and ask what schedule LCC had in place for the ducts and pipes were to be cleared, On the 3 January 2 fire engines were used to pump water from flooding in Northorpe Lane. We should specifically point out the areas which flooded. They were Lawrance Park, Station Road, Northorpe and Thurlby crossroads, Northorpe Lane and by the pumping station in Church Street. It was time they became more proactive in trying to prevent flooding in the future.</p>
156.	To discuss overgrowth of bushes/shrubs onto the public highway	

156.1	A notice had been delivered by Cllr Thomas to the property at the northern side of Thurlby crossroads, but nothing had been done. It was agreed that a report would be made on FixMyStreet.
156.1.2	A report had been made on FixMyStreet that the 40-mph sign at Northorpe crossroads was covered by the large laurel bush. After investigating LCC considered that the residents would be contacted and shortly thereafter that the bush was cut back.
156.1.3	A resident had reported that a couple of signs on the triangle of Northorpe Lane and Wood Lane had been knocked over by a car. She was asked to report this on FixMyStreet which she did, and the repair was carried out.
157.	To discuss arranging for residents training for First Aid and use of a defibrillator.
157.1	An email regarding Free Adult CPR and Defibrillator Training - February & March 2024 had been received. At one of the recent meetings it was agreed that if the Council thought the training was of value we would try and organise another session for residents, The dates that are free are: 20 th , and 27 th February and 1 st 5 th 12 th 15 th 19 th and 26 th March. It was considered that the 26 March would give us time to advertise the training and to arrange what was needed. The Clerk would try and book that date and for the hall to be booked.
158.	To receive an update on the crossing at Thurlby crossroads.
158.1	There was no other update other than which is included in Cllr Reid's report.
159.	To consider the future of the Youth Hostel in Thurlby
159.1	There was no update other than what is mentioned in the report by County Cllr Reid.
160.	To consider the data received from the reactive sign
160.1	<p>Cllr Bill had submitted a report of the data received from the reactive sign which is below:</p> <p>During December the radar unit was positioned on Swallow Hill recording traffic in a westbound direction, i.e. up the hill and in January on Obthorpe Lane recording incoming traffic.</p> <p>For Swallow Hill comparing to last year's data the daily count is up approximately 17% however the peak AM & PM counts are very similar indicating an increased spread throughout the day. The peak PM time has gone back to late afternoon 15.00 -16.00 in line with pre-2022. Despite the increase in traffic the number travelling above the speed limit has decreased however the average speed above the limit remains very similar to last year. Both maximum and average speeds are also down at 63mph and 24.10mph. On Obthorpe Lane the results are very similar to 2022 and approaching pre covid years. Peak times have changed to 11.00 -12.00 AM and 16.00 -17.00 PM. Those travelling above the speed limit are in line with before, 24.8 & 22.82% for the 5- & 7-day cycle at a speed of 34.16 & 34.07mph above the limit. A maximum speed of 66mph at 21.20.00hrs was recorded which is down on last year.</p> <p>Further details can be found on the Thurlby Parish Website.</p>

161.	To receive an update on the Cemetery to include grass cutting, maintenance and burial fees	
	161.1	<p>A resident had written to say that there were 2 memorials in the Cemetery which looked to be leaning and might be a problem. Cllr Thomas reported that he had been to inspect these memorials and although they were leaning they were secure in the ground. He asked if anyone know how to contact the family so we could ask them to have the memorials levelled up. The Clerk would check the position with ICCM.</p> <p>Although notices had been received about renewal of the green bin sticker nothing had been heard about the green bin in the cemetery. The Clerk would make enquiries.</p>
162.	For any Councillor to produce a written report of any meeting that he/she has attended as representatives of the Parish Council	
	162.1	Cllr Thomas and Lowe had attended a meeting of Lawrance Park. The toilets had been refurbished and there was now an outside toilet door which could be accessed from the park. All this work had been completed with grants they had received.
163.	To consider what information should be placed in the Village Link	
	163.1	Cllr Day would compile a report and once completed would send it around for approval of the council.
164.	Members Questions - reminder only questions given to the clerk a week in advance will be answered.	
	164.1	There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 21.05
165.	The date of the next meeting – to be held on Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lawrance Park Social Room, Thurlby	