



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 30th January 2025

Present Councillors: B. Clark (Chair) C. Walker, H. Bell, V. Burford, T. Murphy, D. Oxley, M. Wordsworth, D. Brown, C. McCartan, R. Butler

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Winsborough, J Richardson running late, arrived at 7.45pm

Absent: C. Alsop

Officers: S. Wilkinson

There were no members of the public in attendance

The meeting started at 6.30pm

FC001. To receive and consider reasons for absence

The Council noted the apologies received from A. Winsborough

FC002. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interestⁱ for members and officers

There were no declarations of interest received.

FC003. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None received.

FC004. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests to grant.

FC005. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31st October 2024 and Thursday 28th November 2024

It was noted and both sets of minutes were approved after point 9837 was reworded.

Resolved:- That the minutes be approved

Voting:- 10 councillors present. 10 councillors voted in favour.

FC006. 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))

Resolved:- No Items noted are confidential

FC007. Public Participation Session

No public in attendance.

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FC008. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council

- a) **Finance and General Committee held on Thursday 23rd January 2025**
 - b) **Recreation and Environment Committee held on Thursday 16th January 2025**
- Both Attached Separately

FC009. To receive an update on actions recommended by Facilities and Events regarding the Football Provision and consider further action

The contract is due to be signed 31st January 2025, and funds paid in total by the end of 30th January 2025. Clerk to confirm once actions are complete.

FC010. To consider investment propositions for our reserves from Lee Jagger from CCLA.

Presentation from Lee was received with interest. A copy of the presentation to be emailed to all councillors for more investigation. Investments to be placed on the next Finance and General meeting for further discussion.

FC011. To discuss progression of co-option of current councillor vacancies.

Council agreed to advertise opportunities for co-option immediately. Clerk to advertise vacancies on Facebook, the website and on the notice boards, and a flyer to be produced and delivered to all houses in Laughton Common. An attendance list to be created for current councillors, and shared at the next meeting.

Resolved:- That the Clerk advertises opportunities for Co-Option in February 2025.

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC012. To receive an update for the Horticulture Contract and consider any further actions

Clerk to arrange a meeting with KMAC to discuss planting arrangements in spring and summer, and to document our request. Current contract details to be checked.

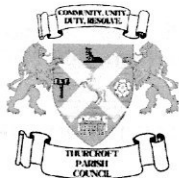
Resolved:- That the Clerk set up a meeting with Councillors and KMAC to agree Spring/Summer planting

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC013. To receive an update from Finance and General on the recruitment of an admin assistant

The council have successfully recruited for an admin assistant to start in February 2025, date to be confirmed next week. As such the Council are advised to legally appoint Susan Kilby as the Admin Assistant and wish her well in her role.

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Resolved:- That Susan Kilby be appointed as admin assistant from February 2025.

FC014. To receive and consider adding a snow day policy to the council policies

The policy is to be added to the risk assessment policy when its due for renewal and will be named adverse weather policy.

Resolved:- That an adverse weather policy will be added to the risk assessment policy on renewal.

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC015. To consider changes to the current alarm system at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The current alarm provision is not working. The alarm was activated and no notification was received. Caretakers phone must be always kept on to receive these notifications which is not viable. Preferred option is to have the alarm go through a 24-hour manned central station to monitor the alarm.

Resolved:- That we change the alarm monitoring system to a manned central station.

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC016. To consider changes to the current IT provision

The current IT provision is not working, the Clerk cannot access sharepoint and all associated Files including cemetery details, minutes and HR information. Clerk has an appointment with IT consultants Monday 3rd February to address the situation.

Resolved:- Clerk to meet with IT consultants to discuss further

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC017. To receive 3 quotes for the proposed fireworks display in November 2025

3 quotes were provided for a proposed fireworks display. The council agreed that the fireworks were a great success in 2024. 3 quotes were discussed, and quote 2 was chosen as the preferred option.

Resolved:- The Clerk to contact company 2 to book the fireworks for 1st November 2025

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC018. To discuss a memorial plaque to be placed in Brampton-en-le-Morthern

A plaque has been requested to be placed at the bottom of the flagpole for the recognition of the hard work and effort Ian Rogers put into securing a flagpole for Brampton-en-le-Morthern. Ian sadly passed away before the flagpole was installed. This would be a one-off, and the Council would take each plaque request on a case-by-case basis.

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Resolved:- The plaque to be approved, to be placed on a stone at the bottom of the flagpole

Voting:- 10 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour

FC019. To receive an update on the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal



B. Clerk provided an update after attending a public meeting regarding the Proposal. It was agreed that the council would share updates on our website and on Facebook, and share our concerns with other affected parties locally.

Joseph Richardson entered the room at 7.45pm

FC020. To approve Final Budget and Precept for Financial Year 2024/25 and consider any further actions

The Clerk presented the budget and precept increase needed to match the budget requirements. An increase of 9% which is 8.3% after tax base was recommended, which is equivalent to £7.65 on a band D property. This gives a precept of £213,081, with an extra £23028 to be taken from reserves. This keeps the precept under £100, and a less than 10% increase.

Resolved:- Clerk to submit recommendations to RMBC by the 2nd February 2025

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC021. To approve accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under the clerk delegation (attached)

Accounts were noted and approved

Resolved:- That the accounts be approved.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

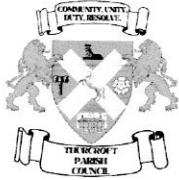
FC022. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

Clerk reported office furniture had been purchased from Lemark on the 29th January 2025, for £485 plus VAT.

FC023. To receive and consider any grant applications received by the council

No grant requests received.

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FC024. To consider endorsement of the Grant Application for CCTV declined by F&G in November 2024 and formalise Parish Council Policy on CCTV funding

It was decided that the Parish Council will not provide grants for CCTV, and this will be added to the existing grants policy.

Resolved:- That the grants policy be updated to reflect the change.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC025. To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC's weekly lists (40-47) along with any associated submissions received and any reports on previous planning applications/issues;

None received

Resolved:- No action required

FC026. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

It was noted that another RTC had taken place in Thurcroft. Agenda item for next meeting to request that RMBC highways check from the double roundabout to the Spa for the safety of the road.

FC027. To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary meeting of the council on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 20.30pm

Chairperson Initial:

