

THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 09th June 2026 at the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

Present;

Councillors: C.Burrows (Chair), J.LeRoy, S.Llewellyn, T.Mycock, A.Scott
V.Forster, A.Wallis and C.Wilson.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.
4 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.
Ward Councillor Firth.

1.Apologies.

Full attendance.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council were now able to co-opt a new Councillor following confirmation received from Leeds CC Electoral Services. The vacancy details were on the website and on the noticeboard on Main Street.

2.Ethical Code.

No interests were disclosed.

3.Minutes.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting, were subject to change and would not be approved until the following meeting.

4.Admission of the public and press and representations.

a. The Clerk would record the meeting, Councillor Scott would also do so.

b. No notified representations received.

c. A representation not notified to the Clerk before the meeting was made by a resident stating that someone had mentioned the amount of weeds to be seen on Heathcote Avenue and at the Bowling Club, following someone having treated them with weedkiller they had done a good job, but further work was required.

A resident commented that at the previous meeting, reference was made about the Thorner Heritage Group and where the proposed information panel for Butts Garth would be placed. Further comment was made that the group were looking at various footpaths that needed maintenance work and had working party's planned to do work, also they had applied for a grant from 'The Conservation Volunteers', to purchase equipment, which if successful they would seek permission from the Parish Council to store it in the Sub Station.

d. Ward Councillor Firth commented that he was trying to ascertain why, during the Bramham Horse Trials, the bus service had not been provided for nine days, he confirmed there were no Highway restrictions in place to have caused this.

He commented that the route for this year's Ironman event had been confirmed and following concerns raised (see minute 7.d. 12th May 2026), these had been addressed by the organisers and a route out of the village would be available to ensure access.

Councillor Scott enquired if any money had been raised from the event, he was informed that about £4m was raised but it had not been given to the public purse, however the organisers have again agreed to give money to Leeds CC for the repair of potholes.

Councillor Wallis had requested at the Town & Parish Council meeting that the village should not be shut down twice in August (Ironman event and the Leeds Festival) and this would be considered in the future.

It had been noted that there were a number of pink ribbons appearing on telegraph poles and lampposts, having been asked if he was aware of this, he was not.

5.Confidentiality.

There were no agenda items other than any itemised under agenda item 16. 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 Burrow commented that there were 3 crimes recorded for April 2026, these were for burglary, theft and anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Burrows had been approached by a resident about speeding vehicles, he had advised them to report such instances of bad driving via Operation SNAP whose details were available via the website.

Following comments by Ward Councillor Firth, Councillor Wilson was asked to place a notice on the Thorner Facebook page to ask residents to report instances of nuisance motorbikes seen in the village.

Community Alert scheme.

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

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

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

8. Financial Matters.

8.1 Members were informed about the payments for June 2026;

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

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	Jun-26			
EFT Type	Details	Net	VAT	Total
BACS	Clerk Salary	£774.28		£774.28
BACS	Clerk Home Allowance/Mileage	£27.00		£27.00
BACS	British Telecom - Phone	£45.72	£9.14	£54.86
D/Debit	Nest - Pension	£67.49		£67.49
BACS	Parks Services Ltd	£810.00		£810.00
BACS	S.Brittian Grounds Maintenance	£760.71		£760.71
	Total Payments	£2,485.20	£9.14	£2,494.34

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

8.3 Having given due consideration to the Financial Risk Management document it was agreed that it be adopted.

9. Action Plan.

The updated report with the relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted and agreed.

It was agreed to purchase two trees for planting on an area of Millennium Green.

Following the Spring Clean that had taken place the previous month, Councillor Llewellyn was thanked for organising the event.

Mr Akers was also thanked for providing 1st Aid Services for the event.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.

a. Councillors LeRoy and Scott were appointed to have responsibility for the Flags and Flagpole management.

Councillor Wilson asked why the Ukraine Flag was still being flown given the length of time

that had passed, following discussion it was considered that the flying of the flag was still relevant, but the Clerk was asked to make it an agenda item for the next meeting to enable a decision to be reached on whether to continue to do so.

b. Having deliberated on the content of the garden's documents, the Clerk was asked to highlight in bold text paragraph 11. in the procedural document concerning rent payment. It was agreed that Councillor Scott would redraft the tenancy agreement and present to the Council for approval. The Clerk would amend the payment reminder letter to make clear the communication requirement to the Clerk and a definitive date for a response.

c. Following the need to change the Councillors originally appointed to have responsibility for the grounds maintenance contract, it was agreed that Councilor Llewellyn would cease being involved in Schedule 2 of the contract with Councillor Wallis, but remain involved in Schedule 1. Councillor Mycock would commence with Councillor Wallis in implementing Schedule 2 of the contract.

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

None received.

12.To receive reports from outside bodies.

See minute 4.d. for comments relating to the Ironman event for August 2026.

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

a. Following confirmation from Leeds CC that the Thorner Neighbourhood Plan (TNP) was now officially 'made', a resident had suggested at the Annual Parish meeting of Electors on 05th May 2026, that the Parish Council should consider the formation of a group to oversee the implementation of the plan. The resident stated that the TNP had been adapted from the VDS (Village Design Statement) so further consultation via a door to door consultation, was required to ascertain the type of development that the village would be willing to accept i.e. 2-bedroom bungalows, 3/4-bedroom family homes, or 5/6-bedroom mansions, if a site was approved for development. Councillor Scott commented that as the plan had only recently been made that there was no requirement to make any changes at this time. Ward Councillor Firth stated that much of the information to be gained from a door-to-door consultation was available via the internet, but an online survey was a better way to ascertain information rather than door-to-door. He suggested that before undertaking any work, an approach should be made to the planners to find out what type of developments were being planned (should a development plan be submitted).

b. Councillors noted the Parish Council's policy for dealing with vexatious and repeated requests following recent representations from two residents about the allocation of a garden plot.

c. Having been shown a picture of the overhanging branches in the playground from the trees in the Church grounds, members agreed that they needed to be removed, the Clerk would contact the Church to seek their permission to have them removed.

d. Having considered that First Aid provision was required at Parish Council organised events, it was agreed that Councillors LeRoy and Llewellyn would attend training courses to provide it.

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

To discuss the continued flying of the Ukraine flag on the Parish Council flagpole.

To receive revised lease agreement for the garden plots.

15.Date of next meeting.

Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14th July 2026 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

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

Councillor Burrows commented on the unpleasant attitude, disgraceful behaviour and veiled threats from two residents at the previous meeting which could have resulted in the meeting being suspended.

The two residents accused members of being amateur and frustrating and not acting in a professional way and accused Councillor Scott of sending an email which was highly misogynistic.

Having considered the accusations made and what the content of the email (which had been circulated to all Councillors), implied and what would be the remedy, it was agreed in the first instance that the Clerk seek advice from the Head of Legal Services at Leeds City Council and Surrey Hills Solicitors (who provide legal services for local authorities and especially Parish and Town Councils), on the action that can be taken by the Parish Council in support of Councillor Scott against residents who make such comments.

Signed
Chair Thorner Parish Council

Date.....

The meeting closed at 8.59pm.