

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 28th May 2026

Present Councillors: B. Clark (Chair), C. Walker, D. Oxley, T. Murphy, S. Hydes, B. Butler, M. Wordsworth, R. Ridler, A. Winsborough, G. Beddows, D. Brown

Apologies were received from Councillors: None

Absent: None

Officers: A. Stockham

There were no members of the public present

The meeting started at 6.30pm

FC466. To receive and consider reasons for absence

None received

FC467. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest for members and officers

None

FC468. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None received.

FC469. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests to grant.

FC470. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2026

Resolved: - That the minutes of 30/04/26 be approved

Voting: 11 councillors present. 10 voted in favour. 1 abstained.

FC471. 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)

None

FC472. Public Participation Session

None

FC473. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council

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a) Facilities & Events Committee held on Thursday 7th May 2026

Minutes were noted.

b) Finance & General Committee held on Thursday 21st May 2026

Minutes were noted.

FC474. To choose a winner from the Park Tenders

Resolved: After careful consideration and reviewing all tender information, the council voted to award the contract to Kompan. Clerk to arrange meeting to confirm the final design and discuss the next steps.

Voting:- 11 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC475. To discuss the re-design of the Coat of Arms

The Deputy Chair presented several mock-up designs for the proposed new coat of arms.

Resolved: it was agreed that elements from several of the designs should be incorporated to create a revised version. The Deputy Chair will develop further mock-ups based on the committee's suggestions and bring these back to a future meeting for consideration.

Voting: 11 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC476. To discuss ID Badges

Resolved: The committee agreed that all councillors and all members of staff should be issued with an ID badge. It was further agreed that the badges will be designed once the redesign of the new coat of arms has been completed.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC477. To discuss Parish Boundaries

Members noted the upcoming review of parish governance arrangements

Resolved: The committee agreed that each member would complete the review individually. It was also agreed that the Chair would recommend reducing the number of parish councillors from 18 to 13 as part of the submission.

Voting: 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC478. To discuss Libraries and Neighbourhood hubs public consultation update

Members noted the consultation update and agreed that each member would complete the Review.

FC479. To receive an update on South Yorkshire Pensions

Resolved: The council no longer use South Yorkshire Pensions as its pension provider. They

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have issued a bill for £1000 suspension notice. Clerk to contact SYP to clarify the terms of business, and the pension ombudsman before payment will be made.

Voting:- 11 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC488. To discuss outstanding payments

Resolved: Council have received a new bill from RMBC for business rates with supporting small businesses relief added. Bill is now £1839.58 from £5299.73. Clerk has set up a monthly Direct Debit to pay the bill over 10 months. Next year the council will wait until mid may before discussing business rates, to allow time for a 2nd bill to arrive.

KMAC have submitted photos of the flower beds to the clerk, to try to prove they did carry out works in August, September and October 2025. Only October's photos are date stamped, and these photos show weeds in the flower beds and dead flowers. Council have their own photos which show the dire state of the flower beds. Clerk to write to KMAC explaining the council's position, which is that we are still withholding payment for August, September and October, and no further correspondence on the matter will be discussed. Next step, if KMAC take it further would be the small claims court, which they would have to initiate and pay for.

Voting: 11 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC489. To discuss outdoor working

Resolved: Resolved: Both the lengths man and the cemetery warden work outside. Clerk has researched working conditions and what constitutes, if anything an unworkable day.

There is no minimum or maximum temperature in legislation for working outdoors, only a recommendation for not working when the temperature is over 27 degrees. Working outdoors is to halt when wind speed hits over 30MPH, or if there is heavy rain or fog.

If any days are unworkable due to adverse weather, the time will still need to be made back. If warm weather is due all week work can be carried out before 11am and after 3pm so not in the midday heat.

Agreed that going forward both will:

Agree in advance the days and hours to be worked

Agree an unworkable day with the clerk or the chair if clerk unavailable

Have holidays approved before being taken

Always carry their phones for safety and to comply with lone working policy

Complete and forward timesheets weekly to the clerk

Clerk to hold a meeting with both parties and the chair to discuss working conditions going forward and put into contract.

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FC490. To approve the terms of reference for standing committees

The council agreed to amend the terms of reference for each standing committee, to include the cemetery within Recreation and Environment, and Facilities within Finance & General, leaving Events as a standalone committee attached as **Appendix A**.

Resolved:- That the Council adopt the terms of reference for Finance and General, Recreation and Environment, and Events and that these be formally agreed at the next relevant committee meetings.

Voting: 11 councillors present. All voted in favour

FC491. To receive and approve minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 14th May

Resolved: The Minutes for Thursday 14th May were approved.

Voting: 11 councillors present. 8 voted in favour. 3 abstained

FC492. To discuss opening the cemetery gates for Father's Day

Resolved: The committee discussed the possibility of opening the cemetery for Father's Day. Due to the ongoing issues and an active complaint, it was agreed that the cemetery would remain closed. The matter will be continually reviewed.

Voting: 11 councillors present. All voted in favour

FC493. To discuss having a magnet on the fire doors

Resolved: Due to ongoing issues with parties exiting the fire door onto land rented by the library, the committee agreed to accept the quote from **PN Alarms at £850**, presented by the Deputy Clerk and approved the installation of a magnetic device on the fire doors to restrict inappropriate use while maintaining compliance with fire safety requirements.

Voting: 11 Councillors present. All voted in favour

FC494. To approve extra costings for Summer Event

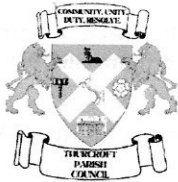
Resolved: The Deputy Clerk presented councillors with the additional costings for the Summer Event, totalling **£411.00**. The extra expenditure covers additional games, pop, and crisps.

Voting: 11 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC495. To discuss having a noticeboard in the cemetery

Resolved: that although the Facilities & Events Committee had previously voted in favour of installing a noticeboard inside the cemetery, the proposal was subsequently voted against at

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Full Council. Some members expressed concern that there was already a significant amount of signage on the cemetery gates and felt that further notices were unnecessary. It was also noted that all relevant information is available on the Council's website.

Voting: 11 Councillor present. All voted in favour.

FC496. To approve Christmas Fayre ideas

Resolved: that up to **25 tables** would be permitted for the Christmas Fayre, with a maximum of **2 tables per person**, at a charge of **£10 per table**.

It was noted that additional questions should be asked when taking bookings to avoid duplication of stall types.

It was agreed that no more than **three tombolas** would be allowed, and that these should be **charity tombolas only**.

It was agreed that the proposal to hire out the kitchen on the day of the event for **£15**.

It was agreed that the event would be titled "**Christmas Tree Light Switch-On**", and that the funfair would be asked to turn off their lights during the switch-on.

It was agreed that the event would run from **2.00pm to 5.00pm**, with the switch-on taking place at **4.30pm**.

It was agreed that stallholders would not be permitted access to the building before **12.30pm**.

Voting: 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC497. To discuss re-seeding goal mouths

Due to ongoing wear on the goal mouth areas, the committee considered a quote for re-seeding works totalling £472.33 + VAT. Members discussed the proposal and the likely effectiveness of the work if carried out by an external contractor.

The Deputy Clerk advised that there was no guarantee the contractor would offer any assurance of successful regrowth and suggested that the work could be undertaken more cost-effectively by the Council's Cemetery Warden. Members noted that using an in-house staff member would significantly reduce costs while still ensuring the work was completed to a satisfactory standard.

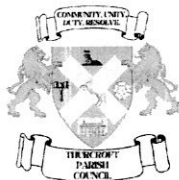
Resolved: Following discussion, the committee supported the Deputy Clerk's recommendation and agreed that the Cemetery Warden should carry out the re-seeding work with a maximum spend of **£200** instead of appointing the external company.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC498. To discuss football contracts

The Deputy Clerk advised the committee that the current fee of **£310** per season for under-16

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football teams. Members were reminded that the Council does not provide changing facilities and that the only football-specific cost incurred is pitch marking. It was also noted that the field is a public open space rather than a commercial sports ground. The Deputy Clerk highlighted that the Parish is located within a deprived area and that charging junior teams at the present level is difficult to justify. Continuing to do so may also expose the Council to potential complaints. On this basis, the Deputy Clerk recommended that under-16 teams should **not** be charged for use of the field.

Resolved: The committee considered the recommendation but decided **not to adopt it**.

Members agreed that charges should continue to apply and requested that the Deputy Clerk investigate **what guidance the FA provides regarding fees for junior teams** and findings to be discussed at the next finance meeting.

Voting: 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC499. To discuss Hangman football enquiry

The committee considered a request from a local football team wishing to use the Hangman Lane playing field for an under-15/16 team and seeking clarification on charges. Members noted the ongoing issues affecting the field, including mole activity and periodic flooding.

Resolved: It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would inform the team that they may use the field **on the understanding that they accept the pitch in its current condition** and are made aware of the issues.

The Deputy Clerk will also advise that information on potential charges will be provided following the Finance Committee and Full Council meetings in June.

Voting: 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC500. To discuss flags for the World Cup

The Council considered whether to display flags around the Parish for the World Cup. It was agreed that no flags would be put up by the Council, as members felt this should be left to individuals to do on their own properties if they wished.

FC501. To discuss poppy fencing quotes

The Council received two quotes for the installation of poppy fencing: **£3,430.13** and **£3,397.00**

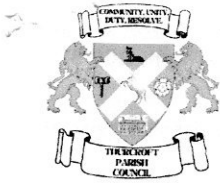
Resolved: After consideration, members agreed to accept the lower quote. The contract will therefore be awarded to **Steel Line at a cost of £3,397.00**.

Voting:- 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC502 To discuss Memorial Garden pathway quotes

The Council received three quotes for the re-surfacing of the Memorial Garden: **£5,872.22**, **£5000.00** and **£8320**

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Resolved: After consideration, members agreed to accept the quote from **Picture Perfect Paving at £5000**

Voting: - 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC503. To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC'S weekly lists (May) along with any associated submissions received and any reports on previous planning applications/issues

RB2026/0620

Proposed Decision Level: Delegated

Ward:

Thurcroft & Wickersley
South Ward

Description and Location:

Erection of single storey rear
extension and access ramp to rear

Applicant:

Agent: Phillip parker Architecture

Parish:

Thurcroft

7 The Crescent Thurcroft
Rotherham

29 Rivelin Way
Rotherham S60 8AX

Case Officer:

Bethany Jackson

DateValid:

05/05/2026

Application Documents:

<http://rotherham.planportal.co.uk/?id=RB2026/0620>

RB2026/0658

Proposed Decision Level: Delegated

Ward:

Thurcroft & Wickersley
South Ward

Description and Location:

Erection of a detached annex to
the side/rear

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Stockham

Agent: NAPC Ltd

Parish:

Thurcroft

2 Wilf Walkers Cottages Brampton
Road Thurcroft Rotherham

Suite 121 Watermoor
Point Cirencester GL7 1LF

Case Officer:

Bethany Jackson

DateValid:

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Application Documents:

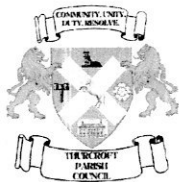
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The Council considered the planning applications submitted for consultation and agreed the responses to be returned to the Local Planning Authority.

FC504. To note accounts for payment and note contractual payment and receipts made under the clerk delegation

Resolved: That the payments and receipts were noted.

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FC505. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

Park repair in Laughton Common £150, leaflet printing £290 + £310

Resolved: Expenditure noted.

FC506. To receive and consider any grant applications received by the council.

Resolved: That the Council note the receipt of a **£488.00 grant** for re-seeding of the local bowling green

Voting: 11 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC507. To receive an update regarding Whitestone Solar Farm

No update

FC508. To receive an update from the clerk (for information only)

- AGAR sent to external auditor
- Caretaker work phone up and running
- MOU sent to RMBC re lamp posts
- Temporary cemetery signage ordered
- Waste bin now has a lock on it

FC509. To notify the clerk of matter for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Random company street signage appearing in the village

FC510. To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary meeting of the council on in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

25th June 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.15pm

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