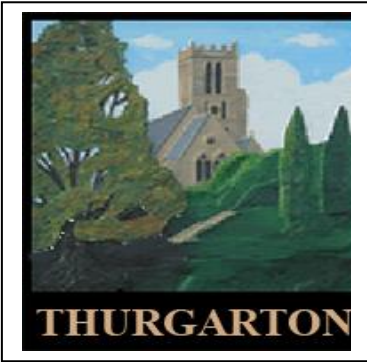


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Thurgarton Parish Council

**Meeting held on Thursday 27 November 2025
in Thurgarton Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

In the absence of Cllr Tsoukatos, Cllr Ross took the Chair, and welcomed everyone. The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs J Ross (In the Chair), K Chan, N Robinson, S Taylor

In attendance: Lynda Ogilvie (Locum Clerk), Cllr R Jackson (NCC and NSDC)

2025.97 To hear public representation

No members of the public were present.

2025.98 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Tsoukatos, Lewis and Skill sent their apologies.

2025.99 To note Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

2025.100 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2025

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2025 were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Chan, all in favour.

2025.101 To receive update from District and County Councillor

Cllr Jackson said that he had attended an IDB meeting, and was advised that negotiations with landowners are still ongoing.

Potholes are gradually being addressed.

He has spoken to the relevant officer re problems at Priory Mews, and he will follow this up.

2025.102 To consider Planning Applications as follows:

a) Applications

None at time of issue.

b) Update on planning matters including recent and extant applications

There are no updates to note.

c) Any other items notified to Thurgarton Parish Council prior to the meeting and

requiring submission of comments before the following scheduled Parish Council meeting

The following had been received after issue of the Agenda:

25/01967/S19LBC Hill Farm House, Priory Road, Thurgarton
Variation of condition 02 attached to listed building consent 23/00875/LBC

Members had no comment to make on the above, and therefore the application is supported.

2025.103 Finance

1) Payment Sheet November

Two invoices from Green Oak were added to the payment sheet as follows:

- Invoice 111 - £120
- Invoice 112 - £480

The payment sheet, including the two new invoices above, was approved.

2) All banks reconciliation at 15 November 2025

Noted

3) Analysis of Reserves 15 November 2025

Noted

4) Summary Receipts and Payments 15 November 2025

Noted

2025.104 To approve purchase of new flag, and other associated items

The purchase of a new flag as required, plus other items, was approved. Clerk to forward purchase options.

2025.105 To consider Budget proposals for the year 2026/27

This will be discussed at the next strategy meeting, with a view to agreeing the Precept in the January meeting.

2025.106 Priory Mews - enforcement of planning conditions

It was noted that many of the problems are outside the remit of the Parish Council. To be discussed at the next strategy meeting.

2025.107 To note improvements proposed for the cemetery, and to confirm the Parish Council's ongoing financial support for routine upkeep of same

Members agreed that the Parish Council will continue to consider support on an ad hoc basis.

2025.108 Update on Community Green Space and Play Area Project, including consideration of obtaining legal advice

Cllr Ross updated members on the current state of the green space and play area project. He said that solicitors have now been instructed with regard to the lease. A request for legal advice has also been sent to NALC seeking guidance about the practicalities of the grant applications, and the handling of VAT, should the parish council cover the cost of equipment for the project.

The recent parish event was well attended, and included some children. There was good feedback from attendees, as well as additional ideas for the project. Five more volunteers have also come forward.

Some £400 had been committed from people at the event, which means that some £3,300 has been promised so far.

Cllr Ross said that the intention is to spend the next 6 months fund raising, and if successful, the project can move forward. If grants have not been awarded by then, the project will need to be re-thought.

He recorded thanks to everyone who had helped and/or attended the meeting, especially members of the TCC.

2025.109 Strategy Roles

a) Emergency Measures

Cllr Robinson reported that the recent storms did not cause undue problems. Affected residents were alerted but did not need to take specific action. There have been problems with the Beck monitor, but these are now resolved.

Two more volunteers have come forward.

Thanks were recorded to John Fryer, who arranged for pump training sessions for volunteers.

A refresher course is needed for the road signage but this can be done online, and Cllr Robinson will arrange this with volunteers.

b) Highways

Cllr Chan reported that

- She continues to email re potholes
- Speedwatch is still operating
- Green Oak will be clearing drains shortly

c) Communications

Cllr Tsoukatos had forwarded her report:

- An email has been sent to Richard Marshall requesting information on Priory Mews. Emails have been received from concerned residents.
- Remembrance Service held on Sunday 9 November was well received, with the usual good turnout
- A strategy meeting has been arranged for Monday 8 December, and the Agenda will include a review of annual objectives, the 25/26 budget, the 26/27 budget, and consideration of the precept for the coming financial year.

d) Environment

Everything is on track. The Council wishes to acknowledge the hard work undertaken by David Yates and Neil Harris, together with Green Oak, in dealing with issues.

e) Village Hall

Cllr Chan updated members on the village hall.

An application for a grant for the proposed dishwasher has been made

The electrical issues have been addressed and a bill received from the electrician for £1830 (including VAT) for the work undertaken.

Members agreed that the Parish Council would pay this bill.

A new booking system is being considered, which will assist in streamlining the way the hall is managed.

The regular shoebox event will take place at the village hall on Sunday 30 November.

f) Projects

Nothing further to report.

2025.110 Date of next meeting: 22 January 2026

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.44 hours.

Approved as a Correct Record and Signed:

Tina Tsoukatos

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Chair

22 January 2026