

**THORNER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 2025 at the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.**

**Present;**

**Councillors:** A.Scott (Chair), V.Forster, J.LeRoy, S.Llewellyn and T.Mycock.

**In attendance:** Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

1 member of the public was in attendance for parts of the meeting.  
Ward Councillor Firth.

**1.Apologies.**

Councillors Brittain, Wallis and Wilson.

The reasons for not attending were accepted.

**2.Ethical Code.**

No interests were disclosed.

**3.Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair Councillor Scott.

**4.Admission of the public and press and representations.**

a) There was no person wishing to record the meeting.

b) A member of the public, made a representation not notified to the Clerk before the meeting, about increasing the budget for the Parish Paths Partnership maintenance for the next financial year, so that more footpaths could be cut. He was informed that as this was not a, pre notified agenda item, it could only be discussed and not agreed. He was informed however there was no intention to do so, unless extra funding was received from Leeds CC (which was considered unlikely), the existing funding was used to cut those footpaths identified on the existing PPP agreement but was regarded as insufficient if all were cut. The enquiry made by Councillor Scott following the survey he had undertaken and presented (requiring considerable time and energy), to the Leeds CC Public Rights of Way Officer, for extra funding to carry out extra footpath work, had not been met with a response, so no more footpaths could be cut without extra funding being agreed with the Officer. The Clerk commented that the Parish Council already cuts extra footpaths via the ground's maintenance schedule, with no funding from Leeds CC Public Rights of Way. It was suggested that the resident could develop the Footpath Volunteer Group (of which he was involved with), to conduct extra work given how important he felt it was, the Parish Council would be willing to offer advice and funding, but he dismissed the suggestion and offer of support, but yet expected the Parish Council to undertake the extra work.

c) There were no representations notified to the Clerk before the meeting.

d) Ward Councillor Firth asked members to contact him should they have any requests.

**5.Confidentiality.**

There were no agenda items requiring discussion that would require the exclusion of the public and press.

**6.Police.**

The link for reporting non-emergency crimes or Anti-social behaviour is

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk)

The link for the Police web site-

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

Councillor Scott commented that there were 11 crimes recorded in November 2024. There were 3 for public order, 1 burglary, 3 other crimes and 4 crimes for violence and sexual offence.

Community Alert scheme.

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/west-yorkshire-community-alert>

## **7.Planning applications/appeals/enforcement action, received.**

7.1 Having reviewed application 24/07304/FU, for Meadow Croft, Sandhills, the Clerk was asked to submit a comment to ensure that there was no light pollution resulting from the proposal.

7.2 To receive updated planning log.

## **8.Financial Matters.**

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for January 2025;

**Resolved:** that the following be approved and passed for payment:

### **Accounts for Payment:**

<b>Date prepared</b>	<b>Jan-25</b>			
<b>EFT Type</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
BACS	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£766.26		£766.26
BACS	B,Riley Home Allowance/Mileage	£27.00		£27.00
BACS	British Telecom - Phone	£36.00	£7.20	£43.20
D/Debit	Nest - Pension	£67.49		£67.49
BACS	Post Office/Poundland	£9.25		£9.25
BACS	HMRC	£269.66		£269.66
D/Debit	HSBC - Bank Charges	£8.00		£8.00
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£1,183.66</b>	<b>£7.20</b>	<b>£1,190.86</b>

8.2 Members were in agreement with the content of the monthly budget monitor and bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.

8.3 The quarterly budget report was received and agreed.

8.4 It was agreed that the precept request to Leeds CC for 2025 – 26 would be £34483 based on the budget figures presented at the discussion group.

8.5 Having considered the options provided for purchasing an outdoor flagpole LED Christmas Tree, it was agreed that an 8 metre tree with 2000 LEDs in warm white would be the preferred option, also the provision of 30-foot pole/steel tubing would be required. The Clerk was asked to progress both suggestions and present to the Council for a decision.

## **9. Action Plan.**

The new report for 2025 was issued to members for approval.

The relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted and agreed.

The latest version would be updated on the website.

## **10. Matters arising from previous minutes.**

No matters arising.

## **11.Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Further to modifications to the plan following the examiners report (see minute 11. 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024) a decision statement would be published in due course and an agreed date for the referendum would need confirming, but likely to be in the Spring.

## **12.To consider any new correspondence received and decide action where necessary.**

Nothing to be considered.

## **13.To receive reports from outside bodies.**

The Clerk had circulated to members the PACT meeting minutes which provided the latest police statistics for the Harewood Ward. Members were reminded that the next PACT meeting would be on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 18.30pm in East Keswick Village Hall.

**14.To receive a report from the Clerk or Councillors, on any new or ongoing minor matters.**

Having discussed the placing of 'No Dogs Allowed' signage on Millennium Green to restrict the amount of dog fouling, it was agreed that it would not be feasible to implement.

Members were informed that it had been necessary to remove a fallen branch from one of the trees on Millennium Green due to the hazard it presented, prior to it being agreed at the meeting.

**15.To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**

To agree the appropriate response to the misinformation being posted on Facebook. RBL involvement with organising an event for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 08th May 2025.

**16.Date of next meeting.**

**Resolved;** that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

**17.Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.**

No matters discussed.

Signed .....  
Chair Thorner Parish Council

Date.....

**The meeting closed at 8.10pm.**