

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Thorpe

Present: Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair), Councillors L Frith, C Garrett and R Frith
and 2 Parishioners

1317. **Apologies** – John Bailey

1318. **Declaration of Members Interests**

None

1319. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2025 were approved.

1320. **Ongoing Matters**

- Congestion / Antisocial behaviour from visitors – nothing to report
- Closure of public toilets – The former toilets were sold at auction for £148,000. A planning application for conversion to residential is likely. We have requested that the litter bin that is on the toilet site is relocated to the bus stop
- Telephone Box – Kay has closed the cake business due to 3 thefts of most of the stock. This is a massive shame as she made the telephone box very attractive and maintained. We are to explore alternative uses.
- Village website – updated as required.
- Grounds Maintenance – Cyril Challinor to confirm the figure for the next mowing season.
- Thorpe Village Hall – Nothing to report.
- Footpaths – The cattlegrid near to Thorpe Mill has been replaced. Please report any highways / footpath issues via the County Council website. 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 – It was reported that the road accessing the Thorpe Station car park was being used for parking to avoid the charges for the Peak Park Car parks. Peak Park to be contacted in an effort to prevent this.

- 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. Permission for the works awaited.
- Street name plate for Stoney Lane. A request has been made for a street sign. DDDC chased
- Coldwall Bridge celebrates 300 years in 2026. An event to mark this occasion on the site adjacent to the bridge is proposed for 24th May 2026. This will be jointly organised with the Dovedale Dash Committee as a thank you to the volunteers.
- **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.**

1321. **Finances**

Cheques issued

C. Challinor - £1350

Bank Charges £4.67 per month

Monies received: Wayleave - £6.90

Balance up to 6/1/26 - Current account - £1374.55 Deposit account - £68.29

Precept. Thorpe Parish Council has managed without a Professional Clerk for 10 years and the role has been undertaken by Andrew Bock. This will continue during 2026. However, a paid Clerk is required from 2027. Most Parish Councils use the services of a professional Clerk. This will cost approximately £1500 pa. Therefore the precept for 2026 – 2027 is to increase by £450 to cover the first 3 months of 2027. Therefore the precept for 2026 – 2027 is set at £3450.

1322. **Planning Applications - None**

1323. **Correspondence**

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors.

1324. The date of next Parish meeting to be confirmed for Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7pm

1325 **Other Matters – some trees on Peveril hill have been marked by the County Council with paint. These might be potentially dangerous and cut down.**

Meeting closed at 7.35pm