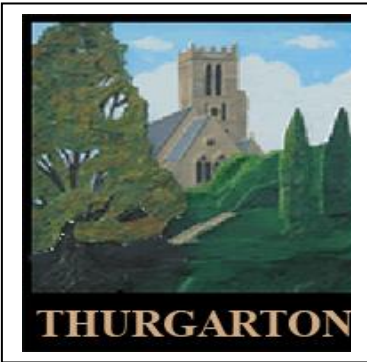


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MINUTES OF THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2026 AT THURGARTON
VILLAGE HALL

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

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk

Welcome

Cllr Tsoukatos welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

MINUTES

2026.01 To hear public representation

No members of the public were present.

2026.02 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

2026.03 To note Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2026.04 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025 were approved as a Correct Record, and signed. Proposed Cllr Ross, seconded Cllr Chan, all in favour.

2026.05 To receive update from District and County Councillor

Cllr Jackson was not present, and no report was available.

2026.06 To consider Planning Applications as follows:

a) Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

b) Update on planning matters including recent and extant applications

Nothing to report.

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

There were no further items for consideration.

2026.07 Finance

1) Payment Sheet December/January

Additional payments were noted as follows:

£36.13 for refreshments served during shoebox appeal

£164.59 for servicing the pumps, and purchase of 5 litres ethanol free fuel

With these additional payments, the payment sheet was authorised. Proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Lewis, all in favour.

2) All banks reconciliation at 3 January 2026

Noted.

3) Summary of reserves January 2026

Noted

4) Summary Receipts and Payments January 2026

Noted

5) Budget report, first draft

All Councillors were asked to look at their budget areas, and note any increased expenditure envisaged, so that the budget can be amended accordingly.

6) Fixed Asset Register January 2026

Ongoing

2026.08 To Approve Precept for the year 2026-27

All members approved an increase in the Precept of 3%. This will give a Precept of £18,082 for the year 2026/27. Clerk to give this figure to NSDC.

2026.09 To approve purchase of new flag, and other associated items

This is being followed up. Council approved expenditure of up to £100 for this purchase, and associated items. Proposed Cllr Tsoukatos, seconded Cllr Ross, all in favour.

2026.10 Update on Community Green Space and Play Area Project

Cllr Ross updated on this project as follows:

- He has become aware that Trinity College, Cambridge, has a caveat on the land if its use is changed from agriculture. This needs to be clarified before proceeding with funding. This matter is being investigated.
- A bill for landowners' solicitors has been received, and this is being discussed
- Legal advice has been received from NALC regarding whether it would be best for the charity or the parish council to apply for grant funding. There are options which need to be considered further.
- Some grant bodies will not fund parish councils.
- Current thoughts are that it would be best for the charity to apply for grant funding as it has more options.
- VAT situation is not entirely clear, and will be considered further, and involve others who have previous knowledge of issues which the Parish Council has faced.

2026.11 Strategy Roles

a) Emergency Measures

Cllr Robinson reported that the Beck did not overflow during the recent storms. There had been some problems with messages but this did not cause an issue and has now been rectified.

Warden training is in hand.

Thanks were recorded to John Fryer for taking the pumps to be serviced, and also to David Yates for his work.

Cllr Tsoukatos said that IDB are still working with landowners and farmers to get agreement to do the work proposed completed.

b) Highways

Cllr Chan has received an email from a parishioner concerned about vehicles being parked on the pavement, thus forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. Members agreed that an email would be sent out reminding people of the law in this regard, and asking drivers to be considerate of pedestrians.

VIA has been out to look at potholes and is expected to deal with them soon.

Speedwatch now takes place once a month. The group is down to three people who are regulars, and some who attend occasionally. They are still seeing speeding drivers. Bleasby volunteers are still to do their training.

c) Communications

Cllr Tsoukatos reported as follows:

- She will discuss the Priory Farm attenuation tank further with Cllr Jackson. Letters have been received from concerned residents.
- She has been in contact with Forterra re the playground and Community Space fund raising. A request for a variety of building materials has been sent.
- Parish Council objectives for the year 2026-27 need to be discussed and agreed. Councillors will be invited to give their views.
- Website upgrade continues

d) Environment

Cllr Skill was not present. Chair will ask him for a report.

e) Village Hall

Cllr Taylor reported as follows:

- The TCC has applied for a grant towards the new dishwasher. The outcome of this application should be known by the end of February.
- The insurance company has covered the damage to the floor, but this will not be repaired until after the dishwasher has been installed, and other alterations completed.
- Routine health and safety checks are scheduled, and an inventory of equipment will be undertaken.
- Recent events have been well supported.
- Two weddings have been booked for 2026.
- There is nothing requiring parish council action at the moment.

f) Projects

These was nothing further to be discussed under this item.

2026.12 Date of next meeting: 26 February 2026

There being no further business, Cllr Tsoukatos thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 20.55 hours.

Approved as a Correct Record and Signed:

Tina Tsoukatos

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Chair

26 February 2026