

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Thorpe

Present: Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair), Councillors L Frith, C Garrett and R Frith

Cllr Nigel Edwards Walker and 5 Parishioners

1308. **Apologies** - None

1309. **Declaration of Members Interests**

None

1310. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2025 were approved.

1311. **Ongoing Matters**

- Congestion / Antisocial behaviour from visitors – The National Trust have installed gates at the Dovedale Car park but there is no one to lock them up! A planning application for alterations to the car park and an Automatic Number Plate Recognition entry system is yet to be submitted. There are considerably less thistles in the vicinity of Dovedale as they were sprayed in the Spring. Littering, waste in the River Dove, BBQs, etc continue to be a problem. It was reported that there are less day time visitors to Dovedale, but more night time visitors.
- Closure of public toilets – No update as to the sale of the site. In the meantime people continue to use this area as a toilet. Derbyshire Dales to be notified and a update to be requested.
- Telephone Box – operating successfully as a fudge / artisan cakes and biscuit shop
- Village website – updated as required.
- Grounds Maintenance – Cyril Challinor undertaking the works very well this year.
- Thorpe Village Hall – It was reported that electrical works are necessary to meet current standards.
- Footpaths – Villagers are reminded that the County Council website is available to all, to report issues on footpaths, roads, potholes, signage etc. It was reported that the cattlegrid near to Thorpe Mill is in disrepair and potentially dangerous. Whilst this has been reported many times to the Highways Authority, nothing has

been done. The more people that complain through the on line reporting system, the more likely that something will get done.

- Car Park Charging by Peak Park for Narlows Lane and Thorpe Station Car Parks – there does not appear to be extra parking in the village to avoid the charges.
- Ash Tree on The Green. We are to seek the removal of this tree or a 3m crowning. It poses a danger to Thorpe Cottage / Daisy Cottage.
- Street name plate for Stoney Lane. A request has been made and DDDC due to inspect shortly. Also reported is the finger sign that is missing letters.
- Coldwall Bridge celebrates 300 years in 2026. An event to mark this occasion proposed adjacent to the bridge in May 2026.

1312. **Finances**

Cheques issued: Zurich Ins - £214.73
DALC - £132.14
C. Challinor - £1170.00
Bank Charges £4.67 per month x 6

Monies received: Precept = £2950.00
DCC footpaths - £220.00
Telephone box rental £60.00

Balance up to 30/9/25	Current account - £2730.90
	Deposit account - £68.29

1313. **Planning Applications - None**

1314. **Correspondence**

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors.

1315. The date of next Parish meeting to be confirmed for early January 2026.

1307 **Other Matters**

The Chairman reminded those present that he intends to stand down as a Councillor in Spring 2026. Therefore there are vacancies for new Councillors and a new Chairman. Andrew Bock will remain as Clerk for a further year for continuity. However, after this, unless there is a new volunteer Clerk, a paid for Clerk will be required at a cost of approximately £1500 pa, to be added onto the Precept.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm