THORNER PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present;

Councillors: D.Aindow, J.LeRoy, S.Llewellyn and T.Mycock.
Clerk to the Council; Barry Riley.
3 members of the public were in attendance for parts of the meeting.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Mycock was elected as Chair of the meeting.

1.Apologies.
Councillors C.Burrows, V.Forster, A.Scott, A.Wallis and C.Wilson.
The reasons for not attending were accepted.

2.Ethical Code.
Councillor Llewellyn declared a personal Interest in agenda item 10.

3.Minutes.
The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting, were approved and signed by the Chair of the meeting Councillor Mycock.

4.Admission of the public and press and representations.
a. There was no person wishing to record the meeting.
b. No notified representations received.
c. A representation not notified to the Clerk before the meeting was given by a resident about his role concerning this year's Poppy Appeal. He commented on the Parish Council supporting the Thorner & Scarcroft branch of the British Legion, the appointment of a new Chair and how funding was raised and that poppies were now paper rather than plastic ones.
A representative from the Thorner Heritage Group, provided an update on the provision of the story board for Butts Garth (see minute 10. 08th September 2026), and informed members of the intention to have an unveiling ceremony in due course.
d. No Ward Councillor in attendance.

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 Llewellyn commented that there were 7 crimes recorded for August 2026. These were for burglary, drugs, anti-social behaviour, theft, criminal damage and arson and an unspecified crime.
Community Alert scheme.
https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/west-yorkshire-community-alert

7.Planning applications/appeals/enforcement action, received.
7.1 Having reviewed application 26/04827/FU, for the demolition of a garage and outbuildings, single storey front extension, part two and single storey side and rear extension, new vehicular gate to side and new hardstanding to rear to form parking at 5 Bramham Road, it was noted that the work had commenced prior to permission

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being granted. The Clerk was asked to submit an objection on the basis that the proposal was overbearing, as the scale of the works would result in the property having an oppressive impact on the surrounding houses, was out of character with its surroundings and egress to and from the development may lead to a significant impact on road safety.
7.2 Members duly noted application 26/05208/FU, the installation of PV panels to the SW facing roof of the garage to the rear at 39 Main Street, with no objection.
7.3 Members duly noted the information provided in the planning log.

8.Financial Matters.
8.1 Members were informed about the payments for October 2026;
Resolved: that the following be approved and passed for payment:

Accounts for Payment:

Date prepared	**Oct-26**			
EFT Type	**Details**	**Net**	**VAT**	**Total**
BACS	Clerk Salary	£799.84		£799.84
BACS	Clerk Home Allowance/Mileage	£27.00		£27.00
BACS	British Telecom - Phone	£44.02	£8.81	£52.83
D/Debit	Nest - Pension	£67.49		£67.49
BACS	Gadgetskin	£7.23		£7.23
BACS	Parks Services Ltd	£2,260.00		£2,260.00
BACS	S.Brittain Grounds Maintenance	£760.71		£760.71
	Total Payments	**£3,966.29**	**£8.81**	**£3,975.10**

8.2 Members were in agreement with the content of the monthly budget monitor and bank reconciliation report for appropriate governance.
8.3 The quarterly budget report was accepted.
8.4 Having discussed whether the painting of the bench at the top of Church Hill was required, it was agreed that it should be. Confirmation would be sought on whether it was still suitable to do so given the onset of winter.

9. Action Plan.
The updated report with the relevant actions completed and to be undertaken were noted and agreed. Specifically, confirmation had been received that all the Christmas gifts for the school children were completed and that the chocolate oranges would be purchased in the coming weeks.
The erection of the LED Christmas tree and decorating of Millenium Green would take place on Friday 04th December 2026.
Design proposals and costs would be presented at the November Parish Council meeting for the provision of a new playground.

10. Matters arising from previous minutes.
a. Following discussion it was agreed that to resolve the problem with the gates at the gardens on Heathcote Avenue, the wooden gate posts should be replaced with metal ones.
b. The Parish Councillors with responsibility for the gardens would be asked to organise the reseeding of bare earth areas on the pathways.
c. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councillors with responsibility for the gardens, had been informed about some plots not being cultivated, Councillor Mycock had offered to assist them and the results given to the Clerk to issue the appropriate letter to the plot holders.

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

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a. Although it was not a requirement to provide plants for the border and boxes at the Boules area, it was agreed that the purchase be approved.

12.To receive reports from outside bodies.
No reports received.

13.To receive a report from the Clerk or Councillors, on any new or ongoing minor matters.
a. Arrangements for Christmas event on Millennium Green (see minute 9.).
b. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Councillors with responsibility for the newsletter had been issued with the timetable to enable the production and issue of a newsletter for November 2026 (see minute 13. 08th September 2026).
c. It was agreed that consideration for placing a sign on the gardens which confirms only entry to plot holders, would be added to the next meeting agenda.
d. It was agreed that a decision to consult the village on the changes being considered for the playground (as this may influence the ability to obtain funding), would be added to the next meeting agenda.
e. Having considered whether to provide items to support the Resilience/Community Emergency Plan, it was agreed to do so in principle. Councillor Llewellyn was asked to provide quotes for the items to be purchased prior to any decision.
f. Having noted the information provided on the condition of the flags being flown, it was agreed to replace them subject to confirmation being provided on the costs for each flag. Councillor Scott would be made aware of the decision.

Councillor Aindow confirmed that he had completed a refresher course so that he could provide 1st Aid cover for future Parish Council events.

14.To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.
a. To consider placing a sign on the gardens which confirms only entry to plot holders.
b. To decide whether to consult the village on the changes being considered for the playground.
c. Provision of quotes for items to support the Resilience/Community Emergency Plan.
d. Costs for replacing worn flags.

15.Date of next meeting.
Resolved; that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November 2026 in the Over 60's Bungalow, Main Street, Thorner.

16.Matters to be discussed at the exclusion of the public and press.
No matters discussed.

Signed …… Date……..
Chair Thorner Parish Council

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

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