



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held Thursday 25th June 2026

Present Councillors: B. Clark (Chair), C. Walker, D. Oxley, S. Hydes, B. Butler, A. Winsborough, G. Beddows, D. Brown

Apologies were received from Councillors: T. Murphy, R. Ridler, M. Wordsworth

Absent: None

Officers: S. Wilkinson

There was one member of the public present

The meeting started at 6.30pm

FC511. To receive and consider reasons for absence

Reasons for absence for T. Murphy, R. Ridler and M. Wordsworth were noted.

FC512. To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest for members and officers

FC527 For C. Walker and FC524 for R. Butler

FC513. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None received.

FC514. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests to grant.

FC515. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th May 2026

Resolved: - That the minutes of Thursday 28th May be approved

Voting: 8 councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC515. 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)

FC519, FC522, FC527, and FC528 are confidential

FC516. Public Participation Session

Member of the public raised an issue with car parking outside the cemetery now the gates re closed. Parking to be added to next months agenda for further discussion.

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FC517. To note the minutes for committee meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of the council

a) Finance & General Committee held on Thursday 18th June 2026

Minutes were noted.

FC518. To discuss and approve any co-option applications

Resolved: We have had one enquiry regarding co-option. Applicant could not make this meeting. Cllr B Clark will contact applicant next week to provide further information and invite them to next month's meeting.

FC519. ~~CONFIDENTIAL SESSION~~ To review the complaint raised regarding the closure of the cemetery gates

Resolved: Formal complaint received from M. Bainbridge regarding her father's access to the cemetery. Response has been agreed and clerk will send next week.

Voting: 11 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC520. To discuss the recent antisocial behaviour in Thurcroft

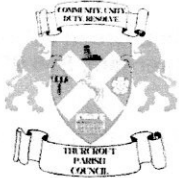
Resolved: Recent antisocial behaviour has increased including the vandalism to the trees in Thurcroft park, vandalism of a park bench, the removal of the plants from the newly completed planters on the shop fronts, the theft of a car and the theft of The Willows School van and vandalism of another which all happened over 1 week. We encourage all incidents to be reported to the police. Council to book a meeting with Shaz Biggins of Youth works to discuss further. Cllr Clark and Cllr Butler to arrange a visit to Thurcroft Junior School to speak with the children direct.

FC521. To receive an update and discuss the community governance review in relation to Laughton Common.

Resolved: Clerk, chair and vice chair had a meeting with Laughton en le Morthern council to discuss Laughton Common changing from Thurcroft parish council to Laughton parish council. Clerk provided costings for Laughton Common. Thurcroft PC have no objections to Laughton PC asking RMBC to look at the position of Laughton Common under the governance review. Laughton Common will have to vote whether to remain with Thurcroft or change to Laughton under the review.

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FC522. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION To receive an update on South Yorkshire Pensions

Resolved: South Yorkshire Pensions have responded with a breakdown of costs for suspending our membership. Clerk to ask for a comprehensive look at how many deferred members, active members and pensioners we have, along with how much we have paid in as a provider and who is in the scheme, before we can decide to either suspend or cancel our membership.

Voting:- 8 Councillors present, all voted in favour

FC523. To discuss outstanding payments

Resolved: KMAC have again chased us for payment. Clerk has emailed back stating we will not be making the payments, and their next step is the small claims court if they wish to take it further.

The party booking which caused damage to the Gordon Bennett has paid the £200 fine issued for the damage.

FC524. To discuss potential grants for Thurcroft Park

Resolved: Council would be eligible for up to £100,000 grant for the park from FCC. The funding application would need to be submitted by mid-August, and the decision made December 8th. We would have to postpone the installation until after this date as funding must be approved before the works can proceed. Clerk to work with Cllr R Butler to complete the funding application by the end of July.

Voting:- 8 Councillors present, all voted in favour to pursue the funding and delay installation.

FC525. To receive an update on the tender for Thurcroft Park

Resolved: Complaint received from Streetscape regarding the tender process for Thurcroft park. One response has already been sent, but streetscape do not agree with this. All tenders have been thoroughly checked, and no others interpreted a fence being required, just separate zones for play. Full and final response agreed which the clerk will issue next week.

Voting:- 8 Councillors present, all voted in favour.

FC526. To review the Media and Social Media Policy

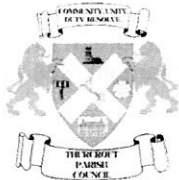
Resolved: Policy review agreed with suggested changes.

Voting:- 8 Councillors present, all voted in favour

FC527. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION To discuss the bar provision at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

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Resolved: Our current bar provider SJR Bars has ended his contract. Currently we have 4 parties and theatre group show week with bar bookings. Council need to fulfil these bookings. Suggested to arrange a meeting with Thurcroft Club to see if they can facilitate the bar at these bookings. If the club cannot then council should look to outsource the bar for these parties only. Council to look for a permanent replacement after the Gordon Bennett remodel has taken place. Clerk to write to the board members of the club to request a meeting to discuss further.

Voting:- 8 Councillors present, all voted in favour

FC528. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION To review the football fees for the new season

Resolved: Council voted to keep the fees at £310 per team for the season, £30 per game for those that have a contract and to reduce from £55 to £46 games for non-contract clubs to match the fee RMBC charge for the pitch at the back of Thurcroft Park.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present, all voted in favour

FC529. To discuss communications surrounding staff holidays

Resolved: Clerk to update council at the end of her working week with any staff holidays for the coming week, and where staff will be working if appropriate. Clerk and deputy clerk will not be on holiday at the same time, however admin and deputy can be.

FC530. To review the work experience with the Willows School and discuss ongoing provision for school year 26-27

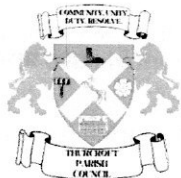
Resolved: The council have supported the Willows school by having Holly, a pupil at the post 16 centre, help in the office every Wednesday in term time. She has scanned in all the documents (791!) for the cemetery that Sue has then entered onto Scribe. She has completed all the shredding, filed documents and prepared money to be paid into the bank account. The clerk has written her a reference, and the council bought her a thank you present, which Holly reciprocated with a card and chocolate for the office staff. Going forward clerk has offered to visit the Willows every half term to help with job interviews, CV's and personal administration, which the Willows accepted. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Willows and council to discuss the working relationship further.

FC531. To receive an update on the re-design of the coat of arms

Resolved: Cllr R Butler shared 14 different logo suggestions; council voted for option 3 with an additional horse on the design. Clerk to contact a graphic designer to produce the design in the required formats.

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FC532. To receive an update from the architect

Resolved: Final designs have been approved (DWG01- DWG10). Clerk to instruct architect to submit to planning on our behalf. A focus group is to be set up to discuss heating/lighting/decoration etc, with the first meeting planned for August, and clerk to investigate grants available for the works.

Voting: 8 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FC533. To discuss the company street signage appearing in the village

Resolved: Signs on RMBC's land to be reported to highways to investigate further. Signs on parish land to be removed. It was agreed that user groups of the Gordon Bennett only can advertise on the Gordon Bennett fencing. Council to look at advertising user groups with a "retail park" style sign to be added when the remodel is complete.

Voting: 8 Councillor present. All voted in favour.

FC534. To receive an update on the lamppost/hanging basket situation

Resolved: RMBC have selected a contractor, and works should begin W/C 29/6. Thurcroft have no testing date yet. Clerk has shared a RMBC scrutiny review for councillors to have their say on the lamppost situation which needs completing by Tuesday 30th June.

FC535. 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

Resolved: Application RB2026/0703 and RB2026/0728 were noted.

FC536. To note contractual payment and receipts made under the clerk delegation

Resolved: That the payments and receipts for May were noted.

FC538. To note expenditure outside of the meeting between the Clerk and the Chair in line with Financial Regulation 4.1

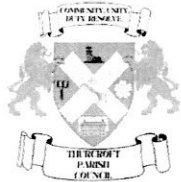
Grass seed for football pitch £39.99, Headstone cleaner for cenotaph £10.40, Wood stain for planters £67.34, gift for Holly £27.21, Flowers for Cllr A Winnsborough £18, ant treatment for the Gordon Bennett £120.

Resolved: Expenditure noted.

FC539. To receive and consider any grant applications received by the council.

Resolved: That the Council note the receipt of a £250.00 grant for the Maltby Lions to help support the Santa sleigh run.

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FC540. To receive an update regarding Whitestone Solar Farm

Resolved: Whitestone are submitting the plans to the planning expectorate. Planning has until 8th July to accept the plans. Cllr B Clark to register an interest on behalf of Thurcroft Parish Council. A Whitestone awareness meeting to be arranged at the Gordon Bennett in July, available dates have been supplied to Whitestone Warriors.

FC541. To receive an update from the clerk (for information only)

- Magnet on the fire door has been complete
- Goalmouths at Thurcroft park have been reseeded 16/6
- Poppy fencing at the memorial garden is due for installation in August
- Cemetery signage is up on the main gates
- Ants have been treated at the Gordon Bennett 20/6
- Path has been resurfaced at the memorial garden on 16/6

FC542. To notify the clerk of matter for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Car parking outside the cemetery

FC543. 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.

30th July 2026 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.26pm

Chairperson Initial: