

Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 24th April 2025

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

Apologies were received from Councillors: M. Wordsworth

Absent: J. Richardson, D. Brown

Officers: S. Wilkinson

There were no members of the public in attendance

The meeting started at 6.30pm

FC0077. To receive and consider reasons for absence

The Council noted the apologies received from M. Wordsworth

FC078. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interestⁱ for members and officers

There were no declarations of interest received

FC079. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None received.

FC080. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests to grant.

FC081. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025

Resolved:- That the minutes be approved

Voting:- 9 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FC082. 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

FC083. Public Participation Session

No public present.

FC084. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council

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a) **Finance and General Committee held on Thursday 17th April 2025**

b) **Facilities and Events meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025**

Both noted.

FC085. To receive written applications for the office of parish councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancies

Council received two applications for co-option and heard from both Rob Ridler and Steph Hydes their reasons for wanting to be part of the council.

Resolved:- All voted in favour for both Steph Hydes and Rod Ridler to be co-opted onto the council. Clerk to issue register of interest forms, request DBS check and email addresses for both.

Voting: Rob Ridler – 9 members present, all voted in favour. Steph Hydes – 9 members present, all voted in favour.

FC086. To receive an update regarding investing in the CCLA

Resolved: Clerk and chair had a meeting with Lee Jaggar and conformed that the council will invest in the CCLA. Clerk has the application form to complete. Account will work like the bank account, with the Clerk actioning any requests and two councillors approving the request. The funds are only linked to the Co-op bank account and cannot be transferred anywhere else. The funds will be in same day so long as the instruction is received before 11.30am. Clerk will make a small deposit to test understanding before transferring the bulk of the savings. Council confirmed that £750,000 is to be transferred to the CCLA, remaining funds to stay in the Co-op savings account, but will be monitored accordingly. Council approved Clerk to move the £750,000 when the account is opened. All transactions on the savings account can be seen online at any time by any member of the Finance committee.

Voting: 9 members present. Cllr R. Bulter abstained, 8 members voted in favour.

FC087. To discuss additional services (DJ services) from Richard Ryder at Rydertech being added onto Scribe

Richard would like to add onto Scribe (our booking system for hiring the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall) DJ services which he would provide. We already have the bar services as an option which he provides.

Resolved:- Council need to remain impartial and are unable to grant his request. If council agree to DJ services, then we would have to agree to caterers, balloon companies, bouncy

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castles etc being on Scribe also. It was agreed that he could contact the customers that had a bar booking, and promote his DJ services to them direct.

Voting: 9 councillors present, all voted against the proposal.

FC088. To receive an update from the meeting 10th April with KMAC regarding summer planting

Resolved:- see attached minutes of meeting from 10.4.25.

FC089. To confirm a date for 1st aid training at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

Resolved:- The previous date picked from Finance & General of July 10th is unavailable due to a user group already using the hall. Thursday 17th July is now the date for the training. Clerk to confirm the booking, and ask councillors, council staff and user groups if they wish to attend. If we can fill 24 slots then we will book for 24, if not we will book for 12 delegates. This will be free to attend for the user groups.

FC090. To discuss quotes to replace light bulbs on the games area at Thurcroft park

Two bulbs are out at Thurcroft park. Clerk has received one quote to replace of nearly £11,000. Clerk awaiting further quotes from more suppliers.

Resolved:- The item is deferred until Clerk receives more quotes.

FC091. To discuss quotes to resurface the car park at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

Quotes have been discussed at the events and facilities meeting to resurface the car park. Quote from Gary Fletcher was the preferred quote at £7537.

Resolved:- Clerk to contact Gary Fletcher and confirm details of the works, and let the unsuccessful contractors know.

Voting: 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

FC092. To discuss quotes for security lights to be installed at the back of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

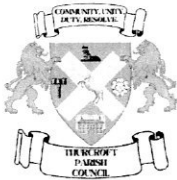
Resolved:- Item deferred as no quotes have been received yet.

FC093. To the current waste contract for the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall and Thurcroft Cemetery

We have been underpaying the cemetery waste collection and only paying the over the limit charges instead of the contract charge. This has now been resolved, and we have paid the outstanding balance. We are currently paying overweight charges every week at both sites.

Resolved:- Thurcroft Cemetery to change to 4x20kg weight allowance bins for £215 per month, which allows for enough tolerance on the weight limit, and is easier to move than 1 80kg bin.

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Gordon Bennett had the option of a food bin and a waste bin, council rejected the food bin, stating that they didn't think customers would separate out the food waste from general waste at parties. We are to have 1 bin, with 170kg weight allowance to cover our average usage of 130-150kg per week. Clerk to arrange with Waste Managed.

FC093. To discuss renovations to Thurcroft Cemetery

Quotes to resurface the turning circle

Resolved:- Quotes were discussed to retarmac just the turning circle at the cemetery.

Entrance is ok, path has been found going through the cremation plots, so a new path is no longer needed. Winning quote from Gary Fletcher for just over £17,000. Clerk to contact and arrange the works to be carried out.

Voting: 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

Placing slabs under the gravestones of the cremation plots

Resolved:- It was agreed that to make the cremation plots easier to maintain slabs of 12"x12" or 18"x18" depending on the headstone size are to be placed under the headstones. This will allow easier maintenance, and stop gravestones being lost underneath overgrown grass etc. Cllr D. Oxley and Cllr C McCartan to measure gravestones in order to purchase the correct size slabs.

Voting: 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

Replace 2 existing benches

Resolved: It was agreed that we would replace 2 dilapidated benches with 2 memorial benches from Granart that have 12 remembrance plaques on each. Clerk to arrange.

Voting: 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

Creating a memorial monument

Council would like to create a memorial monument in the centre of the cremated remains area of the cemetery. Two hexagonal scattering towers and a memorial butterfly were proposed by Cllr McCartan. The butterfly it was decided was too expensive and only had 12 spaces for memorial plaques. Three hexagonal towers were proposed, with one being solely for children. It was decided that the three towers be available for all, and not to have a specific children's tower, as very few children are buried in the cemetery. It was also decided that nothing would be added to the top of the tower such as a disk/rabbit/butterfly etc and for them to remain plain. A storage unit to hold watering cans was decided against.



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Resolved: It was agreed that 3 Hexagonal scattering towers to be ordered from Granart to create a memorial monument. Clerk to contact and arrange instillation.

Voting: 9 councillors present, all voted in favour.

FC094. To receive an update from RMBC highways regarding road safety near the Co-op, Spar and memorial gardens

Resolved:- Deputy clerk and Cllr Oxley met with Mark Hill from RMBC highways to discuss the road. The deputy clerk to request the speed data to check the average speed of motorists that use the road. Council to promote completing the "problem with a road" section of the RMBC website, via our website and Facebook, and getting members of the public to raise their concerns directly. Cllr D Oxley to mention at the next CAP meeting and bring to the attention of the ward councillors.

FC095. To note accounts for payment and note contractual payments made under the clerk delegation

Payments and Receipts for March shown to council and noted.

Resolved:- That the payments and receipts be noted.

FC096. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

Nothing to note.

FC097. To receive and consider any grant applications received by the council

No grant applications have been received.

FC098. To receive regarding Whitestone solar farm

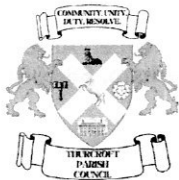
A further email has been received regarding the planning application from Whitestone solar farm as below:

The Applicant for the Proposed Development intends to make an application for Development Consent under the Planning Act 2008. The Applicant has sought a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, as to the scope and level of detail of the information to be provided within the Environmental Statement that will accompany its future application.

The Planning Inspectorate has identified you as a consultation body to inform the Scoping Opinion and is therefore inviting you to submit comments **by 22 May 2025**. The deadline is a statutory requirement that cannot be extended.

Resolved:- Cllr B Clark to reply on behalf of Thurcroft Parish Council by 22.5.25.

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FC099. To receive an update from the clerk (information only)

- We have obtained quotes for both moving the memorial stone and installing the stone and are in the process of booking a date for this to be actioned.
- The internet now has 2 separate log ins, one for the office and one for guests, total cost for the work was £75.00
- Notice board position has been agreed by RMBC, now awaiting instillation
- Summer event has now been booked for Friday 15th August
- Fairground event has been confirmed, Clerk met with fairground provider and confirmed where it would take place this year and confirmed details with RMBC.
- We are waiting on dates for the payback team to paint the skatepark, Brampton Park and the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.
- The change of payroll provider from Brightpay to Parkins has been complete and the transition has been very smooth.
- We have mice under the stage at the Gordon Bennett. Aston pest control have been, and an extermination plan is in place.
- Our alarm system is now attached to a monitoring station. The alarm has been set up on the caretakers, clerks, deputy clerk and admins phone so we can set and unset the alarm remotely.
- The boiler has had a service after a strange smell was reported by user groups. The boiler has been confirmed as ok.
- The clerks out of office has finally been changed and no longer says Thomas Collingham
- The 24-25 audit has been started, appointment is Wednesday 7th May with Phil Parkin.
- The VE day flags will be in place by Sunday 4th May
- We have received a compliment from a member of the public regarding the cemetery and how good it is looking – well done to all involved.

FC074. 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;

RB2025/0231 First floor balcony to side and carport to front of 112 Laughton Road, Thurcroft

RB2025/0391 Erection of single storey side and rear wrap around extension 25 Brampton Road Thurcroft.

Resolved:- No objections

FC101. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Nothing to note.

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**FC102. To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary meeting of the council on Thursday
29th May 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall**

The meeting closed at 20.28pm

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Meeting between Thurcroft Parish Council and KMAC

Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall - 10th April 2025 3.00pm

Subject - Parish Flower Beds/Displays

Attendees: Brian Clark (Thurcroft Parish Council), Diane Oxley (Thurcroft Parish Council), Anne Winsborough (Thurcroft Parish Council), Sarah Wilkinson (Thurcroft Parish Council Clerk), Alexander Clubb (KMAC)

The meeting was arranged as a follow on from the meeting on February 12th 2025, to discuss the planting schedule for the summer plants. Alexander at KMAC has provided a comprehensive list of plants to be used including:

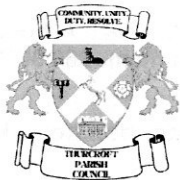
Cisneros silver dust
Red cordyline
Blue ageratum
Blue salvia
Red begonia
Red lobelia
Red geraniums
Red salvia
1200 mixed hardy plants for additional beds

The memorial garden is to be planted in red, white and blue, remaining flowerbeds to be made up with the remaining plants. We have asked for more plants to be added to this list including fuchsias and other suitable hardy plants. The cordylines are to be kept in the flowerbeds in the winter and not dug out as suggested by Alexander.

It was agreed that the flowers in the memorial gardens at both Brampton-en-le-Morthern and Thurcroft be removed, and the soil turned and weeded before VE day Thursday 8th April. The remaining flowerbeds are to have their remaining flowers removed by the end of May, and planting to take place the last week of May / first week of June. This is to ensure the risk of frost has passed before planting takes place.

It was reiterated that we do not want any pesticides to be used on our flowerbeds as per the contract. This was mentioned a few weeks ago on the phone between Sarah and Alexander, when 2 flowerbeds (Thurcroft memorial garden and Laughton Common) looked like pesticides had been used - the grass

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surrounding was yellow, and all the flowers had died. Alexander has confirmed that this was not KMAC, and they do not use pesticides.

We will book another meeting, if necessary, once all planting has taken place at the beginning of June.

Sarah (clerk) to produce an up-to-date list of all flowerbeds covered by the contract and provide a "what 3 words" for each location.

Brampton en-le Morthen

• Entry Signs

Common Lane 1 (Left)

- lists.darker.simulations
- Round Bed (Small)

Common Lane 2 (Right)

- unimpeded.flow.defeated
- Square Bed (Small)

Brampton Road 1 (Left)

- sigh.notice.continues
- Round Bed (Small)

Brampton Road 2 (Right)

- stacks.tonsils.funky
- Round Bed (Small)

Brampton Memorial Garden

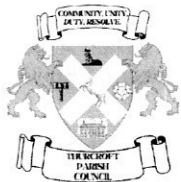
- primed.nozzle.adhesive
- Round Bed (Small)

• Common Lane

1 (Approaching Brampton)

- orbit.chips.glorified
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- heartburn.skewed.holiday
- Round Bed (Small)

- dries.ports.suffix
- Round Bed (Small)

- digs.downcast.somebody
- Round Bed (Small)

- **Brampton Memorial Garden**

(Starting Left)

- bronze.mandolin.burst
- Round Bed (Medium)

- jams.glossed.singled
- Round Bed (Medium)

- stadium.galloping.producing
- Round Bed (Medium)

- feelers.gems.spoiled
- Rectangle Bed (Medium)

- slams.outsiders.stockpile
- Rectangle Bed (Large)

- latitudes.testing.onions
- Round Bed (Medium)

- punters.projects.message
- Round Bed (Medium)

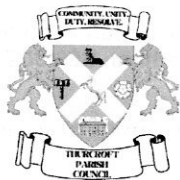
- **Laughton Common**

- Station Road

jokers.certainly.stated

Non-Ground Bed into Highway (Medium)

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- Glaisdale

falls.correctly.sinkhole

Rectangle Stone Bed (Medium)

Thurcroft

- **Entry Signs**

Laughton Road (Hedgerows)

- processes.loyal.results

- Non-Ground Bed (Ex-Small)

Green Arbour Road (Across from Sheps Farm)

- Wooden.snore.Palettes

- Non-Ground Bed (Ex-Small)

- Woodhouse Green

Pit Tub

- rhino.stripped.dodging

- Non-Ground Bed (Small)

- **Green Arbour Road**

Green Arbour Road 1)

downsize.cools.increased

Rectangle Bed (Large)

Green Arbour Road 2)

- washroom.escape.melons

- Rectangle Bed (Large)

Green Arbour Road 3)

- mutual.mango.general

Rectangle Bed (Large)

(Green Arbour Road 4)

- fatherly.leader.stay

- Rectangle Bed (Large)

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(Green Arbour Road 5)

- snowmen.clots.launcher
- Rectangle Bed (Large)

(Green Arbour Road 6)

- rang.booth.onlookers
- Circular Bed (Small)

(Green Arbour Road 7)

- chatters.data.steeped
- Rectangle Bed (Large)

• Locksley Drive

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- whizzing.possible.roofs
- Rectangle Bed (large)

• Thurcroft Memorial Garden

Left

- storeroom.gagging.cares
- Ground planted (Large)

Right

- plantings.beefed.earpiece
- Ground planted (Large)

Borders

- outraged.strides.glimmers
- Ground planted (Medium)

• Brampton en-le Morthen – 16 beds

• Laughton Common – 2 beds

• Thurcroft – 14 beds

TOTAL – 32 flower beds

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