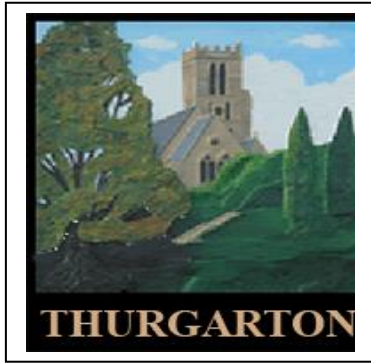




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Thurgarton Parish Council

Meeting held on 23 April 2026, 7.30 at
Thurgarton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs T Tsoukatos (In the Chair), N Robinson, J Ross, S Sweet-Smith

In Attendance: Lynda Ogilvie (Temp. Clerk), two members of the public.

2026.36 To hear public representation

Concern was raised about cars parking on the pavement, blocking pedestrians from using the path. Cllr Tsoukatos will put a note about this on the village email.

2026.37 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Taylor and Skill.
Cllr R Jackson also sent apologies.

2026.38 To note Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

2026.39 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2026

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2026 were approved as a Correct Record and signed.
Proposed Cllr Ross, seconded Cllr Sweet-Smith, all in favour.

2026.40 Casual Vacancy

Cllr Katie Chan has resigned from the Council. Members wished to record their thanks, and the thanks of the community, for the sterling work which Cllr Chan had undertaken during her many years of being a Councillor, and noted that she would be missed. Good wishes were passed on to her for the future.

Clerk will instigate the Casual Vacancy process.

2026.41 To receive update from District and County Councillor

Cllr Jackson was not able to attend, but had advised the Chair that he had little to report.

2026.42 Finance

1) Payment Sheet March/April 2026

Two recent payments to Green Oak for £120 and £210 were added to the payment sheet.
It was then approved, proposed Cllr Robinson, seconded Cllr Sweet-Smith, all in favour.

2) Budget 26/27

The budget, as previously circulated was approved.
Proposed Cllr Tsoukatos, seconded Cllr Sweet-Smith, all in favour.

3) All Banks Reconciliation 31.3.26

Noted

4) Analysis of Reserves 31.3.26

Noted

5) Annual Return (AGAR) 31.3.26

Noted

6) Explanation of Variance 25 v. 26

Noted

7) Fixed Asset Register 31.3.26

Cllr Tsoukatos will see clarification of appreciate and depreciation of assets and report back.

8) TPC Summary Financial Report

Noted

9) VAT Control Account

Noted

A new CIL report will be prepared giving the dates when the money has been received, which will help in ensuring that spend deadlines are met.

It was agreed that the PC printer will be given to the TCC.

2026.43 Parish Council Objectives 2026-27

Cllr Tsoukatos proposed adoption of the Parish Council Objectives for 2026-27, as circulated, seconded by Cllr Ross, all in favour.

2026.44 To consider Planning Applications as follows:

a) Applications

1. 26/00443/HOUSE Cedar House, Bleasby Road

It was noted that the owners of Cedar House had made a pre-planning application, and it would be safe to assume that the application reflects any comments made.

Members agreed to support the application, but suggest that the window to the extension should include a privacy screen, and should remain as a window in future.

2. 26/00444/HOUSE Dumble House, Oxton Road, Southwell

All members supported this application.

b) Update on planning matters including recent and extant applications

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

2026.45 Update on Community Green Space and Play Area Project

Cllr Ross updated members on the play ground/green space initiative.

- He has been in touch with the landowner, and is awaiting information from solicitors
- Fund raising will start. NSDC has a new grant fund, and an application to this will be made. This closes on 15 May so time is short to get all paperwork prepared.
- Cllr Tsoukatos will speak again to Forterra, and also approach other local companies
- Cllr Taylor will assist with documents
- Working group will be updated

2026.46 Strategy Roles

a) Emergency Measures

Cllr Robinson noted that there are not major issues at the moment, although there had been problems with the alert system, but this seems to be working properly now.

The TCC is yet to come up with proposals for relocating emergency equipment. It was noted that the pumps need to be stored safely inside, but other items could be rehoused if a suitable location is found.

Cllr Tsoukatos said that the purchase of land for flood water storage is still in process, and the current window has now been missed, so it is likely this work will now be done in November. Negotiations with landowners ongoing.

The rain gauge now ready for installation. It has been agreed that the Village Hall the right place to install as it needs power, and can't be close to trees etc. The 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 will become an automated process rather than being reliant on 1 person to decide. Other local villages are having success with this process.

b) Highways

Nothing to report

c) Communications

Cllr Tsoukatos said that the website update is ongoing.

It was noted that Cllr Taylor had prepared a new welcome pack, and has made suggestions about other forms of communication, including Instagram and Facebook.

TCC meeting dates will be May, July, October and February.

d) Environment

The new Union Flag has been purchased. The pole is to be cleaned and reset, and the flag will then be raised.

It was noted that the white posts had been painted in 2023 at a cost of c£4,000. Consideration of when to repaint will be given at a later date.

e) Village Hall

TCC Minutes have been circulated to Councillors. Any queries will be dealt with by Cllr Taylor.

f) Projects

Nothing further to report.

2026.47 Annual Parish Meeting - Date, Agenda

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 28 May 2026, commencing at 6.00 pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Council will follow at 7.00 pm

Potential agenda items for the Annual Parish Meeting include:

- Scouts
- Cricket club
- Red Lion

2026.48 Date of next meeting: 28 May 2026 (Annual Meeting of the Council)

There being no further business, Cllr Tsoukatos thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 20.39 hours.

Approved and signed as a Correct Record

Tina Tsoukatos

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28 May 2026