

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

Present;

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

In attendance: Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

4 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.
Ward Councillor Firth.

1.Apologies.

Councillors Brittain and LeRoy.

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.

It was noted that the mast referred to in the previous minutes (see minute 4.d) 11th February 2025), was not for a mobile phone signal booster, it was for a smart meter signal booster.

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 concerning a new Public Footpaths map (see minute 12.b.).

A resident commented that there used to be a number of volunteers to carry out maintenance work such as the annual litter pick in the village, but this did not seem to be occurring.

c) Having considered the proposal from the Thorner Footpath Volunteer Group, it was established that the group had yet to open a bank account, the representative for the group was informed that for consideration to be given to a grant application to provide funding for all its proposals, it would require a bank account. It was also suggested that the Ramblers walking organisation may be able to provide funding for the groups proposals.

d) Ward Councillor Firth had no outstanding matters to report on.

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/your-area/west-yorkshire-police/leeds-north-east/>

Comment was made that the crime report for Thorner was still showing the December 2024 information.

Community Alert scheme.

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

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

7.1 Members duly noted application 25/00956 /FU with no objection.

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

8.Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for March 2025;

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

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	Mar-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	£35.20	£7.04	£42.24
D/Debit	Nest - Pension	£67.49		£67.49
BACS	Fairybell Xmas Tree	£804.75		£804.75
BACS	Screwfix	£22.70	£4.55	£27.25
BACS	J.W Plant & Co Ltd	£37.33	£7.47	£44.80
D/Debit	HSBC - Bank Charges	£8.00		£8.00
	Total Payments	£1,768.73	£19.06	£1,787.79

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

8.3 Following comments made at the previous meeting about the HSBC safeguard review (see minute 8. 11th February 2025), it was agreed that the Parish Council banking arrangements would be changed from those existing (HSBC) to those proposed (Unity Trust Bank), should the safeguard review not be accepted. Cllrs Scott and Wallis duly signed the account application submission form for Unity Trust Bank in preparation.

The Clerk explained to members that he had now tried on several occasions using different methods to purchase the outdoor flagpole LED Christmas Tree (see minute 8.3 11th February 2025), but each attempt had failed, Cllr Wallis would endeavour to place an order.

The Clerk reported that of the three new plots allocated, (see minute 8.4 11th February 2025), two plots had been allocated and payment received. A third plot had been allocated but payment not received (which was a condition before the plot could be used). However, having sought payment he had been informed by the applicants they did not wish to accept the tenancy. He had also been informed that an existing tenants were moving out of the village and wished to terminate their tenancy. The Clerk would contact the next people on the waiting list.

9. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members for approval.

Councillor Mycock reported that holes were appearing in the ground meshing on the Butts Garth village green, this would be added to the plan.

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

Following the granting of permission to the RBL (see minute 9. 11th February 2025) to hold an event on Millennium Green, they had confirmed the arrangements being made for the event. As a result of this, the Clerk suggested that the application form used for granting permission to hold an event, be amended to include what was planned.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Further to comments made about parking on the village green at Butts Garth (see minute 4.b) 11th February 2025), it was agreed that stones be placed there to deter such practices, and would be painted white to highlight their position.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

A meeting of the Steering Group and Councillors had taken place on Thursday evening 06th March at the Over 60's Bungalow. A number of outstanding issues were discussed and amendments made to the latest version of the plan.

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

- a. Having given due regard to the comments made by Festival Republic about their objection to the rerouting of the traffic plan with specific interest on the taxi access through Thorner village, the Parish Council also strongly objected to the proposal.
- b. Having offered comments on the proposed replacement Public Footpaths map, it was agreed that subject to several changes being made, approval would be given and the cost to produce it be met by the Parish Council.

13. To receive reports from outside bodies.

Nothing to report.

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

- a. Having given considerable thought to the arranging of the Annual Parish meeting of Electors, it was agreed that residents would be asked (via the Thorner Parish Council facebook page and the website), to provide agenda items by a specified date. The Clerk would then arrange the agenda based on the response from residents but in any case, within the statutory requirement where there was a Parish Council of between 1st March and 1st June every year. It was noted that if members of the Parish Council and the Clerk did not attend the meeting, then those present at the meeting would need to appoint a Chair and arrange for someone to take the minutes.
- b. Members having considered the offer from RBL for the Chair of the Parish Council to light the beacon on Millennium Green on the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 08th May 2025, were in agreement that the Chair accept the offer.

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

Newsletter production.
Update on the Annual Meeting of Electors meeting.
Planting of the flowerbeds on Millennium Green.

16. Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 08th April 2025 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

Members were reminded of paragraph 19. of the Thorner Parish Council Standing Orders 2023.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

Date.....

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.