

Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held Thursday 15th January 2026

Present Councillors: D. Oxley (Chair), A. Winsborough, S. Hydes, R. Ridler (4 councillors present)

Apologies were received from Councillors: T. Murphy

Absent: None

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.30pm

RE/2026/001 To receive and note reasons for absence

Approved reason for absence for T. Murphy

RE/2026/002 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest¹ from members or officers

RE/2026/024 Cllr A Winsborough

RE/2026/003 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

RE/2026/004 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

There were no requests of dispensation to grant.

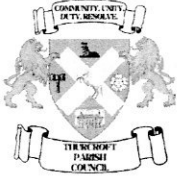
RE/2025/005 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 4th September 2025

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:- 4 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2026/006 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))

No confidential items identified in this meeting.



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RE/2026/007 Public Participation Session

There were no public present at the meeting.

RE/2026/008 To receive an update regarding snow equipment for the parish council

Resolved: Council have 8 grit bins in and around Thurcroft, put in location on 6.11.25.

The bin Locations are as follows:

Gordon Bennett car park

Locksley drive/shop fronts

Woodhouse Green/Sandy Lane shop side (where the old post box used to be)

Opposite the Drs on Laughton Road

On the Hedgerows housing estate

On the Woodridge housing estate

Thurcroft Cemetery

Brampton memorial garden

The bin locations have been advertised on Facebook, we have received positive feedback, and more importantly the bins have been used in the recent bad weather.

RE/2026/009 To receive the latest Playground Inspection report and consider any further action

Resolved: The recent playground inspection reports from Tuesday 6th January 2026 were discussed. All items low risk.

RE/2026/010 To discuss the current contract for the playground inspections

Resolved: Recommendation to full council that we keep the current inspection contract of 1x per month and 1x per year with RMBC. The council would be at risk legally if reports were carried out less frequent, and the insurance would increase to reflect this.

RE/2026/011 To discuss replacing the baby swings at Brampton park

Resolved: Clerk to obtain quotes to replace both baby swing seats as mentioned in the current inspection both seats are cracked. Quotes to be discussed at January's full council meeting.

RE/2026/012 To discuss the renovations for Thurcroft Park

Resolved: Council to be led by playground specialists as to what can be achieved with our space and budget. Designs to be shown to the public to gain their opinion.



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RE/2026/013 To discuss the tender for the horticultural contract

Resolved: No tender is needed as contract is for 1 year, with a possibility of extending to 2. With the number of planters being reduced, and the approval for the shop front planters not being received yet, the quotes should be lower than in previous years. Clerk to advertise the contract and contact local nurseries to gauge interest. Contract start date 1.4.26.

RE/2026/014 To discuss the tender for the park refurbishment at Thurcroft

Resolved: The committee accepted the tender document submitted. Clerk to submit the tender to relevant websites after approval of full council.

RE/2026/015 To receive quotes to erect a metal fence around the cenotaph at Thurcroft memorial garden

Resolved: Clerk met with 2 companies to discuss the fencing. Only one quote has been received. Clerk to arrange for company to mock up 3 designs to be discussed at January's full council meeting.

RE/2026/016 To discuss replacing the path at Thurcroft memorial garden

Resolved: Path from gate to cenotaph to be replaced. Clerk to obtain quotes once approved at full council.

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2026/017 To discuss pruning the trees at Thurcroft memorial garden

Resolved: Trees need a cut, which was confirmed on the last tree report from 24/25. Clerk to obtain quotes once approved at full council.

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2026/018 To review the current mole contract

Resolved: Mole contract to continue, as all mole activity under control.

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2026/019 To discuss additional litter picking at Brampton

Resolved: MOP has requested additional litter picks on the approaches to Brampton and on Brampton Road. Recommendations to full council are that our lengthsman can visit Brampton every 6-8 weeks for Brampton Road, but not the approaches due to



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safety concerns, mainly no paths and high-speed roads. Suggest we request the payback team to litter pick Brampton

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2026/020 To discuss arranging a skip at the Gordon Bennett to coincide with the great British Spring Clean from March 17th to April 2nd 2026

Resolved: Recommend to full council arranging a walk-in skip, and 2 litter picks during the 2-week period.

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2026/021 To discuss the hedge maintenance on Woodhouse Green and the shop fronts

Resolved: The hedge is still overgrown and needs to be cut back. RMBC have not cut the hedge as of 15.1.26. Clerk to arrange quotes/ payback team to cut hedge once remaining budget checked, and approved by full council

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All voted in favour.

RE/2026/022 To discuss moving the winding wheel at the entrance of the village

Resolved: The winding wheel is hidden due to trees/hedges being overgrown. The winding wheel is far back from the road. Possible outcomes are cutting the trees with permission from the owner, painting the wheel a brighter colour, or moving the wheel to a more prominent position, which would require permission from RMBC highways. Further discussion needed at full council.

RE/2026/023 To discuss potential projects for the payback team

Resolved: Potential projects for the payback team are: Painting the youth huts at Thurcroft and Laughton Common, painting benches, cutting the hedge at Woodhouse Green, litter picking at Brampton, cutting the trees/hedges around the winding wheel. Clerk to contact payback team once tasks approved at full council.

RE/2026/024 To discuss the stones at the back of the Gordon Bennett

Resolved: A MOP has requested some of the stones from the recent removal of flower beds on Green Arbour Road. Committee have recommended that the MOP can take the stones free of charge, as the council have no use for them.

Voting:- 4 councillors present. 3 voted in favour, 1 abstained.

RE/2026/025 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Nothing noted.



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RE/2026/026 To confirm the date and time of the next Recreation and Environment Committee to be held on Thursday 15th April 2026 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 8.28pm.

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