



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held Thursday 16th April 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/2026/027 To receive and note reasons for absence

Approved reason for absence for T. Murphy

RE/2026/028 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest¹ from members or officers

None received

RE/2026/029 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

RE/2026/030 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

There were no requests of dispensation to grant.

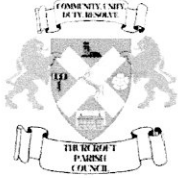
RE/2025/031 To receive and approve the minutes of the meetings of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 15th January 2026

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/2026/032 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/2026/033 Public Participation Session

There were no public present at the meeting.

RE/2026/034 To receive the latest Playground Inspection report and consider any further action

Resolved: The recent playground inspection reports from 10th March 2026 were discussed. All items low risk. No action required.

RE/2026/035 To receive an update on the moles and discuss the current contract

Resolved: Latest mole activity report from March 2026 shared with committee. Mole activity in Brampton Park, Thurcroft Cemetery and Hangman's Lane Park. Current contract to stay in operation, and mole activity reports to be shared with the environment committee as and when received by the clerk.

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

RE/2026/036 To receive an update on the implementation and performance of staff member's new route rota

Resolved: Lengthsman's new rota is working well. Thurcroft is looking cleaner than before and new areas are being included in the rota including Brampton. Lengthsman has confirmed how much he is enjoying the new routes and has completed 5 out of the 6-week rotas. Rota's to be assessed again at next environment meeting.

RE/2026/037 To discuss the renovations for Thurcroft Park

Resolved: Clerk confirmed that 7 companies have been out to tender for the park renovations. Tender finishes at the end of April. Clerk, Cllr Oxley, Cllr Hydes and Cllr Winnsborough to be part of the decision-making committee, along with other members of the council to be decided at April's full council meeting.

RE/2026/038 To discuss the tender for the horticultural contract

Resolved: Hobson Nurseries won the horticultural contract. Work is starting on the shop front planters and will be complete by the end of next week.

RE/2026/039 To review any additional quotes for the path and fence at Thurcroft memorial garden

Resolved: Deferred as no new quotes have been received, although clerk has received an enquiry regarding the path.



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RE/2026/040 To review the recent skip day 28th March 2026 and discuss future events

Resolved: Skip day was a huge success, and the skip was full before midday. The skip was not collected until Monday, which caused rubbish to be left near the skip thinking it was still in use. Skip company have confirmed the skip should have been collected on Saturday. The next skip day has been suggested as Saturday October 24th. To be discussed at April's full council meeting.

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

RE/2026/041 To receive an update on the refurbishment of the winding wheel at the entrance of the village

Resolved: The paint on the winding wheel has been confirmed as lead free. Painting to take place after the trees/bushes have been cut which will now be after bird nesting season. Clerk to ask if payback team can paint the wheel before the trees are cut to speed along the process.

RE/2026/042 To discuss additional bulb planting in the village

Resolved: Suggested locations for additional bulbs to be planted are on Green Arbour Road, from the garage to the shops, to replace the flower beds that have been removed, and the memorial garden in Thurcroft. Clerk to ask the Willows School if they wish to be involved in the planting at the Memorial Garden. Clerk to get a quote from Hobsons to undertake the planting, which will be discussed at the full council meeting in April.

RE/2026/043 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

To discuss replacing the fence at the top of South Street with a farmer's gate to be added to the next agenda

RE/2026/044 The next Recreation and Environment Committee meeting date will be confirmed at the Annual meeting of the council in May.

The Committee noted the information.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm.