

THORNER PC								
Address	Planning No;	Work being done	Date	PC Mtg Date	Comments	Result	Appealed	Result
24 St Peters Garth	24/02239/FU	Part two storey part single storey side and rear extension	22.04.24	14.05.24	No objections	Approved 31.05.24		
The Fox Inn 37 Main Street	24/01797/ADV	2x replacement illuminated logo sign, 1x replacement illuminated double sided pictoral sign, 1x new illuminated vinyl graphics sign, 1x replacement of non-illuminated sign with illuminated sign, 2x replacement wall lights, 1x new wall light, 2x replacement flood lights, 4x new flood lights, and repainting to existing public house.	Not received	14.05.24	Object	Approved 05.07.24		
The Fox Inn 37 Main Street	24/02462/FU	Installation of external kitchen extract unit system to existing flat roof; timber boarding around new kitchen unit system; new entrance door to existing window opening in kitchen	16.05.24	11.06.24	No objections	Approved 01.07.24		
Lowfield Cottage Carr Lane	24/02949/FU	Single storey extension to rear; relocation of solar panels from roof to ground mounted ; replacement of timber outbuilding to rear of garden	03.06.24	11.06.24	No objections	Approved 07.08.24		
3 Sedgegarh	24/03053/FU	First floor side extension; Conversion of integral garage to habitable rooms; new windows and doors to existing ground floor front and rear	04.06.24	11.06.24	Object	Approved 23.07.24		
Northolme 8 Church View	24/03159/FU	Refurbishment of the building and creation habitable space and workshop; addition of balcony and access stairs to rear; flue to roof.	10.06.24	09.07.24	No objections			
Northolme 8 Church View	24/03160/LI	Listed building application for removal of internal staircase, insulated and fire proofed floor with insulated dry lining to upper internal roof and walls, replacement matching roof covering with replacement rainwater goods, new opening with metal patio doors, balcony and upper floor external staircase to the garden, repairs and repointing to Church Hill elevation, replacement heritage u-PVC secured by design windows, new garage internal roller shutter, flue for multi fuel stove	10.06.24	09.07.24	No objections			
39 Kirkfield Lane	24/03533/FU	Demolition of garage, sunroom and enclosed walkway; erection of single storey front and side extension; single storey rear extension including existing side window blocked up; widen existing driveway to allow parking for two cars	01.07.24	09.07.24	No objections	Approved 22.08.24		
The Barn Rear Of 28 Main Street	24/02472/CLE	Certificate of Existing Lawful Development for use as a single dwelling and residential garden and parking area to rear incidental to that dwelling			Not received	Approved 08.07.24		
Miry Carr Farm Sandhills	APP/N4720/W/24/3348597	Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and construction of two dwellings with associated works	30.07.24	13.08.24	Object			
28 Kirkhills	24/04454/FU	Single storey extension to front incorporating new entrance door, hallway and conversion of garage to habitable room, part two storey part first floor extension to side with juliet balcony to rear single storey rear extension; new french windows to rear at first floor	06.08.24	13.08.24	No comment			
1 Saw Wood Barns York Road	24/04850/FU	Single storey rear extension	29.08.24	10.09.24				
5 Kirkfield Avenue	24/04594/DHH	5.40m single storey rear extension, 3.65m to ridge height and 2.70m to eaves			Not received			

checked to W/C 02nd September 2024

Terms	Terms	Terms	Terms
No objections	Approved	Yes	Dismissed
Submit Comment	Refused	No	Permitted
Object	Appeal		
Withdrawn	Withdrawn		
Not recd	NDR- No Decision reqd		
No comment	Not avb for viewing		
	Not reqd		
	Split Decision		
	No objections		

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	Sep-24			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
S/Order	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£935.11		£935.11
BACS	British Telecom - Phone	£36.00	£7.20	£43.20
BACS	Nest - Pension	£63.56		£63.56
BACS	J&D Groundworks	£525.00		£525.00
D/Debit	HSBC - Bank Charges	£8.00		£8.00
	Total Payments	£1,567.67	£7.20	£1,574.87

Thorner Parish Council Cashbook

Aug-24

Payments

Date	Cheque	Details	Admin	Gardens	Rents	Maitn - Annual Costs	Playground	Donations	Projects	S137	Total	VAT
		Bfwd	£6,409.90	£51.15	£60.00	£4,582.74	£120.00	£0.00	£1,600.00	£1,000.00	£13,823.79	£210.68
AUG	S/Order	Clerks Salary	£935.11								£935.11	
	BACS	BTelecom	£43.20								£43.20	£7.20
	D/Debit	Nest	£63.56								£63.56	
	D/Debit	UGP				£34.89					£34.89	£1.66
	D/Debit	HSBC	£8.00								£8.00	
	D Debit	Octopus				£16.67					£16.67	£0.79
	D Debit	Octopus				£15.18					£15.18	£0.72
	BACS	J&D Groundworks				£525.00					£525.00	
	BACS	J&D Groundworks				£250.00					£250.00	
	BACS	Poundland	£4.50								£4.50	£0.75
	BACS	Over 60's Bungalow						£1,000.00			£1,000.00	
	BACS	PKF Littlejohn	£378.00								£378.00	£63.00
		TOTAL	£7,842.27	£51.15	£60.00	£5,424.48	£120.00	£1,000.00	£1,600.00	£1,000.00	£17,097.90	£284.80

Receipts

Date	From:	Details	Precept	Garden Rent	Bank Interest	Grants	VAT Refund	Donations	CIL	Misc	Total
AUG		Bfwd	£31,608.00	£0.00	£203.00	£385.00	£1,465.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£33,661.67
	HSBC	Interest			£55.93						£55.93
		TOTAL	£31,608.00	£0.00	£258.93	£385.00	£1,465.67	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£33,717.60

Bank Reconciliation:

B/fwd £54,470.54
 Payments **-£3,274.11**
 Receipts £55.93

Total £51,252.36

Bank Balances

HSBC Current Account £17,249.36
 HSBC Savings Account £34,003.00

Total £51,252.36

Details of Christmas tree lights to go on large Christmas tree

To confirm ordering the same length lights which are either 5m or 10m long strings.

It would make sense to get the same lengths

They are all connectable.

Available in single colours including warm white, bright white, red, blue, gold, green & multicolour.

You can also get 5m/16.4ft or 10m/32.8ft lengths in flashing warm white or bright white these can be connected in with the normal lights.

A small connector ring was purchased last year that will take 4 lengths of lights, from the top of the tree to save connecting them all together. If you get 3 or 4 or more T connectors we can double up from the top of the tree.

If you wanted to get a lot more strings you could get the large connector ring, this would then allow up to 8 strings from the top of the tree & if we use the small connector ring this will allow another 4 strings from the top of the tree.

To consider interspacing the coloured lights with a few white flashing strings.

ConnectPro® Outdoor LED String Lights, Connectable, Black Rubber Cable To join in with existing Christmas tree lights

5m LENGTH MULTICOLOUR (Same as Existing)	£ 18.00 Each
Also available in single colour lengths	
10m LENGTH	£ 36.00 Each
5m Flashing Outdoor LED String Lights, Available in Warm white or Bright white	£ 20.00 Each
10m Flashing Outdoor LED String Lights,	£ 37.00 Each



ConnectPro Black Ring Connector

£ 20.00



Black T Cord Connector

£ 8.00

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – 2024

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1. General

- 1.1. These Financial Regulations govern the financial management of the Council and may only be amended or varied by resolution of the Council. They are one of the Council's governing documents and shall be observed in conjunction with the Council's Standing Orders.
- 1.2. Councillors are expected to follow these regulations and not to entice employees to breach them. Failure to follow these regulations brings the office of Councillor into disrepute.
- 1.3. Wilful breach of these regulations by an employee may result in disciplinary proceedings.
- 1.4. In these Financial Regulations:
 - 'Accounts and Audit Regulations' means the regulations issued under Sections 32, 43(2) and 46 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, or any superseding legislation, and then in force, unless otherwise specified.
 - "Approve" refers to an online action, allowing an electronic transaction to take place.
 - "Authorise" refers to a decision by the council, or a committee or an officer, to allow something to happen.
 - 'Proper practices' means those set out in *The Practitioners' Guide*
 - *Practitioners' Guide* refers to the guide issued by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG) and published by NALC in England or Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in Wales – A Practitioners Guide jointly published by One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks in Wales.
 - 'Must' and **bold text** refer to a statutory obligation the Council cannot change.
 - 'Shall' refers to a non-statutory instruction by the Council to its members and staff.
- 1.5. The Clerk shall be the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) who holds a statutory office, appointed by the Council.

The RFO;

- acts under the policy direction of the Council;
- administers the Council's financial affairs in accordance with all Acts, Regulations and proper practices;
- determines on behalf of the Council its accounting records and control systems;
- ensures the accounting control systems are observed;
- ensures the accounting records are kept up to date;
- seeks economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of Council resources; and
- produces financial management information as required by the Council.

1.6. The Council must not delegate any decision regarding:

- **setting the final budget or the precept**
- **the outcome of a review of the effectiveness of its internal controls**
- **approving accounting statements;**
- **approving an annual governance statement;**
- **borrowing;**
- **declaring eligibility for the General Power of Competence; and**
- **addressing recommendations from the internal or external auditors**

1.7. In addition, the Council shall when necessary

- **determine and review the bank mandate for all Council bank accounts;**
- **authorise any grant or single commitment in excess of £5,000.**

2. Risk management and internal control

2.1. The council must ensure that it has a sound system of internal control, which delivers effective financial, operational and risk management.

2.2. The Clerk/ RFO shall prepare, for approval by the Council, a financial risk assessment policy covering all activities of the council. This policy and consequential risk management arrangements shall be reviewed by the Council at least annually.

2.3. At least once a year, the council must review the effectiveness of its system of internal control, before approving the Annual Governance Statement.

2.4. The accounting control systems determined by the RFO must include measures to:

- **ensure that risk is appropriately managed;**
- **ensure the prompt, accurate recording of financial transactions;**
- **prevent and detect inaccuracy or fraud; and**
- **allow the reconstitution of any lost records;**
- **identify the duties of officers dealing with transactions and**
- **ensure division of responsibilities.**

2.5. At least once in each quarter and at each financial year end, the Chair or a cheque signatory, shall verify bank reconciliations for all accounts produced by the RFO. The member shall sign and date the reconciliations and the original bank statements (or monthly account document) as evidence of this. This activity, including any exceptions, shall be reported to and noted by the Council or its Finance Committee.

- 2.6. Regular back-up copies shall be made of the records on any Council computer and stored either online or in a separate location from the computer. The Council shall put measures in place to ensure that the ability to access any Council computer is not lost if an employee leaves or is incapacitated for any reason.

3. Accounts and audit

- 3.1. All accounting procedures and financial records of the Council shall be determined by the RFO in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
- 3.2. **The accounting records determined by the RFO must be sufficient to explain the council's transactions and to disclose its financial position with reasonable accuracy at any time. In particular, they must contain:**
 - **day-to-day entries of all sums of money received and expended by the council and the matters to which they relate;**
 - **a record of the assets and liabilities of the council;**
- 3.3. The accounting records shall be designed to facilitate the efficient preparation of the accounting statements in the Annual {Governance and Accountability} Return.
- 3.4. The RFO shall complete and certify the annual Accounting Statements of the Council contained in the Annual {Governance and Accountability} Return in accordance with proper practices, as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year. Having certified the Accounting Statements, the RFO shall submit them (with any related documents) to the Council, within the timescales required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
- 3.5. **The Council must ensure that there is an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and internal control system in accordance with proper practices.**
- 3.6. **Any officer or member of the Council must make available such documents and records as the internal or external auditor consider necessary for the purpose of the audit** and shall, as directed by the Council, supply the RFO, internal auditor, or external auditor with such information and explanation as the Council considers necessary.
- 3.7. The internal auditor shall be appointed by the Council and shall carry out their work to evaluate the effectiveness of the Council's risk management, control and governance processes in accordance with proper practices specified in the Practitioners' Guide.
- 3.8. The Council shall ensure that the internal auditor:
 - is competent and independent of the financial operations of the Council;
 - reports to Council in writing, or in person, on a regular basis with a minimum of one written report during each financial year;

- can demonstrate competence, objectivity and independence, free from any actual or perceived conflicts of interest, including those arising from family relationships; and
- has no involvement in the management or control of the Council

3.9. Internal or external auditors may not under any circumstances:

- perform any operational duties for the Council;
- initiate or approve accounting transactions;
- provide financial, legal or other advice including in relation to any future transactions; or
- direct the activities of any Council employee, except to the extent that such employees have been appropriately assigned to assist the internal auditor.

3.10. For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to internal audit the terms 'independent' and 'independence' shall have the same meaning as described in The Practitioners Guide.

3.11. The RFO shall make arrangements for the exercise of electors' rights in relation to the accounts, including the opportunity to inspect the accounts, books, and vouchers and display or publish any notices and documents required by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, or any superseding legislation, and the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

3.12. The RFO shall, without undue delay, bring to the attention of all councillors any correspondence or report from internal or external auditors.

4. Budget and precept

4.1. **Before setting a precept, the Council must calculate its Council tax requirement for each financial year by preparing and approving a budget, in accordance with The Local Government Finance Act 1992 or succeeding legislation.**

4.2. Budgets for salaries and wages, including employer contributions shall be subject to pay awards received from NALC via information received from the LGA (Local Government Association) following agreement reached by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. The RFO will inform the Council and/or its committees of any salary increases to be implemented and for when they consider their draft budgets.

4.3. In January of each year, the RFO shall prepare a draft budget with detailed estimates of all receipts and payments for the following financial year taking account, if applicable, of the lifespan of assets and cost implications of repair or replacement.

4.4. Unspent budgets shall not be carried forward to a subsequent year. Unspent funds for partially completed projects may only be carried forward by placing them in an earmarked reserve.

- 4.5. Each committee (if any) shall review its draft budget and submit any proposed amendments to the Council or its finance committee, not later than the end of December each year.
- 4.6. The draft budget, including any recommendations for the use or accumulation of reserves, shall be considered by the Council or its finance committee and a recommendation made to the Council.
- 4.7. Having considered the proposed budget, the Council shall determine its Council tax requirement by setting a budget. The Council shall set a precept for this amount no later than the end of January for the ensuing financial year.
- 4.8. **Any member with Council tax unpaid for more than two months is prohibited from voting on the budget or precept by Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and must and must disclose at the start of the meeting that Section 106 applies to them.**
- 4.9. The RFO shall **issue the precept to the billing authority no later than the end of February** and supply each member with a copy of the agreed annual budget.
- 4.10. The agreed budget provides a basis for monitoring progress during the year by comparing actual spending and income against what was planned.
- 4.11. Any addition to, or withdrawal from, any earmarked reserve shall be agreed by the Council or its finance committee.

5. Procurement

- 5.1. **Members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times.** Any officer procuring goods, services or works should ensure, as far as practicable, that the best available terms are obtained, usually by obtaining prices from several suppliers.
- 5.2. The RFO should verify the lawful nature of any proposed purchase before it is made and in the case of new or infrequent purchases, should ensure that the legal power being used is reported to the meeting at which the order is authorised and also recorded in the minutes.
- 5.3. Every contract shall comply with these Financial Regulations and no exceptions shall be made, except in an emergency.
- 5.4. **For a contract for the supply of goods, services or works where the estimated value will exceed the thresholds set by Parliament, the full requirements of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or any superseding legislation (“the Legislation”), must be followed in respect of the tendering, award and notification of that contract.**
- 5.5. Where the estimated value is below the Government threshold, the Council shall (with the exception of items listed in paragraph 6.12) obtain prices as follows:
- 5.6. For contracts estimated to exceed £60,000 including VAT, the Clerk shall seek formal tenders from at least three suppliers agreed by advertising an open

invitation for tenders in compliance with any relevant provisions of the Legislation. Tenders shall be invited in accordance with Appendix 1.

- 5.7. **For contracts estimated to be over £30,000 including VAT, the council must comply with any requirements of the Legislation¹ regarding the advertising of contract opportunities and the publication of notices about the award of contracts.**
- 5.8. For contracts greater than £10,000 but not exceeding £30,000 excluding VAT the RFO shall seek at least 3 fixed-price quotes;
- 5.9. Where the value is between £10,000 and £3,000 excluding VAT, the RFO shall try to obtain 3 estimates which might include evidence of online prices, or recent prices from regular suppliers.
- 5.10. For smaller purchases below £3000, the RFO where practicable shall seek 2 estimates or seek to achieve value for money.
- 5.11. **Contracts must not be split into smaller lots to avoid compliance with these rules.**
- 5.12. The requirement to obtain competitive prices in these regulations need not apply to contracts that relate to items (i) to (iv) below:
- i. specialist services, such as legal professionals acting in disputes;
 - ii. repairs to, or parts for, existing machinery or equipment;
 - iii. works, goods or services that constitute an extension of an existing contract;
 - iv. goods or services that are only available from one supplier or are sold at a fixed price.
- 5.13. When applications are made to waive this financial regulation to enable a price to be negotiated without competition, the reason should be set out in a recommendation to the Council {or relevant committee}. Avoidance of competition is not a valid reason.
- 5.14. The Council shall not be obliged to accept the lowest or any tender, quote or estimate.
- 5.15. Individual purchases within an agreed budget for that type of expenditure may be authorised by:
- the Clerk, under delegated authority, for any items below £1000 excluding VAT.
 - the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council or Chair of the finance committee, for any items below £2,000 excluding VAT.
 - a duly delegated committee of the council for all items of expenditure within their delegated budgets for items under £500 excluding VAT.

¹ The Regulations require councils to use the Contracts Finder website if they advertise contract opportunities and also to publicise the award of contracts over £30,000 including VAT, regardless of whether they were advertised.

- in respect of grants, the Council or its finance committee within any limits set by council and in accordance with any policy statement agreed by the council.
- the Council for all items over £2,000;

Such authorisation must be supported by a minute or other auditable evidence trail.

- 5.16. No individual member, or informal group of members may issue an official order unless instructed to do so in advance, by a resolution of the Council, or make any contract on behalf of the Council. The RFO is to be made aware of any such action.
- 5.17. No expenditure may be authorised that will exceed the budget for that type of expenditure other than by resolution of the Council or its finance committee acting within its Terms of Reference, except in an emergency.
- 5.18. In cases of serious risk to the delivery of Council services or to public safety on Council premises, the Clerk may authorise expenditure of up to £1,000 excluding VAT on repair, replacement or other work that in their judgement is necessary, whether or not there is any budget for such expenditure. The Clerk shall report such action to the Chair as soon as possible and to the Council as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 5.19. No expenditure shall be authorised, no contract entered into or tender accepted in relation to any major project, unless the Council is satisfied that the necessary funds are available and that where a loan is required, Government borrowing approval has been obtained first.
- 5.20. An official order by letter or email shall be issued for all work, goods and services unless a formal contract is to be prepared or an official order would be inappropriate. Copies of orders shall be retained, along with evidence of receipt of goods.

6. Banking and payments

- 6.1. The Council's banking arrangements, including the bank mandate, shall be made by the RFO and authorised by the Council; banking arrangements shall not be delegated to a Committee. The arrangements shall be reviewed when necessary for security and efficiency.
- 6.2. The Council must have safe and efficient arrangements for making payments, to safeguard against the possibility of fraud or error. Wherever practicable, more than one person should be involved in any payment, for example by dual online authorisation or dual cheque signing. Even where a purchase has been authorised, the payment must also be authorised and only authorised payments shall be approved or signed to allow the funds to leave the Council's bank.
- 6.3. All invoices for payment should be examined for arithmetical accuracy, analysed to the appropriate expenditure heading and verified to confirm that the work, goods or services were received, checked and represent expenditure previously authorised by the Council before being certified by the RFO. Where the certification of invoices is done as a batch, this shall include a statement by the RFO that all invoices listed have been 'examined, verified and certified' by the RFO.

- 6.4. Personal payments (including salaries, wages, expenses and any payment made in relation to the termination of employment) may be summarised to avoid disclosing any personal information.
- 6.5. All payments shall be made by online banking or if necessary by cheque, in accordance with a resolution of the Council or a delegated decision given to an officer, unless the Council resolves to use a different payment method.
- 6.6. For each financial year the RFO may draw up a schedule of regular payments due in relation to a continuing contract or obligation (such as Salaries, PAYE, National Insurance, pension contributions, rent, rates, regular maintenance contracts and similar items), which the Council or a duly delegated committee may authorise in advance for the year}.
- 6.7. A copy of this schedule of regular payments shall be signed by The Chair on each and every occasion when payment is made - to reduce the risk of duplicate payments.
- 6.8. A list of such payments shall be issued to members at the next appropriate meeting of the Council or Finance Committee for information only.
- 6.9. The Clerk / RFO shall have delegated authority to authorise payments only in the following circumstances:
 - i. any payments of up to £1000 excluding VAT, within an agreed budget.
 - ii. payments of up to £2,000 excluding VAT in cases of serious risk to the delivery of Council services or to public safety on Council premises.
 - iii. any payment necessary to avoid a charge under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 {or to comply with contractual terms}, where the due date for payment is before the next scheduled meeting of the Council, where the Clerk / RFO certify that there is no dispute or other reason to delay payment, provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of council or finance committee.
 - iv. Fund transfers within the Councils banking arrangements up to the sum of £30,000.
- 6.10. The RFO shall present a schedule of payments requiring authorisation, forming part of the agenda for the meeting, together with the relevant invoices, to the Council (or finance committee), at each meeting.

The Council or finance committee shall review the schedule for compliance and, having satisfied itself, shall authorise payment by resolution.

A detailed list of all payments shall be disclosed within or as an attachment to the minutes of that meeting.

7. Electronic payments

- 7.1. Where internet banking arrangements are made with any bank, the RFO shall be appointed as the Service Administrator or Primary User. The bank mandate agreed by the Council shall identify a number of councillors who will be able to authorise or

approve transactions on those accounts and a minimum of two people will be involved in any online approval process. The Clerk may be an authorised signatory.

- 7.2. All authorised signatories shall have access to view the Council's bank accounts online if required.
- 7.3. No employee or councillor shall disclose any PIN or password, relevant to the Council or its banking, to anyone not authorised in writing by the Council or a duly delegated committee.
- 7.4. The Service Administrator/Primary User shall set up all items due for payment online. A list of payments for approval, together with copies of the relevant invoices, shall be made available for inspection/authorisation.
- 7.5. In the prolonged absence of the Service Administrator/Primary User an authorised signatory shall set up any payments due before the return of the Service Administrator/Primary User.
- 7.6. In the above instance any TWO councillors who are authorised signatories shall check the payment details against the invoices before approving each payment using the online banking system.
- 7.7. Evidence shall be retained showing which members approved the payment online and a printout of the transaction confirming that the payment has been made shall be appended to the invoice for audit purposes.
- 7.8. A full list of all payments made in a month shall be provided to the next Council meeting and appended to the minutes.
- 7.9. Payments may be made by BACS or CHAPS.
- 7.10. With the approval of the Council in each case, regular payments such as gas, electricity, telephone, broadband, water, National Non-Domestic Rates, refuse collection, pension contributions and HMRC payments may be made by variable direct debit.
- 7.11. With the approval of the Council in each case, regular payments of fixed sums may be made by banker's standing order.
- 7.12. Account details for suppliers may only be changed upon written notification by the supplier verified by the RFO. This is a potential area for fraud and care should be taken that any change is genuine. Data held should be checked with suppliers periodically.
- 7.13. Members and officers shall ensure that any computer used for the Council's financial business has adequate security, with anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall software installed and regularly updated.
- 7.14. Remembered password facilities other than secure password stores requiring separate identity verification, should not be stored on a computer other than that which is Council owned.

8. Cheque payments

- 8.1. Cheques or orders for payment in accordance with a resolution or delegated decision shall be signed by two members and where appropriate countersigned by the RFO.
- 8.2. A signatory having a family or business relationship with the beneficiary of a payment shall not, under normal circumstances, be a signatory to that payment.
- 8.3. To indicate agreement of the details on the cheque (if used), with the counterfoil and the invoice or similar documentation, the signatories shall also initial the cheque counterfoil and invoice.
- 8.4. Cheques or orders for payment shall not normally be presented for signature other than at, or immediately before or after a council or finance committee meeting. Any signatures obtained away from Council meetings shall be reported to the Council {or finance committee at the next convenient meeting.

9. Payment cards

- 9.1. Any Debit Card issued for use will be specifically restricted to the RFO and will also be restricted to a single transaction maximum value of £500.
- 9.2. Personal credit or debit cards of members or staff should not be used.

10. Petty Cash

- 10.1. The council will not maintain any form of cash float. All cash received must be separately banked, as provided elsewhere in these regulations.

11. Payment of salaries and allowances

- 11.1. **As an employer, the council must make arrangements to comply with the statutory requirements of PAYE legislation.**
- 11.2. **Councillors allowances (where paid) are also liable to deduction of tax under PAYE rules and must be taxed correctly before payment.**
- 11.3. Salary changes received from NALC via information received from the LGA (Local Government Association) following agreement reached by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services, shall be notified to the Council, or a duly delegated committee, prior to implementation.
- 11.4. Payment of salaries shall be made, after deduction of tax, national insurance, pension contributions and any similar statutory or discretionary deductions, on the dates stipulated in employment contracts.
- 11.5. Deductions from salary shall be paid to the relevant bodies within the required timescales, provided that each payment is reported, as set out in these regulations above.
- 11.6. Each payment to employees of net salary and to the appropriate creditor of the statutory and discretionary deductions shall be recorded on the monthly account. Payroll reports if any, may be reviewed by the Council or finance committee to ensure that the correct payments have been made.

11.7. Any termination payments shall be supported by a report to the Council, setting out a clear business case. Termination payments shall only be authorised by the full Council.

11.8. Before employing interim staff, the Council must consider a full business case.

12. Loans and investments

12.1. Any application for Government approval to borrow money and subsequent arrangements for a loan must be authorised by the full Council and recorded in the minutes. All borrowing shall be in the name of the council, after obtaining any necessary approval.

12.2. Any financial arrangement which does not require formal borrowing approval from the Secretary of State (such as Hire Purchase, Leasing of tangible assets or loans to be repaid within the financial year) must be authorised by the full Council, following a written report on the value for money of the proposed transaction.

12.3. The Council shall consider the requirement for an Investment Strategy and Policy in accordance with Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments, which must be written be in accordance with relevant regulations, proper practices and guidance. Any Strategy and Policy shall be reviewed by the Council when required.

12.4. All investment of money under the control of the Council shall be in the name of the Council.

12.5. All investment certificates and other documents relating thereto shall be retained in the custody of the RFO.

12.6. Payments in respect of short term or long-term investments, including transfers between bank accounts held in the same bank, shall be made in accordance with these regulations.

13. Income

13.1. The collection of all sums due to the Council shall be the responsibility of and under the supervision of the RFO.

13.2. The Council will review all fees and charges for work done, services provided, or goods sold at least annually as part of the budget-setting process, following a report of the Clerk. The RFO shall be responsible for the collection of all amounts due to the council.

13.3. Any sums found to be irrecoverable and any bad debts shall be reported to the Council by [the RFO] and shall be written off in the year. The Council's approval shall be shown in the accounting records.

13.4. All sums received on behalf of the Council shall be deposited intact with the Council's bankers, with such frequency as the RFO considers necessary. The origin of each receipt shall clearly be recorded on the paying-in slip or other record.

13.5. Personal cheques shall not be cashed out of money held on behalf of the Council.

13.6. The RFO shall ensure that VAT is correctly recorded in the Council's accounting software. A repayment claim under section 33 of the VAT Act 1994 shall be made at the end of each six-month period.

13.7. Where significant sums of cash are received by the Council, the RFO shall ensure that there is a reconciliation to some form of control record such as ticket issues, and that appropriate care is taken for the security and safety of individuals banking such cash.

14. Payments under contracts for building or other construction works

14.1. Where contracts provide for payment by instalments the RFO shall maintain a record of all such payments, which shall be made within the time specified in the contract based on signed certificates from the architect or other consultant engaged to supervise the works.

14.2. Any variation of, addition to, or omission from a contract must be authorised by the Clerk/RFO to the contractor in writing, with the Council being informed where the final cost is likely to exceed the contract sum by 5% or more, or likely to exceed the budget available.

15. Stores and equipment

15.1. The Clerk or member with access to such, shall be responsible for the care and custody of stores and equipment as such.

15.2. Delivery notes shall be obtained in respect of all goods received into store or otherwise delivered and goods must be checked as to order and quality at the time delivery is made.

15.3. Stocks shall be kept at the minimum levels consistent with operational requirements.

15.4. The RFO shall be responsible for periodic checks of stocks and stores.

16. Assets, properties and estates

16.1. The Clerk shall arrange for the safe custody of all title deeds and Land Registry Certificates of properties held by the Council.

16.2. The RFO shall ensure that an appropriate and accurate Register of Assets and Investments is kept up to date, with a record of all or any properties held by the Council, their location, extent, plan, reference, purchase details, nature of the interest, tenancies granted, rents payable and purpose for which held, in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations.

16.3. The continued existence of tangible assets shown in the Register shall be verified at least annually.

16.4. No interest in land shall be purchased or otherwise acquired, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of without the authority of the Council, together with any other consents required by law. In each case a written report shall be provided to Council in respect of valuation and surveyed condition of the property (including matters such as planning permissions and covenants) together with a proper business case (including an adequate level of consultation with the electorate where required by law).

No tangible moveable property shall be purchased or otherwise acquired, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of, without the authority of the Council, together with any other consents required by law, except where the estimated value of any one item does not exceed £500. In each case a written report shall be provided to council with a full business case.

17. Insurance

17.1. The RFO shall keep a record of all insurances effected by the Council and the property and risks covered, reviewing these annually before the renewal date in conjunction with the Council's review of its financial risk assessment policy.

17.2. The RFO is to be notified of all new risks, which require to be insured and of any alterations affecting existing insurances.

17.3. The RFO shall be notified of any loss, liability, damage or event likely to lead to a claim, and shall report these to the Council at the next available meeting. The RFO shall negotiate all claims on the Council's insurers.

17.4. All appropriate members and employees of the Council shall be included in a suitable form of security or fidelity guarantee insurance which shall cover the maximum risk exposure as determined annually by the Council, or duly delegated committee.

18. Suspension and revision of Financial Regulations

18.1. The Council shall review these Financial Regulations bi-annually or following any change of Clerk or RFO. The Clerk shall monitor changes in legislation or proper practices and advise the council of any need to amend these Financial Regulations.

18.2. The Council may, by resolution duly notified prior to the relevant meeting of Council, suspend any part of these Financial Regulations, provided that reasons for the suspension are recorded and that an assessment of the risks arising has been presented to all members. Suspension does not disapply any legislation or permit the Council to act unlawfully.

18.3. The Council may temporarily amend these Financial Regulations by a duly notified resolution, to cope with periods of absence, local government reorganisation, national restrictions or other exceptional circumstances.

Appendix 1 - Tender process

- 1) Any invitation to tender shall state the general nature of the intended contract and the Clerk shall obtain the necessary technical assistance to prepare a specification in appropriate cases.
- 2) The invitation shall in addition state that tenders must be addressed to the Clerk in the ordinary course of post, unless an electronic tendering process has been agreed by the Council.
- 3) Where a postal process is used, each tendering firm shall be supplied with a specifically marked envelope in which the tender is to be sealed and remain sealed until the prescribed date for opening tenders for that contract. All sealed tenders shall be opened at the same time on the prescribed date by the Clerk in the presence of at least one member of council.
- 4) Where an electronic tendering process is used, the Council shall use a specific email address that will be monitored to ensure that nobody accesses any tender before the expiry of the deadline for submission.
- 5) Any invitation to tender issued under this regulation shall be subject to any relevant Standing Order of the Council and shall refer to the terms of the Bribery Act 2010.
- 6) Where the Council, or duly delegated committee, does not accept any tender, quote or estimate, the work is not allocated and the Council requires further pricing, no person shall be permitted to submit a later tender, estimate or quote who was present when the original decision-making process was being undertaken.

These Financial Regulations were adopted by the Parish Council at its meeting held on 10th September 2024.

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN 2024

<u>Item</u>	<u>Action Required/Comments</u>	<u>Action Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Action taken/ Date Completed</u>
Repair of bench on Milner Lane	New steps required. Ward Cllr Sam Firth informed and pictures sent.	January	Councillor Scott to arrange with Ward Councillor Firth	There is no funding available for this work
Introduce communications via Social Media	Communications training arranged via YLCA	January	Councillor Wilson	Social media courses undertaken January
Work to be carried out on Ramsey's Fold	A plan of work to be provided for the following 1. Bench provision. 2. Cut back trees 3. Hedging along fence 4. Tree removal 5. Land clearance 6 Path works	February	Councillors Llewellyn/ Mycock/Scott	1. Bench provision agreed November 2023, ordered and received. 2. and 3. As part of quote received for £140. Quotes rec'd for 4. £1500 5. £2500 6 £2500 were not accepted. A price of approx £100 would be accepted for 4. Alternative quotes to be sought for 5. and 6. Subject to funding being available.
Tree for Millennium Green	Following removal of Cherry tree a replacement is required.	March – Referred to October.	Clerk to request information for circulation to Councillors	Quote received from Strom Tree Care to consider. Further information required and received for different species that are smaller with less spread.
Biodiversity	Agree policies and objectives to meet its Biodiversity objectives	April	A delivery of soil has been arranged via the Arium for the new planters.	(see Ramsey's Fold above). Planters to be provided with flowers.
Tree for area of land on Kirkhills at end of Millennium Green footpath	Following clearance work on green area of land.	May. Referred to October.	TBA	

<p>Christmas Lights 'switch on'.</p>	<p>Arrange a formal afternoon and evening event.</p> <p>Lights on Main Street and Millennium Green turned on at 4pm 01st December.</p> <p>Over 60;s Bungalow to provide entertainment.</p> <p>School to provide Carol Singing</p>	<p>September</p>	<p>Over 60's Bungalow Committee</p> <p>Volunteer Group – Christmas Elves</p> <p>Parish Council</p> <p>Cllr Llewellyn to contact the School</p>	<p>Provide refreshments on day of event' Risk Assessment required for use of Boules Shelter</p> <p>Arrange purchase of Christmas Trees from Stockheld Park. - Initial Communication made August 2024.</p> <p>Arrange lights to be placed on trees – November.</p> <p>School contacted and agreement reached – August.</p>
<p>80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 08th May 2025.</p>	<p>To arrange how this can be acknowledged/commemorated.</p>	<p>February 2025</p>	<p>Royal British Legion</p> <p>Parish Council</p>	<p>NALC have held discussions with the YLCA concerning planning of the event.</p>

Pruning of hedges on Millennium Green

Enquiry received from resident requesting that the Parish Council cut back the vegetation on Millennium Green backing on to their property on Moat End.

It's usually the height of the wall.

It's a mess: blocking our light and very unsightly.



Dog fouling on Littlemoor Lane

From: Cllr A Scott <cldr.a.scott@thorner-parish-council.org.uk>

Date: 14 August 2024 at 12:49:06 BST

To: Diane Gibbins

Subject: Re: Dog fouling on Littlemoor Lane

Dear Diane

I was not asking for any validation - the remark was made to acknowledge that I had not had any other reports - which may indicate that past actions in publicising the issue did work. Therefore your report suggests a more recent and localised issue.

We have continued to be proactive and we are adding additional waste bag dispensers to those already in the village over coming weeks. The Parish Council, at residents expense, provides waste bags in 4 locations already. This is for a minority of dog walkers who fail to purchase their own (or have run out at that time, which was the original intent).

When I mentioned taking photographs, this was meant of the offending owners! There is CCTV attached to your house that overlooks public areas and may provide an opportunity to capture these events. These could be date/time stamped and potentially, possible to allow download of the images for reporting directly to Leeds City Council.

I walked the area this morning and did not find evidence of dog fouling on the Green or Littlemoor Lane (which is looking a lot tidier due to action by a resident). Some faeces from hedgehogs was found in the area of the old cross.



I note that the small wooden signs originally in place around the cross have been removed. This is possibly by the resident who continues to trim this particular area. I will enquire directly.

I reviewed where additional signs could be placed, given that there is appropriate signage in place already. I have added an additional sign at the end of Littlemoor Lane today. I replaced a faded sign at the end of Heathcote Avenue and I will ask Councillors to consider adding a sign to the outside of the vegetable gardens, facing the Green. This fence is owned by the PC so should be easily accommodated.

I have enclosed photographs, indicating where there are signs in place already, for the record. This includes a sign attached to your own property on the meter box. It is faded, but I did not add a new sticker as without a request and your permission, this would not be appropriate.



Existing signage



Cllr Alistair Scott

Thorner Parish Council (Chair)

On 13 Aug 2024, at 18:49, Diane Gibbins

Hi Alistair

Thanks for your response and with all due respect I should not have to rely on you hearing from others to validate my report of dog fouling.

In the past the Parish Council has always been pro active on this issue hence the regular monitoring around the village and the provision of available signage where appropriate.

This is not something new, however more people are using the footpaths and I'm sure you will not appreciate my sending you photos of the evidence, (you may wish to check for yourself) or you could value my reporting of this recent issue with a simple request for some adequate and appropriate signage, (not a lot to ask for).

It takes just one or two people to not pick up for others to follow and do the same which is what I believe is happening here.

Furthermore I feel it is ill advised that you recommend that I talk to the individuals directly as and when I see this happen, I don't wish to be on the receiving end of verbal abuse nor do I wish for a brick to be thrown at my windows, that is not a reasonable solution.

Some appropriate signage to remind people to respect the footpaths and pick up their dogs mess is all that is required.

ITINERARY - 2024

Time	Information
	FIRST PART.
09.45am	Police Arrival.
09.45am	Remembrance Parade participants arrive at the Ford/Westfield Lane.
09.50am	Police in position on Parade route at points 1, 2 and 3. (map below). Traffic prevented from travelling along the parade route till parade reaches the Church.
09.50am	First Aider in position follows the parade remains available till end of event.
09.55am	Parade Marshall assembles parade and organises parade order.
09.57am	Police escort at front of parade.
10.00am	The parade starts. Leeds Pipe Band, followed by members of the RBL, Ward/Parish Councillors, Guides/Scouts and members of the public, will parade to St Peter's Church along Main Street (12 - 15 minutes duration).
10.15am	All will enter the Church, where a Remembrance Service will be held. Roadblock ceases. <u>Police to remain available till SECOND PART and DISPERSAL</u>

Time	Information
	SECOND PART.
10.45am	Silence and laying of wreaths will take place outside the church at the Memorial within church grounds, buglar plays, congregation sing.
10:55am	Leeds Pipe Band re-assemble.
11.05am	<u>Police back in position</u> on Parade route at points 1, 2 and 3.
11.15am	The parade recommences (via Police escort) from the Church along Main Street back to the flagpole on Main Street.
11.20am	The parade ends and disperses.

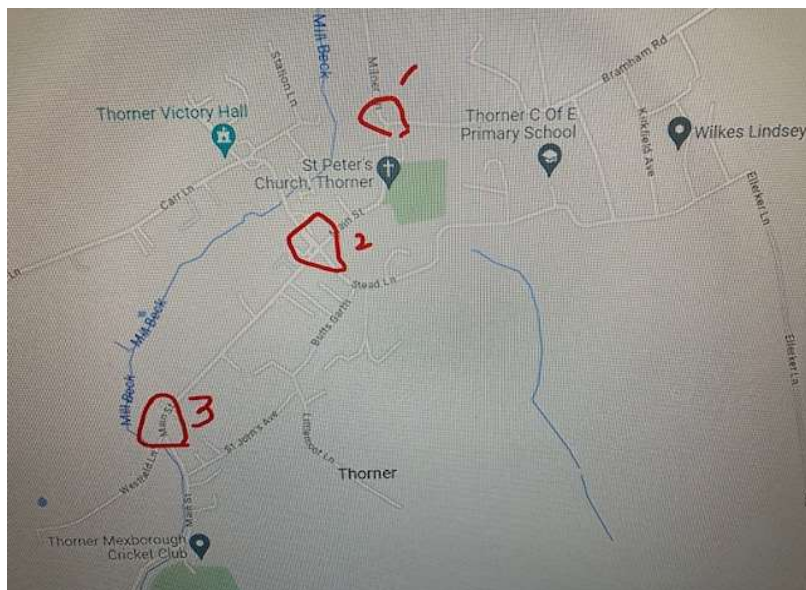
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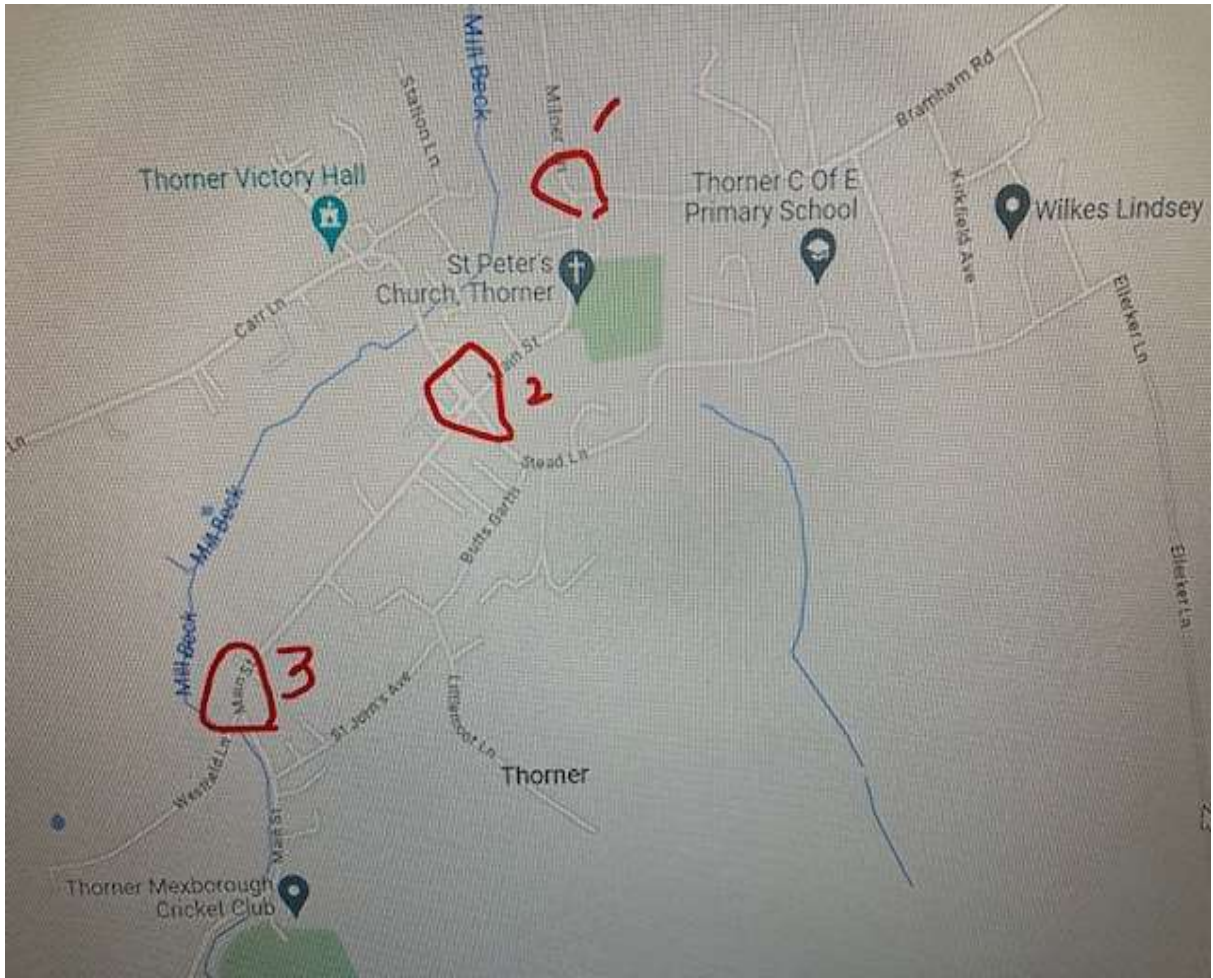
Escort to front of parade for First part and Second part.

Point 1 = Church Hill/Milner Lane junction.

Point 2 = Stead Lane/Carr Lane junction.

Point 3 = Westfield Lane/Main Street junction.





<u>Month</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Person responsible</u>
September PC Meeting	Issue timetable for approval to Councillors and RBL	The Clerk
September PC Meeting	Prepare itinerary and distribute to Council and RBL	The Clerk
<u>After PC Meeting</u>		
September	Contact the Police Operations Planning Officer	The Clerk
September	Contact Leeds CC Safety Advisory Group and submits Event Notification Form	The Clerk
September	Contact Leeds Pipe Band	Royal British Legion
September	Arrange Buglar to play	Royal British Legion
September	Invite to Scouts/Guides	Royal British Legion
September	Arrange Church Service	Royal British Legion
September	Appoint Parade Marshall who organises the parade and is the contact point for the Police	Parish Councillor
October	Arrange first aider to attend	Parish Councillor
October	Order Wreath	Chair of Parish Council
November	Laying of Wreath	Chair/Vice Chair of Parish Council
November	Dispersal of Parade	Parade Marshall