



## Thurcroft Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Finance & General Committee meeting held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Present Councillors:** C. McCartan, D. Oxley, C. Walker (Chair), R. Butler (4 councillors present).

**Apologies:** M. Wordsworth, B. Clark

**Absent:** None

**Proper Officer:** Sarah Wilkinson

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

**The meeting started at 6.30pm**

**FG/2025/104 To receive and approve reasons for absence.**

The Committee noted and approved the apologies received from M. Wordsworth, and B Clark.

**FG/2025/105 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest<sup>i</sup> for members and officers**

No declarations were raised.

**FG/2025/106 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)**

No written requests for dispensation have been received.

**FG/2025/107 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**

There are no requests for dispensation to grant.

**FG/2025/108 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

**Resolved:-** That the Committee approved the minutes of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman preceded to sign the bottom of each page to confirm they are an accurate record.

**Voting:-** 4 Councillors present, all voted in favour

Chairperson Initial:



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**FG/2025/109 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))**

No items were identified for exclusion of the press and public.

**FG/2025/110 Public Participation Session**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**FG/2025/111 To discuss any training and development for councillors and employees and consider any further action**

1st aid training has been booked for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Clerk is compiling a list of delegates from staff and councillors and will ask the user groups if anyone would like to join. Clerk has confirmed that R. Ridler, V. Burford, R. Butler and C. Walker completed the code of conduct training on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2025. Clerk has completed the PIALC training 17/6/25

**Resolved:** Clerk to compile a list of delegates for 1<sup>st</sup> aid training.

**FG/2025/112 To receive and note the payment and receipts report for May 2025**

The Clerk presented the payments and receipts report for May 2025 for all councillors to check. Report was noted.

**FG/2025/113 To receive and note the bank reconciliations for May 2025**

The Clerk presented the Bank Reconciliations for May 2025. The Clerk and Chair signed the reconciliations. The committee noted the update.

**FG/2025/114 To receive an update on our current VAT position**

The council noted that a VAT refund was not submitted for quarter 2 of 24-25 for £3888. Current clerk to request the VAT refund beginning of July, when 25-26 quarter 1 is due.

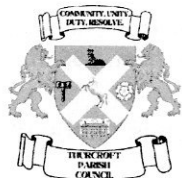
**FG/2025/115 To receive any grant applications received by the council and consider any further action**

No grant applications received.

**FG/2025/116 To receive an update regarding the investment account with the CCLA**

**Resolved:** Clerk confirmed that the account is now open. £1 has been invested today, and Clerk has confirmed the £1 has been received in the CCLA account. Clerk to

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confirm with the Co-op the procedure for making a CHAPs payment for the rest of the investment. Clerk and chair to action the CHAPs payment by the next meeting in July.

### **FG/2025/117 To review the fees for the hire of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall from the events meeting 12/6**

**Resolved:** The 2025 effective 1<sup>st</sup> September fees are what we currently charge for the hire of the Gordon Bennett. The proposed changes are as follows:

Council proposed to keep the prices for regular users the same for financial year 25/26.

A recommendation was put forward for adhoc bookings as follows:

Hourly rate to increase from £20 to £25, with a minimum of a 3-hour booking.

Bar service to increase from £20 to £25

Bouncy castle electric to remain at £10

Full day booking to increase from £150 to £170. A full day is 8 hours, any extra hours £15

Full week booking to increase from £500 to £600 + £120 per extra day

Elections to remain at £400

Hire of the council chambers to increase from £10 to £15

Prices to be approved at full council meeting 26/6.

**Voting:-** 4 Councillors present, all voted in favour

### **FG/2025/118 To review the fees for the 25/26 football season from the events meeting 12/6**

**Resolved:** The football fee changes are as follows:

To remove adult hire as the pitches are not marked out for adult pitch sizes

To increase junior hire from £280 per season to £310

To increase junior single game hire from £25 to £30

To increase non contract hire from £45 to £55

Prices to be approved at full council meeting 26/6.

**Voting:-** 4 Councillors present, all voted in favour

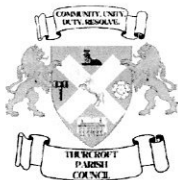
### **FG/2025/119 To review the cost of the plaques at the Cemetery from the events meeting 12/6**

**Resolved:** The obelisk fees are as follows:

The plaques will be £150 on the obelisk, and £180 for the bench, and will stay on the obelisk/bench permanently. The council will decide where the plaque will be placed, and we will not save a space, and you cannot prepay for a plaque. The obelisks will be completed in order. Clerk to design a form, based on the current memorial form that will be completed, checked and signed off, then an invoice will be sent, paid, then the plaque requested and installed. All plaques will have the same font style, size and colour (gold) and a maximum number of words. No pictures will be allowed.

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### **FG/2025/120 To review the new social media/media policy**

**Resolved:** Cllr R Butler has completed the social media/media policy. On reading through the policy, it overlaps with the recording of meetings policy. Cllr R Butler to create a media, social media and recordings of meetings policy to be approved at full council meeting 26/6.

**Voting:-** 4 Councillors present, all voted in favour

### **FG/2025/121 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - To receive any complaints received by the council and consider any further action**

The Clerk advised that no complaints have received by the council since the last considered complaint.

### **FG/2025/121 To note the latest report for complaints and compliments for the council and discuss any concerns**

One new compliment has been received regarding the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall: Just contacting post event, and again to say a huge thank you for both hosting us and for once again being such an accommodating venue. As I said to the caretaker in the evening, we do a lot of village hall venues across the country in our sport, and this has been called out as the best not just by me but by many members of our community so a huge thanks from us all for that!

Clerk to note the compliment in the compliments file.

### **FG/2025/122 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting**

Nothing to note.

### **FG/2025/123 To confirm the date and time of the next Finance & General Committee will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall**

The Chair confirmed the date and time of the next meeting and brought the meeting to a close.

**The meeting closed at 19:22pm.**

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