

# Thorpe on the Hill Parish Council

## Annual Parish Meeting

### Minutes 08 March 2023

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Councillor Lyons (Chair) opened and chaired the meeting

**Membership:** Cllrs R Sheldon MBE, N Williams, N Lyons (Chair), M Bindley (Vice-Chair), N Greaves, J Bramford, Mrs Ives, Mrs Owen.

**Present:** Cllrs R Sheldon MBE, N Williams, N Lyons (Chair), M Bindley (Vice-Chair), N Greaves, J Bramford, Mrs Ives, Mrs Owen, K Vickers Parish Clerk, District Councillor Overton , 13 members of the public

**Apologies:** County Council Thompson

**23.01 Minutes of the previous meeting held 09 March 2022**– agreed and signed as a true record.

#### **23.02 Introduction**

Councillor Lyons thanked everyone for attending the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was for the residents to discuss any issues or concerns they may have without the constraints of a Parish Council Meeting setting.

Councillor Lyons advised, that the Parish Council have been in contact with Lincolnshire County Council to request a meeting to discuss the North Hykeham Relief Road. The Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services has agreed to a meeting and the Parish Council wanted to use the Annual Parish Meeting as a sounding board to gather together the feelings of the residents with the aim of putting these concerns forward.

#### **23.03 Open Forum**

One of the main causes for concern was the amount of excess traffic already creating a problem in Thorpe on the Hill due to drivers diverting off the A46 and using the route as an alternative to avoid the congestion at the Pennell's and Whisby roundabouts.

The Relief Road, with the addition of a new dual carriageway entrance and exit to the existing Pennell's roundabout, along with the new housing developments currently underway in Witham St Hughs and the impact of the Western Growth Corridor Development, with the supply of 3200 new homes, will all result in an increase in the traffic and put an additional strain on the already congested bottleneck and add yet more pressure on Thorpe on the Hill.

Another major concern was for pedestrians and cyclists wishing to use the roundabouts, who felt they were putting their lives in danger while doing so.

A question to put forward is, if there has been any consideration for this issue. Is Pennell's roundabout being remodelled?

The residents would like to know to what extent an assessment been made on Thorpe on the Hill?

Councillor Lyons advised that he was currently preparing an article to compare traffic through the village from 2014 to the present date which will be presented at the meeting with the Highways Officer and will be made available to residents once complete.

Discussions were held around the possibility of the duelling the section of the A46 causing the bottleneck and traffic calming methods such as chicanes and raised paved road blocks. A member of the public expressed they felt that if cost implications were an issue, then the Parish Council should consider contributing to the costs.

Councillor Bindley reminded everyone about the forthcoming meeting being held at The Bentley Hotel on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and encouraged as many as possible to attend.

### **23.04 Any other business**

The issue of vehicles parking on Fosse Lane/Main Street was becoming an increasing problem along with the school bus stopping at the junction to drop off/collect children.

People parking on bends and double yellow lines for the school pickup/drop off is also an increasing problem.

**Action Parish Clerk**

Councillor Lyons thanked everyone for their contributions.

Meeting concluded at 19:45pm