

Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 30th July 2026

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

Apologies were received from Councillors: C. Walker, R. Butler

Absent: None

Officers: S. Wilkinson

There was one member of the public present

The meeting started at 6.30pm

FC544. To receive and consider reasons for absence

Reasons for absence for C. Walker and R. Butler were noted.

FC545. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest for members and officers

None

FC546. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None received.

FC547. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests to grant.

FC548. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th June 2026

Resolved: - That the minutes of Thursday 25th June be approved

Voting: 9 councillors present. 6 voted in favour. 3 abstained.

FC549. 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

FC550. Public Participation Session

It was noted that a work experience student attended the meeting. The student has been observing several council meetings across the surrounding area as part of their placement, and was present to gain an understanding of how meetings are conducted within our Council and to witness our decision-making processes in practice.

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FC551. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council

- a) **Events Committee held on Thursday 16th July**
- b) **Finance & General Committee held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026**

Minutes both were noted.

FC552. To receive an update from the Events Committee Meeting 16th July 2026

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the actions arising from the Events Meeting. The total events spend so far is £3,800.03. It was confirmed that DB Entertainment will require access from **9:30am** to allow sufficient time for setting up. The Caretaker will be available to assist with the setup and will remain on site throughout the day to provide support as required. The Chair of the Events Committee will also need to be in attendance to coordinate arrangements and direct participants, suppliers and volunteers to their designated locations. The face painter will arrive and set up from **11:00am**. The Lengthsman will assist with litter picking from **1:00pm** onwards to help ensure the event site remains clean and tidy during the afternoon.

FC553. To approve the purchase of 2 gazebos for the upcoming summer event

Resolved: It was resolved that the Deputy Clerk be authorised to purchase the two gazebos at a cost of up to **£275 each**.

Voting: 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC554. To discuss the recent antisocial behaviour in Thurcroft

Resolved: Council discussed ongoing anti-social behaviour in the village, including stones and meatballs being thrown at cars and buses. Members noted a recent incident where a stone entered a car through an open window, affecting a child, and concerns about stones being thrown from a local bridge. It was also reported that a police officer required additional support during an incident near the shop fronts.

Council encouraged all incidents to be reported to the police. The Chair agreed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and local MP, Jake Richards, regarding these concerns.

FC555. To discuss the number of volunteers and hire of security guards for the Summer Event

Resolved: Members considered arrangements for the Summer Event. Although it was felt there would be sufficient volunteers to support the event, concerns were raised regarding ongoing anti-social behaviour and the impact this was having on volunteers. The Deputy Clerk had obtained quotations for security provision and, following discussion, it was agreed to

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appoint **Saxon Risk Management** security company for the duration of the event at a **cost of £500**. The security company was recommended by Maltby Town Council who use them for their events.

Voting:- 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC556. To approve the purchase of a large banner for Christmas Event advertising

Resolved: A quotation of £160 + VAT for a 2.4 metre banner was presented by the Clerk. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would obtain further quotations for a 2.4 metre banner, with a maximum budget of £250.

Voting:- 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC557. To discuss advertising for the Christmas Event

It was agreed that stall holder bookings for the Christmas Event would open at the **beginning of September**. The event will be advertised six weeks in advance, with a programme of regular promotional posts to maintain interest and increase attendance.

User groups wishing to hire the hall for their own Christmas events will be able to make bookings after the Council's event has taken place.

S. Hydes agreed to organise a children's Christmas poster competition, with the winning child being given the opportunity to switch on the Christmas Tree lights.

FC558. To discuss the recommendations from Finance regarding South Yorkshire Pensions

Resolved: South Yorkshire Pensions have responded with full member details. The options are suspension for 3 years or cessation. The council decided on cessation, as no new staff numbers are planned, we do not have many members/funds in the scheme, and both costs are similar. If we chose suspension, we would need to pay a fee of roughly £1000 every 3 years.

Voting:- 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour of cessation.

FC559. To receive an update on any outstanding payments to the council

Resolved: SRI bars owe £650 for bar bookings at the Gordon Bennett. They have moved addresses, the new address has been found from Companies' House, Clerk to send invoice and outstanding payment letter to the new address. If the bill is not paid by the end of August, a letter from the Clerk will be sent re the start of court proceedings.

All user groups are up to date except Toddler Group. Admin to chase this payment.

KMAC have not been in contact again to chase the 3 outstanding invoices that the council has confirmed it will not pay. Streetscape have not chased the invoice that the council are disputing.

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FC560. To receive an update on the Clerks CILCA qualification and discuss the current payment arrangement

Resolved: Clerk has completed LO1,2,3,4,14,15, 16 and her personal statement and has attended every meeting in person since February. Further LO's are with the YLCA for checking before being submitted to the SLCC via Brightspace. Council previously voted to pay clerk from Feb-July 5 hours per week for the CILCA, as clerk had the audit to complete and other timely tasks, and the deputy clerk could be trained to take more tasks from the clerk including meetings and minutes. Clerk had to pay a month in behind as February's payroll had already been made, so the increase will be paid in August for July.

Council now recommends that the extra payments stop, as the deputy clerk is now trained and can help more with the expected workload. Clerk to take the time back for the CILCA training from the 32-hour working week, on a work from home day. This will take approximately 5 hours per week of her availability for council issues. Council to monitor this arrangement, and chair, vice chair and clerk to have a meeting in September to assess the situation and make sure the clerk's workload is achievable in the timescale given.

Voting:- 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour

FC561. To receive an update on the budget spent so far in 26-27

Budget spent so far was noted by the council.

FC562. To receive an update on the bar provision at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

Thurcroft Miners Institute have confirmed that they are able to cover the remaining bar bookings. Clerk to contact Thurcroft Musical group to confirm the bar provider for Theatre week in October. Meeting arranged for Thursday 24th September between the council, the Miners Institute and Thurcroft Musical Group to discuss arrangements for theatre week further.

FC563. To amend the current internal controls document to reflect the correct legislation

Resolved: Policy to change from 2003 audit regulations to the current 2015 audit regulations.

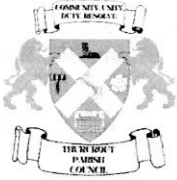
Voting: 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour

FC564. To discuss the outreach programme by Shaz Biggins throughout the school holidays

Resolved: It was agreed that the programme be extended for a further four weeks to cover August. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Shaz in September to review progress.

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FC565. To discuss Calvert Butchers trading from the Gordon Bennett car park

Resolved: The Council agreed that the butchers may trade in the Gordon Bennett Car Park on Thursdays between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon for a trial period of three months, free of charge. At the end of this period, the arrangement will be reviewed. Insurance and risk assessment to be obtained.

Voting: 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour

FC566. To discuss parking arrangements at the cemetery

Council discussed the ongoing lack of parking at the cemetery. Members acknowledged that there are no realistic options to create additional parking due to the absence of suitable land nearby. It was suggested that contractors and maintenance workers should avoid parking in visitor spaces and instead make arrangements with the Cemetery Warden for access, which would help free up parking for cemetery visitors.

FC567. To receive an update on the closure of the cemetery gates

Members noted that the closure of the cemetery gates due to anti-social behaviour has had a largely positive effect, despite occasional instances of empty beer bottles and cannabis-related litter being left behind.

The Clerk advised that it would be inadvisable to reopen the gates before the expiry of the six-month period when the original decision was made and that doing so would require the suspension of Standing Orders 7a and 7b.

Resolved: Following discussion, members voted against the Clerk's advice and resolved to reopen the gates on a **Wednesday and Sunday, 9am-3pm, from 4th October**. The arrangement to be reviewed at the end of the month.

Voting: 9 Councillors present. All voted in favour

FC568. To consider relevant planning applications as published on RMBC'S weekly lists (July) along with any associated submissions received and any reports on previous planning applications/issues

No New applications

Resolved: that the following have been approved:

RB2026/062, 7 The Crescent. RB2026/704, 99 Katherine Rd. RB2026/738, 18 Steadfolds Lane
RB2026/703, Lilibet Barn, Laughton Common Rd

FC569. To note contractual payment and receipts made under the clerk delegation

Rotherprint, £150. PN Alarms £17.94 (lock). YLCA training £75.20. Grave Digger £420.
Finesigns £24.00. 2 x party deposit £200. Design Yorkshire £1170.

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PN Alarms £1020 (door magnet). Picture Perfect Paving £5000.

FC570. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

Flags £8. Logo redesign £125. Voot internet (No invoice received yet)

FC571. To receive and consider any grant applications received by the council.

None

FC572. To receive an update regarding Whitestone Solar Farm

Members were advised of a consultation website where views can be submitted, with responses required by 27th August. The Chair agreed to register the Parish Council and submit its views on behalf of the Council.

FC573. To receive an update from the clerk (for information only)

- Meeting with Shed to address maintenance issues
- Meeting with Shaz and Zoe, Youth workers
- Router repaired.
- Outdoor working meeting with cemetery warden and lengersman
- Community skip day, 6th August organised by borough councillors
- New coat of Arms
- Lamppost testing completed
- Flower baskets back up
- Blachere meeting set for September
- Poppy fencing to now commence in September

FC574. To notify the clerk of matter for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

New newsletter, review of communications, pop-up signage on RMBC land

FC575. 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.

24th September 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.30pm

Chairperson Initial: