

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

Present:

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

Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.

5 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.

1.Apologies.

Councillors Brittain and Scott.

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 Wallis.

4.Admission of the public and press and representations.

- a. There was no person wishing to record the meeting.
- b. There were no representations notified to the Clerk before the meeting.
- c. A member of the public made a representation not notified to the Clerk before the meeting, about comments made at the Parish Council meetings by the Thorner Heritage Group in October and November concerning training to conduct condition surveys and renegotiation of the existing contract. He asked if anyone from the Parish Council wished to attend with the group, Councillor LeRoy offered to attend, it was thought Councillor Scott would also want to attend.

A resident commented that in his opinion the minutes of the previous Council meeting were not accurate.

- d. No Ward Councillor in attendance.

5.Confidentiality.

There were no agenda items other than any itemised under agenda item 17. 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 8 crimes recorded for November 2025. These were for burglary, anti-social behaviour and violence and sexual offences.

Community Alert scheme.

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

Councillor Wallis informed members that she had attended the recent PACT meeting held on Thursday 18th December 2025 at Wetherby Police Station but had nothing of significance to report.

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

7.1 Members commented on application 25/07195/FU, for the erection of two shed outbuildings to the rear garden of pub to be used as a bar and a summerhouse at 37 Main

Street. It was noted that there had been several consultee comments made about the application, but specifically the comment made by Leeds CC Environmental Health Services about attaching a standard condition requiring no external speakers to the new buildings should be supported. The Clerk was asked to submit comment seeking confirmation that having no external speakers be a condition of planning permission being granted.

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

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for January 2026;

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

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	Jan-26			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
BACS	B Riley- Clerk Salary	£783.78		£783.78
BACS	B Riley Home Allowance/Mileage	£27.00		£27.00
BACS	British Telecom - Phone	£38.20	£7.63	£45.83
D/Debit	Nest - Pension	£67.49		£67.49
BACS	Yorkshire Office Group	£36.00	£7.20	£43.20
BACS	R.A Electrical Services	£50.00		£50.00
Total Payments		£1,002.47	£14.83	£1,017.30

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 recent discussion group consultation, the budget figures proposed would result in a precept request of £35979 for financial year 2026 – 27. Councillor Wallis explained this represented an increase of £1.92, a 4.2% increase on the previous year.

8.4 Despite attempting to obtain prices for procuring work from several suppliers (a requirement of the Financial Regulations), to replace the damaged whale springer in the playground only one had been received. Having applied due diligence, it was agreed to accept the quote received from Playsound Services Ltd, the Clerk would progress the order and confirm if the replacement springer was from the same manufacturer or a different one.

8.5 Despite attempting to obtain prices for procuring work from several suppliers (a requirement of the Financial Regulations), for the required electrical work in the Boules Shelter only one had been received, it was agreed to accept the quote received from R.A Electrical Services, the Clerk would progress the order and Councillor Wallis would be a point of contact for the contractor.

9. Action Plan.

The updated report was issued to members for approval.

The relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted and agreed, which included changing the Village Spring Clean to February and to include the cleaning of the surfaces under the benches on the Millennium Green.

All outstanding items would be added to the new plan for 2026.

The Clerk was asked to note on the new plan for 2026 that the Christmas Lights switch on would be 05th December 2026.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

a. Members having discussed the quote received for security work to be carried out on the gardens and the gate closing mechanism to be used, agreed to accept the quote and the ironmongery to be used, Councillor LeRoy would progress the order.

11. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Clerk had received an email from the Neighbourhood Planning and Engagement Team who had informed him that they had spoken with Electoral Services, and that the proposed referendum date of 19th February 2026 is not an option. The 26th February 2026 was still an option, but they had needed confirmation as soon as possible to avoid delays which the Clerk had given. As a result arrangements were being made for everything to be printed and published.

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

a. Having reviewed the two requests received from the Victory Hall concerning the next Thorner Beer Festival on 25th April 2026. It was agreed to allow the erection of the banner on the side of the Boules Shelter, the contractor appointed for the cutting of the grass would be asked to carry out his schedule of work to coincide with the requirement to cut the grass a week before the event rather than an extra cost be incurred for an extra cut.

13. To receive reports from outside bodies.

No reports received.

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

a. Having been provided with information on ownership of land known as the Village Green, and the photograph showing that laurel bushes had been planted on part of the land area without permission, it was agreed that the Clerk prepare a letter to be sent to the person thought responsible, to request they be removed. It was also noted that a 'For Sale' board had been erected on the same area of land, this would also be requested to be removed and the land re-instated.

b. Councillor Wallis commented on her visit to Lotherton Hall to meet with the new Leeds City Council Chief Executive, Ed Whiting. She had raised the concerns about the Ironman event and the Leeds Festival being held within a short time lapse of each other and the disruption and traffic problems that was caused to Thorner residents. She also commented that the Parish Council were being asked to continue with the Parish Paths Partnership agreement but were unable to ascertain how much funding would be provided to the Parish Council to enable a decision to be made to support it. Mr Whiting duly made a written note of her comments.

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

Resilience Planning.

Cleaning of Beck on Lower Sandhills

Confirm representation from the Parish Council with the Thorner Heritage Group.

16. Date of next meeting.

Resolved: that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 10th 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 8.05pm.