

Unapproved Minutes

Minutes of Thorpe Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Thorpe

Present: Councillor A. Bock (in the Chair), Councillors, C Garrett and R Frith and 4 Parishioners

Public Participation - No Comments made

1326. Apologies – Clarke and Irene Lomas, Cllr L Frith

1327. Minutes - the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th March 2025 were approved.

1328. Chairman's Report –

The precept has been increased from £2950 to £3500 due to the need for a paid for clerk from 2027 – this will cost at least £1500pa, so a higher precept needed for 2027/2028

Despite meetings with The National Trust, they need to address issues on congestion, antisocial behaviour by visitors, fires and BBQs and also address rubbish left by visitors.

Over the 12 years of the Chairmans role, the Parish Council's major achievements include double yellow lines from The Old Dog to Dovedale, Covid support, raising over £20,000 for the Village Hall, The Queen's Jubilee, and the Village Map.

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1329. Apologies – Irene and Clarke Lomas, Cllr L Frith

1330. Election of Officers.

Andrew Bock resigned as Chairman and Councillor. C Garrett appointed as Chair. Louise Frith and Rob Frith remain as Councillors. John Best and Simon Rowney joined as Councillors and we look forward to their contribution. Andrew Bock remains as Clerk until 2027. The post of Responsible Financial Officer to be decided shortly.

1331. Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Pecuniary Interests.

1332. Appointment of Officer Portfolios. L Frith is the representative on Thorpe Village Hall but is likely to be replaced by Simon Rowney who is already on the Village Hall Committee.

1333. Declaration of Members Interests

None

1334. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2026 were approved.

1335. Ongoing Matters

- Congestion / Antisocial behaviour from visitors – The National Trust were informed of a large fire on Thorpe Cloud on the evening of 21st March, with over 30 people in attendance – there was no immediate action as it was out of hours. However subsequent to the meeting the NT has confirmed the following

If you see anything in work hours, please ring the office on 01335 301500. I've also asked Ilam Parish Council to ring 101 and report any fires or BBQs in the area, not just on NT land, or 999 if there is a danger of fire spreading quickly. The more it is reported to the police, the higher up their radar the issue makes it.

- Closure of public toilets – The toilets have been sold and the rubbish bin has been relocated at our request. Alan and Lesa have purchased the building and are on the village WhatsApp group. We look forward to seeing their proposals.
- Telephone Box – remains empty.
- Village website – updated as required.
- Grounds Maintenance – Cyril Challinor undertaking the works at a cost of £2000 per annum for 2026.
- Thorpe Village Hall – Nothing to report
- Footpaths – Villagers are reminded that the County Council website is available to all to report issues on footpaths, roads, potholes, signage etc
- Ash Tree – Village Green – Ben King to be reminded about the crown reduction of this tree
- Street name plate for Stoney Lane – to be chased.
- Car Park Charging by Peak Park for Narlows Lane and Thorpe Station Car Parks – we are monitoring whether there is an increase in parking in the village to avoid the charges. Cars are parking on the approach road to Thorpe Station – ideally double yellow lines needed here.

1336. Finances

Cheques issued: None

Monies received: None

Balance sheet up to 24/3/25

Current account - £1317.82

Deposit account - £75.98

1337. The Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 and Certificate of Exemption was considered approved and signed by resolution of the council

1338. The unaudited accounts for 2025/26 as certified by the responsible financial officer were approved and signed by resolution of the council and will now be subject to an Internal Audit prior to being published on the council's website.

1339. **Planning Applications – The planning application for a garden shed at Thorpe Cottage was withdrawn as it does not need a planning application.**

1340. **Correspondence**

All general correspondence has been circulated to the Councillors.

1341. The date of next Parish meeting confirmed as Tuesday 9th June at 7pm.

1342. **Other Matters**

The hedge at the bottom of Peveril Hill, on the Peveril Hotel side has not been cut back. This leads to a tight spot for passing vehicles especially if they are large. It will only get worse as the hedge grows during the summer. To be reported on County Council website

Meeting closed at 8pm