



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th March 2024

Present: **B. Clark, Chairman of Thurcroft Parish Council (Chair), Thomas Collingham Clerk & RFO for Thurcroft Parish Council (Notetaker).**

There was 9 members of public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.30pm

AM/2024/01. Matters Arising from last meeting

The Clerk highlighted any other business that had been considered by Thurcroft Parish Council since the last Annual Parish Meeting.

It was noted by the electors in attendance that work is ongoing with motorbikes on the recreation field, community skips are no longer restricted, Brampton en-le Morthen road safety scheme is currently in design, Assets for the parish council are to be considered at the next meeting of Thurcroft Parish Council and that a grass cutting schedule has been requested from Rotherham Council.

AM/2024/02. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st June 2023

No matters were raised in the minutes.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st June 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record, and that the chairman sign the bottom of each page of the minutes to verify that these are approved.

AM/2024/03. Report of the Parish Council Chairman

The Chair started by welcoming electors to the Annual Parish Meeting before reading through his annual update.

"Reflecting on the past year, I am proud to say that it has been a year of monumental change and progress for Thurcroft Parish Council. Following what was a critical Internal Audit Report last year, we have diligently worked on developing and refining our policies and procedures to ensure compliance with legislation while enhancing the accountability and transparency of our council. Huge progress has been made against the 74 actions on the Audit Report, and I would like to place on record my thanks to fellow councillors for their ongoing commitment, support, and dedication towards this, and especially our Clerk who has worked tirelessly to clear the issues. While we acknowledge that our journey is ongoing, we eagerly anticipate the new projects and initiatives that will propel us forward."



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Throughout the year, we have celebrated numerous events and milestones that have enriched our community. From the grand celebration of the Kings Coronation last May to the delivery of new hanging baskets across Thurcroft, Laughton Common, and Brampton en-le Morthen in August, we have seen the positive impact of our efforts.

In September, significant investment was made into the football goal posts behind the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall and at Hangsman Lane, reaffirming our commitment to providing local children with access to sports facilities. Additionally, the newly constructed Thurcroft Library has flourished into a vibrant community hub, offering invaluable services, and fostering a conducive environment for learning and growth.

As autumn descended, plans were set in motion for a memorable Remembrance Sunday event, which saw an excellent turnout of residents honouring our fallen heroes. And as we saw out the end of 2023, we welcomed a new employee to support our parish operations, allowing us to focus on implementing remaining Internal Audit recommendations and ensuring the efficient functioning of our council.

The festive period saw the new Christmas Lights across our parish, including in Laughton Common for the first time!

As a council we want to be at the centre of the community in everything we do and celebrate those who are actively trying to better our parish. Recently, we took the opportunity to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Sandra Blockley MBE and Diane Oxley BEM for their remarkable achievements in the community.

As a council, we have continued to support local community groups through our increased budget for grant funding, and I am pleased to see the positive impact these initiatives have had on our community. We have secured the budget to further this next year, to allow more groups to benefit from the council grant programme.

While the council have welcomed new co-opted members, we also fondly remember those who have previously served and extend our gratitude to them. Looking ahead, we have a plethora of new projects on the horizon, including the extension of Thurcroft Cemetery and the renewal of Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.



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I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all councillors and parish council employees for their support and dedication. Your hard work has been instrumental in the progress we have achieved this year. To the residents who have actively participated in meetings and consultations, your input has been invaluable in shaping our decisions.

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as the Chair of Thurcroft Parish Council this year. It has been an honour, and I am eager to continue serving our community in the years to come."

AM/2024/04. Report of the RMBC Councillor for Thurcroft & Wickersley South

Cllr Zachary Collingham attended the meeting to give an update as the Ward Councillor for Thurcroft and Wickersley South. He reflected on the projects that he mentioned during his update last year, namely;

- Towns & Villages fund – High Street revamp
- New Orchard Lane – parking arrangements

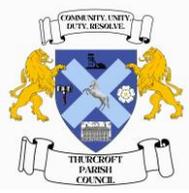
He detailed other schemes that had also been completed throughout the year;

- New railings on Brampton Avenue
- New bollards on Locksley Drive
- New wall on Thurcroft Recreation ground
- Makeover to Rotherwood Centre
- New VAS on Brampton Road
- Neighbourhood road resurfacing
- Demolition of the Heritage Centre
- Extra grubbing works (weeds and moss) throughout Thurcroft

AM/2024/05. Any other business, for discussion only

Various matters were discussed by electors. These included;

- Positive response to the bulb and flowers around the village, but a call for an extension to areas included.
- Towns and Villages programme and extending the programme to the other side of the street.
- Playground in Brampton en-le Morthen – specifically grass cutting.
- Parking outside the band hut at the back of West Street.
- Requests for a village newsletter.
- Events to be louder with more advertising.
- Land in the middle of The Crescent.



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- Cutting back the Mineral Line.

Cllr B Clark thanked people for their attendance and brought the meeting to a close.

The meeting closed at 19:30