



## Thurcroft Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Present Councillors:** D. Oxley (Chair), H. Bell, V. Burford, T. Murphy and C. Walker (5 councillors present)

**Apologies were received from Councillors:** A. Winsborough.

**Absent:** C. Alsop

**There were no members of the public in attendance.**

**The meeting started at 6.30pm**

#### **RE/2025/001 To receive and approve reasons for absence**

The Clerk received apologies and reasons for absence from A. Winsborough and the council accepted the reasons for absence.

#### **RE/2025/002 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest<sup>i</sup> from members or officers**

No declarations of personal or pecuniary interest were received.

#### **RE/2025/003 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)**

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

#### **RE/2025/004 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

There were no requests of dispensation to grant.

#### **RE/2025/005 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Resolved:-** The Committee raised no matters on the minutes, and approved them as an accurate record of the previous committee meeting. The Chairman signed each page of the minutes to be held on file.

**Voting:-** 5 councillors present. All voted in favour.

#### **RE/2025/006 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))**

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The Clerk advised that Items 16 and 17 were to be held in confidential session due to the nature of the business to be discussed.

### RE/2025/007 Public Participation Session

There were no public present at the meeting.

### RE/2025/008 To discuss the current provision of snow equipment for the parish council

The Committee discussed the current provision of grit bins and grit sand the council currently has. Conclusion was that one grit bin is needed in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall car park. Grit is needed to be stored in a dry place such as a commercial council garage. Clerk to investigate grit/grit bins and storage, and any funding that there may be. Clerk mentioned the council adopting a cold/snow weather policy.

**Voting:** 5 councillors present. All 5 voted in favour

### RE/2025/009 To discuss and consider winter planting, and consider formation of the Working Party to discuss next springs flowerbed designs

The council are unhappy with the current planting in the flower beds this winter. The working group will hold a meeting if we decide to continue with the current supplier for the year ahead.

### RE/2025/010 To note an update on the noticeboards and consider any further action

The Clerk shared an update that we are waiting for Rotherham council to come out and assess the location chosen for the 2<sup>nd</sup> noticeboard in Thurcroft. Rotherham council are concerned that the location is distracting for drivers, and that the land is unadopted and not owned by Rotherham council or Thurcroft council. Cllr D Oxley will accompany the highways inspector from Rotherham council when he comes to assess the situation.

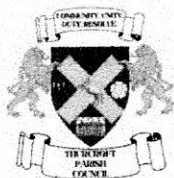
### RE/2025/011 To note consultation feedback received regarding the playground in Thurcroft

**Resolved:** The Committee noted the feedback provided by the community. A separate meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January was proposed to generate ideas for the park.

### RE/2025/012 To note an update on the 'Pit Tub' location and memorial stone and to consider any further action

Clerk advise we are waiting for RMBC to advise re location of the memorial stone.

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### **RE/2025/013 To receive the latest Playground Inspection report and consider any further action**

The recent playground inspection reports from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were discussed. The roundabout at Brampton has been raised from low risk to moderate risk. Roundabout at Brampton to be included in the redesign of Thurcroft park meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025, to approve a new design to replace the current roundabout.

### **RE/2025/014 To discuss and consider completing a full tree survey for any trees on parish land**

The Committee agreed to Defer the item for the full survey. The Committee raised concerns with the trees located in the school grounds. The Committee agreed that a letter should be written to the school to request for the trees to be cut back. Shed Maintenance to be contacted to quote for any tree cutting needed.

**Resolved:-** That a letter be written to the school to ask if the trees in Thurcroft Junior Academy are due to be cut back and to highlight the safety concerns from leaves in the Autumn.

**Voting:-** 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

### **RE/2025/015 To request an update regarding painting Brampton playground by the payback team**

The clerk to contact the payback team regarding an update for painting Brampton park.

### **RE/2025/016 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – To discuss the Horticulture contract and consider any further action**

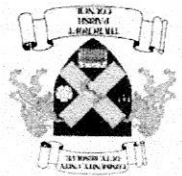
The council are unhappy with the current planting in the flower beds this winter. Clerk to confirm details of the contract with the current provider, and to be put to the full council meeting to terminate the contract early. Clerk to confirm if council can use the 2<sup>nd</sup> place company on the current tender, or if the contract must be put to tender again.

**Voting:-** 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

### **RE/2025/017 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – To discuss and propose a working schedule for an employee**

Council unhappy with works carried out by an employee. Clerk advised the current schedule of works in employees contract to confirm what is currently expected.

**Resolved:-** Clerk to shadow employee and to create new schedule of works to be carried out on a weekly/monthly basis and to monitor employee's progress



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employee.

**Voting:-** 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

**RE/2025/018 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting**  
No matters were raised for inclusion at the next meeting.

**RE/2025/19 To confirm the date and time of the next Recreation and Environment Committee**  
**to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett**  
**Memorial Hall**

The Committee noted the time and date of the next committee meeting.

**The meeting closed at 8.10pm.**

Chairperson Initial: