

Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 27th February 2025

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

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Winsborough, J. Richardson, D. Brown, M. Wordsworth

Absent: C. Alsop

Officers: S. Wilkinson

There were two members of the public in attendance

The meeting started at 6.30pm

FC0028. To receive and consider reasons for absence

The Council noted the apologies received from A. Winsborough, J. Richardson, M. Wordsworth and D. Brown

FC029. To note the resignation of C. Alsop

The resignation was noted.

FC030. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest¹ for members and officers

There were no declarations of interest received

FC031. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None received.

FC032. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests to grant.

FC033. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th January 2025

Resolved:- That the minutes be approved

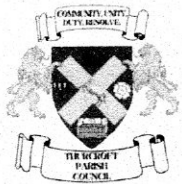
Voting:- 8 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC034. 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

FC035. Public Participation Session

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2 members of the public on attendance, B. Hubbard and C. Dalby from Thurcroft Veterans Association. VE celebrations were discussed, and Council were made aware that the Veterans Association own the flagpoles, and union jacks with writing on are prohibited on flagpoles but allowed on lampposts. Veterans to notify Clerk of flags being used in the memorial gardens so Clerk can buy the same for the Brampton-en-le-Morthern flagpole and the Thurcroft flagpole.

Resolved: Clerk to buy matching flags for the remaining flagpoles for VE Day. Clerk to co-ordinate with the veterans for future celebrations. Clerk to check the policy re poppies in the Memorial Garden, and when they should be taken down.

FC036. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council

a) **Finance and General Committee held on Thursday 20th February 2025**

b) **Events committee held on Thursday 13th February 2025**

Both Attached Separately

Both noted.

FC037. To receive an update on actions recommended by Facilities and Events regarding the Football Provision and consider further action

Resolved: Contract has been signed on the 31/1/25 and payment has been made in full on 30/1/25.

FC038. To consider investment propositions for our reserves from Lee Jagger from CCLA.

Resolved: It was decided that we will invest with CCLA after due diligence has been completed by the council. Clerk to contact an Independent Financial Advisor for further advise.

Voting: 8 councillors present. 7 voted in favour, 1 abstained.

FC039. To receive an update regarding co-option of current councillor vacancies.

Vacancies have been advertised on facebook, on the council website and in the notice boards.

Resolved:- The Clerk has advertised opportunities for Co-Option in February 2025.

FC040. To receive an update for the Horticulture Contract and consider any further actions

A meeting was held with KMAC on the 12th February to discuss the contract. Minutes of the meeting have been sent to KMAC with our recommendations and expectations on for the summer flowers. A further meeting has been arranged for the 10th April before planting takes place.

Chairperson Initials



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FC041. To receive an update from Finance and General on the recruitment of an admin assistant

Resolved:- Susan Killby has joined the team on February 17th and has settled in well.

FC042. To receive an update regarding the current IT provision

Resolved:- Clerk confirmed that all IT equipment is working and Clerk has access to Sharepoint and all associated files.

FC043. To consider changes to the current IT provision in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

Clerk brought to the attention that we require an internet log on for both customers of the Gordon Bennett and the chambers.

Resolved:- The Clerk to obtain quotes for an extra internet connection.

FC044. To request that RMBC highways check from the double roundabout to the Spar the safety of the road

Council are concerned regarding road safety on the B6060 when entering Thurcroft, especially near the Co-op and Spar. A pedestrian was recently killed on this stretch of road.

Resolved:- Clerk to contact Mark Hill at Highways Rotherham to assess the safety of the road.

FC045. To approve accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under the clerk delegation (attached)

Accounts were noted and approved. Clerk showed new Payments and Receipts for January and will continue in future months.

Resolved:- That the accounts be approved.

FC046. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

Nothing to note.

FC047. To receive an update from the Clerk regarding our financial regulations and standing orders relating to quotes

Amended - current limits are
Clerk confirmed that our standing orders state that only 1 quote is needed if under £100, 3 should be attempted between £100 and £3000, between £3000 and £25,000 3 quotes should be obtained and over £25,000 it goes to tender. All quotes need to be addressed to the Clerk/Parish Council and not a councillor as legally the councillor would be liable for the debt. The Clerk, Deputy and Admin assistant should be obtaining the quotes to make sure no bias is shown. Clerk will check

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the YLCA website regarding any changes to the financial Regulations and review at May's full council meeting.

FC048. To receive and consider any grant applications received by the council

One grant request received but rejected as request was from outside of our parish and would not benefit our community.

FC049. To note a meeting regarding the Whitestone Solar Farm proposal run by YLCA 19th March 2025 at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting noted. R Butler to attend meeting and provide an update.

FC050. 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;

RB2025/0208 Erection of single storey rear extension 86 School Road, Thurcroft S66 9DT

Resolved:- No objections

FC051. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Nothing to note.

FC052. To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary meeting of the council on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 19.44pm

Chairperson Initial: