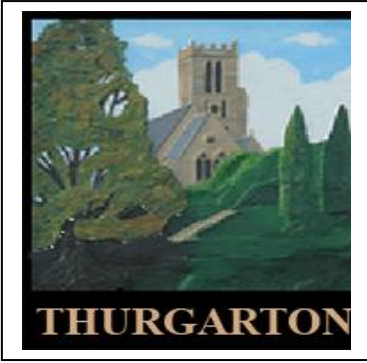


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Thurgarton Parish Council

Meeting held on 26 March 2026, 7.30 at Thurgarton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs T Tsoukatos (In the Chair), J Ross, R Skill. Cllr S Sweet-Smith

In attendance: Cllr Roger Jackson, Lynda Ogilvie (Temp. Clerk) and two members of the public.

2026.25 To hear public representation

Concerns were raised about the disintegration of the bank in Priory Road. Cllr Chan will be asked to investigate and report.

2026.26 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Chan, S Taylor and N Robinson

2026.27 To note Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

2026.28 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2026

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2026 were approved, proposed Cllr Skill, seconded Cllr Ross, all in favour.

2026.29 To receive update from District and County Councillor

Cllr Jackson said that he is aware that some repair work has been carried out on the A612, but more is scheduled.

He had attended an IDB meeting, and Thurgarton had been on the Agenda,. Network Rail and Severn Trent were supportive of the work proposed but there is no start time yet.

2026.30 Finance

1) Payment Sheet February/March

Approved, proposed Cllr Ross, seconded Cllr Skill, all in favour.

2) Bank Mandate - to approve change of signatories

Approved to remove previous councillors and add Cllr Ross. One other may be added

after further discussion.

3) Budget 26/27

This will be held over to April meeting.

4) Locum Clerk charges

Members approved an increase in Locum Clerk charges. Proposed Cllr Tsoukatos, seconded by Cllr Skill, all in favour.

2026.31 Parish Council Objectives 2026-27

This will be deferred to April meeting.

2026.32 To consider Planning Applications as follows:

a) Applications

None at time of issue.

b) Update on planning matters including recent and extant applications

Nothing 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 application had been received after the Agenda had been posted:

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Application 26/00322/HOUSE Holly Cottage, Priory Road, Thurgarton
Proposed Single Storey read extension, internal alterations and loft conversion

Members approved the application but registered concern about the access because of damage which is already being caused to the nearby bank. This will be reported to the planning department with a request that the developers be required to repair any damage caused.

Proposed Cllr Sweet Smith, seconded Cllr Tsoukatos, all in favour.

2026.33 Update on Community Green Space and Play Area Project

Cllr Ross has had a constructive meeting with the landowner, and he will deal with next steps as soon as possible. Cllr Ross will proceed with initial stages of fund raising.

2026.34 Strategy Roles

a) Emergency Measures

Cllr Robinson was unable to given a report this time.

Cllr Tsoukatos provided the following update:

- Village Flood Mitigation project - soil sample analysis is positive for this project. Purchase of land for storage area is in progress. Negotiations with the landowners for Natural Farm Management (NFM) upstream of the Beck is ongoing.
- A rain gauge has been purchased using grant funding. Intention is to work with Lowdham FLAG to produce a forecasting tool utilising the Beck Monitor, Rain Gauge and software. This means that forecasting whether the Beck will overtop becomes an automated process rather than reliant on one person to decide. Other local villages are having success with this process.

b) Highways

Improvements on the A612 between Thurgarton and Southwell have been undertaken. Bleasby Road, and Beck Street are in need of attention.

c) Communications

Village Hall trustee meetings are proposed for April, July, October and February.

It was suggested that the neighbourhood plan should not be updated until after unitary reorganisation.

d) Environment

Cllr Skill has been liaising with previous councillor responsible for environmental issues, and has spoken to Green Oak about work which needs to be undertaken. The white posts are in need of attention.

e) Village Hall

Minutes of TCC meeting had been circulated. There was nothing further to report.

f) Projects

Nothing further to discuss.

2026.35. Date of next meeting: 23 April 2026

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 20.22 hours.

Approved as a Correct Record and Signed:

Tina Tsoukatos

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**Chair
23 April 2026**