

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 06th August 2025 at the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street,
Thorner.

Present;

Councillors: A.Scott (Chair), R.Brittain, J.LeRoy, 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 Councillors; Robinson (Harewood) and Harrington (Wetherby),
the Co-Chairs of the Leeds Festival Working Party.
Hannah Corrigan Licensing Coordinator Leeds Festival.

1.Apologies.

Councillors Forster and Llewellyn.

The reasons for not attending were accepted.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3. Admission of the public and press and representations.

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

b) It was agreed that the Co – Chairs should provide information in the first instance, for the reason empty returning buses needed to be routed through Thorner, prior to allowing members of the public to make representations.

4. Information received requiring discussion.

The Co-Chairs explained that the request to the Parish Council to approve the return of empty buses from the Leeds Festival to be routed through Thorner, was only an issue this year due to the ongoing carriageway works being undertaken on the A1/MI. Next year the traffic arrangements that proved successful last year would be reimplemented.

Festival Republic were trying to minimise the disruption to the festival goers due to the works, so rather than returning buses navigate the works when coming back, it would be quicker to allow them through the village, this in turn would help with getting people away from the event quicker and deter them from coming through the village instead of waiting for returning buses if there was an increased delay.

Concern was raised that empty buses (of which it was thought there would be about 40 commencing from 10pm), would be speeding through the village in an effort to return quickly, however Councillor Robinson stated that the introduction of traffic cones at certain points would restrict this. Hannah Corrigan the Licensing Coordinator, would also contact the bus company (First Bus), to brief them on the need to adhere to any speed restrictions.

A resident commented that First Bus may use sub-contractors to provide buses to cope with the demand, this being the case they would also need to be part of the brief. Because Thorner had no street lighting this should also be a consideration to reduce traffic speed.

Further concern was raised that if buses were to be allowed through, then taxis would expect to be allowed through to avoid any discrimination, however Councillor Robinson stated that if such demands were made it would not stand up to legal challenge and any instances of taxis taking advantage of the situation. would be reported with a recommendation that their licences be revoked.

Signed

Chair Thorner Parish Council

The meeting closed at 7.04pm.

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