

Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Facilities & Events Committee held on Thursday 12th February 2026

Present Councillors: S. Hydes (Chair), T. Murphy, B. Clark, D. Brown, C. Walker (5 councillors present)

Apologies: N/A

Proper Officer: Sarah Wilkinson

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.30pm.

FE/2026/001 To receive and approve reasons for absence

N/A

FE/2026/002 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest for members and officers

S. Hydes, FE/2026/016.

FE/2026/003 To receive and approve the minutes of the Facilities & Events Committee meeting held on Wednesday 8th October 2025

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Facilities and Events Committee held on Wednesday 8th October 2025 be approved by a true and accurate record of the meeting and the chairman to certify the minutes with a signature at the bottom of each page.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FE/2026/004 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

There were no written requests for dispensations.

FE/2026/005 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation need to be granted.

FE/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)

That no items were considered for exclusion of the press and public.

FE/2026/007 Public Participation Session

No members of public in attendance.



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FE/2026/008 To acknowledge the resignation of the Chair

It was noted that the resignation of Cllr C McCartan (former Chair of this committee) had been received and noted by full council FC284 on November 27th 2025.

FE/2026/009 To elect a new Chair

Resolved:- Cllr S. Hydes was elected as the new Chair of Facilities and Events Committee.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2026/010 Thurcroft Cemetery – to receive an update on the cemetery to include:

The current cemetery fees – Agreed at Full Council 27/11/25, FC290

The current cemetery opening hours – Agreed at Full Council 30/10/25, FC241
8am - 8pm Summer and 9am- 5pm Winter.

The current cemetery signage – Agreed at Full Council 27/11/25, FC299. Awaiting appointment of cemetery warden before signage goes for production.

Our own grave digger for the cemetery – Agreed at Full Council 29/01/26, FC333. To Start from March 2026.

Our own warden for the cemetery – Job advert gone out. 5 applied so far with closing date 6th March.

The proposed cemetery extension – There is no written proof we own the extended land and the deputy clerk has tried to contact the landowner on several occasions with no reply.

Resolved:- The clerk has completed some workings out on cemetery demand and usage over the last 10 years. See attached.

It was agreed to review in 5 years and take to Full Council for approval.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2026/011 To review the events from 2025 including:

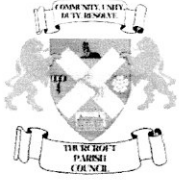
a) Fireworks display 1/11/25 4-7pm at the Hub

It was agreed by all a great success and no adjustments needed. £450 was raised on the night which went back into parish funds.

b) Remembrance Sunday 09/11/25

The two-minute silence was observed slightly before 11:00am, even though the parade left the church five minutes later than the previous year. Therefore, this year the parade will leave the church at 10:45am.

c) Christmas Fayre light switch on 22/11/25



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Fewer tickets were sold for the Santa visits than in the previous year, resulting in surplus selection boxes. 186 sold in 2024, 114 sold in 2025. Members discussed whether holding the event earlier in November, compared with the previous year, may have affected attendance.

d) Reindeer Day 06/12/25

Although the event was considered a success as a new initiative, it was felt that attendance expectations had been ambitious. Should the event be repeated in future, fewer time slots would be offered.

e) Maltby Lions Santa Sleigh Tour, 9th and 10th December

Event was well supported by residents, raising £623 for the Lions over the 2 days.

FE/2026/012 To discuss proposed events for 2026

Resolved:- It was agreed to host a summer fayre on 15th August, potentially including a climbing wall, zorb balls and hook-a-duck. Clerk to contact the company used last year for activity options and quotations.

November 21st or 29th were suggested as dates for the Christmas Fayre and light switch-on. Stallholder bookings to be managed by the clerk. Council to manage the kitchen. Any surplus selection boxes to be donated to the Youth Group.

A Christmas poster competition will be organised, with winners given the opportunity to start the firework display and light switch-on.

All proposals to be referred to Full Council on 26th February for further consideration and approval.

Voting:- 5 councillor present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2026/013 To discuss the firework donation 2026

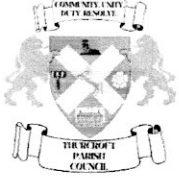
The Council considered two options regarding the donation of funds for the forthcoming fireworks event, specifically in relation to the recovery of VAT. Members noted that the Hub is unable to reclaim VAT, whereas the Council is eligible to do so.

Option 1:

The Council would make the donation directly and forfeit the VAT amount of £1,670. This sum would be met from the Events Budget.

Option 2:

The Council would take full financial responsibility for the payment to the firework company, including the associated risk should the company cease trading. Under this option, the Council would reclaim the VAT in full.



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Resolved:- Members discussed the financial implications and associated risks of both options and decided it should first go to Finance on 19th February and then Full Council on 26th February.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2026/014 To discuss the Christmas lights for 2026

Resolved:- As the Christmas light contract has come to an end it was agreed by council to go to tender. To be taken to Full Council for approval on February 26th.

Voting:- 5 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2026/015 To receive an update regarding the parish newsletter from the meeting 29/1/26

Newsletter template layout to be taken to full council on February 26th.

FE/2026/016 To receive an update regarding library land

No further update but clerk to discuss with the library at the next meeting. The issue still sits with the library solicitors. Until further notice, council/user groups do not have access to library land.

FE/2025/102 To discuss and agree the date for the next Facilities and Events Committee Meeting.

The next Facilities and Events meeting will be Thursday 7th May 2026.

Future Facilities and Events Committee Dates

7 th May 2026

Meeting closed at 19.49pm