

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th
February 2025 at the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

Present;

Councillors: A.Wallis (Chair), V.Forster, J.LeRoy, S.Llewellyn, T.Mycock and C.Wilson.

In attendance: Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

5 members of the public, including representatives of RBL and the Lead for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, were in attendance for parts of the meeting.

Ward Councillor Firth.

1.Apologies.

Councillor/s Brittain and Scott.

The reasons for not attending were accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

Councillor Llewellyn declared a personal interest in agenda items 9. and 12.

3.Minutes.

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

4.Admission of the public and press and representations.

a) Although there was no one wishing to record the meeting, a resident in attendance made it known he wished to take notes concerning agenda items 9. and 12. Another resident made it known he wished to take notes concerning agenda item 14.c.

b) A member of the public made a representation and produced correspondence (not received within the accepted time allowed), to the Clerk before the meeting concerning the driving and parking on the Village Green. The resident was informed that the Councillors were aware of the situation as it had been mentioned at a previous meeting, however it was not the resident who was thought to be parking there but a visitor to other residents. It was suggested that a letter be sent, or other communication be made in the first instance to the residents who were being visited to stop such parking occurring. Another resident commented he had supplied photographs for submission to the agents for the landowners (see minute 4. 8th October 2024), but had yet to receive a response. Ward Councillor Firth asked that the photographs be sent to him.

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

d) Ward Councillor Firth having been asked about progress being made on a mobile phone signal for the village, had no update to offer, comment was made that there was now a mast placed on the bowling club pavilion.

He was aware that the lack of a signal was causing a problem with the information provided within bus shelters.

With regard to the reinstatement of a half hour bus service (currently one hour), within the village, he asked for the Parish Council's support for the petition to be presented to the bus company.

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

The link for the Police web site-

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

Councillor Wallis commented that there were 5 crimes recorded in December 2024. There were 3 for public order, 1 for criminal damage and arson and 1 other crime for violence and sexual offence.

Community Alert scheme.

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

Councillor Scott attended the last PACT meeting held at East Keswick Village Hall. In attendance were a small number of Councillors and some residents (East Keswick, Shadwell, Thorner, and others).

It was noted that ASB was occurring largely in the daytime.

8% of Crime demands are in the Harewood Ward, relatively low for the Leeds district.

The issue of crimes not being reported continues.

Rural crimes were still occurring.

Quad bike thefts were continuing.

HANOI burglaries (keyless entry) and thefts of motor vehicles and a motorcycle had occurred.

Members of the public reported increased criminal behaviour at shops.

The next meeting would be at Harewood.

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

7.1 With regard to application 24/05463/FU, concerning resubmitted plans for 6 The Close, it was confirmed that approval had been given earlier in the day.

7.2 Members duly noted the information provided in the planning log.

8.Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for February 2025;

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

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	Feb-25			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
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	J&D Groundworks	£50.00		£50.00
BACS	Viscount Pollington 1964 Settlement	£20.00		£20.00
BACS	Viscount Pollington 1964 Settlement	£100.00		£100.00
D/Debit	HSBC - Bank Charges	£8.00		£8.00
	Total Payments	£1,074.75	£7.20	£1,081.95

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

8.3 After giving further consideration to the purchasing of an outdoor flagpole LED Christmas Tree (see minute 8.5 14th January 2025), it was decided that an 8 metre tree with 1500 LEDs in multicolour would be ordered. The purchase of additional items such as a flagpole and outside extension cable was also agreed.

8.4 The Clerk provided an update to Councillors on the garden payments received for the new garden year 2025. Of the 18 plots, payments had been received for 14, reminders

were sent to the outstanding 4, this had resulted in another payment being received and 2 plots being relinquished. The Clerk would contact the residents on the waiting list for the 2 vacant plots and Councillor LeRoy would ascertain the intentions of the one outstanding.

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had received a letter from HSBC concerning a safeguard review of the accounts held with them. They advised that a possible outcome of a review may lead to the withdrawal of banking services, the last review was held in 2020.

9. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members for approval.

Having received the RBL application for use of Millennium Green to organise an event for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 08th May 2025, it was agreed that permission be given. Representatives of RBL in attendance, duly noted the decision and would liaise with Councillor Mycock to obtain and install the Council's beacon and arrange the supply of gas. The Clerk confirmed the requirement for a risk assessment and an insurance policy naming the Parish Council to be submitted prior to the event date.

Prior to any work being carried out on the Spanish Oak tree on Millenium Green, (which had recently been damaged), a meeting would be arranged to decide what, if any, work should be carried out on this and any other nearby trees.

The latest version of the plan would be updated on the website.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Having considered the information provided concerning an appropriate response to the misinformation being posted on Facebook, it was agreed that Councillor Wallis would evaluate and issue the wording to be used in answer to all social media posts regarding Thorner Parish Council.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The lead for the Steering Group attended the meeting to inform members about the changes to the plan which were required in order to produce a definitive version. To enable this it was agreed that a meeting of the Parish Council and the Steering Group be arranged on 06th March at 5pm and held in the Over 60's Bungalow, the provision of a screen and projector would be made available.

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

Having considered the purchase of a VE Flag and for it to be flown from 9am on the 8th of May 2025, it was agreed to do so. The Parish Council would purchase the flag to be used on the Parish Council's flagpole, to enable this, Councillor Scott would be provided with the document provided by the representatives of RBL and be asked to confirm which flag could be used and if he would arrange for it to be flown. The representatives of RBL duly noted the decision.

13. To receive reports from outside bodies.

See agenda item 6. regarding the PACT meeting.

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

A resident in attendance confirmed that he would:

- a. Remove the old bits of wood/rubbish from boules court.
- b. Dispose of the damaged/rotten bench at the boules area.
- c. The removal of the empty footpath noticeboard on the Boules Shelter was being considered because there had been no communication received from the Thorner footpaths volunteer group in the previous 10 months, about their intentions to replace the original

map (removed because it was out of date). The resident in attendance (minute 4.a)) who had considered that the removal may be a premature decision without foundation, was not aware of the time lapse. It was agreed that the Thorner footpaths volunteer group would be given three months in which to present a proposal and for it to be agreed by the Parish Council and installed in the noticeboard, otherwise it would be removed, the resident duly noted the decision.

Councillor Wallis wished it be minuted that the Parish Council were thankful for those residents who had given their time and help, to remove the lights from the Christmas Tree.

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

No notifications received.

16.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 11th March 2025 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

Ward Councillor Firth confirmed that he had reported the traffic problem not the resident, for it to be included on the Harewood Highway tracker document for Thorner.

The Clerk would be on annual leave from 24th February to 7th March.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

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The meeting closed at 8.45pm.