

Thurgarton Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28th May 2026, 6.50 pm at Thurgarton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs T Tsoukatos (In the chair), S. Sweet-Smith, S Taylor, J Ross and Cllr R Jackson attended for part of the meeting.

No other persons were in attendance

2026.48 Election of Chair Cllr T Tsoukatos was proposed by Cllr Ross and seconded by Cllr Taylor

2026.49 Election of Vice Chair Cllr J Ross was proposed by Cllr T Tsoukatos and seconded by Cllr Taylor

2026.50 To hear public representations There were none

2026.51 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Skill and the clerk L Ogilvie

2026.52 To note declarations of interest

Cllr Taylor expressed a declaration of interest with regard to a planning application that was to be discussed at this meeting

2026.53 To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2026

Minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record and signed. Proposed Cllr T Tsoukatos, seconded Cllr Sweet-Smith, all in favour

2026.54 Casual vacancy

One individual has approached Cllr Tsoukatos and there will be a follow up conversation. This still leaves 1 vacancy and councillors were encouraged to think about who they know and might be interested in a conversation to understand the role in more detail.

2026.55 To receive update from District and County Councillor

The meeting was informed:

- The road repair budget for the County had been increased to £180M for the current financial year
- The upgrade to the roundabout in Lowdham is scheduled to start at the end of June and is expected to take between 6 and 8 weeks with most of the work happening overnight.
- Following successful food waste collection trials this will be rolled out across the N&SDC area. No timescales given

- It has been communicated that more packaging can be recycled using the silver wheelie bins from the start of the month

2026.56 Finance

1) Payment sheet April/May. This was approved, proposed Cllr Tsoukatos, seconded Cllr Sweet Smith, all in favour

2026.57 To consider planning applications as follows:

a) Applications

26/00573/House Fairview, Bleasby Road, Thurgarton, NG14 7FW

Cllr Taylor left the meeting.

It was noted the owners of Fairview had made a pre-planning application, and it would be safe to assume that the application reflects any comments made. This was confirmed to be the case when Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting.

The 3 members present unanimously agreed to support the application having noted there had been no objections raised from anyone living near this property.

Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Sweet-Smith is the parish council lead and after some discussion it was suggested he email The Head of N&SDC planning Oliver Scott to ask for guidance on how best to complete this document as efficiently as possible and potential timescales.

2026.58 Update on Community Green Space and Play Area project

Progress has slowed since the last meeting as it came to light a few days before the council meeting there were a couple of legal covenants still in place on the proposed land. These issues are being discussed between Cllrs Tsoukatos & Ross, the parish council solicitors, the landowner and his solicitors to resolve and allow the project to move into the next phase of fundraising.

Regarding donations Cllr Sweet-Smith will check with his accountant if these are tax deductible.

An update on progress will be provided at the next parish council meeting.

2026.59 Strategy roles

a) Emergency Measures

- Flood mitigation continues to progress with the work scheduled to commence in the IDB calendar of activity in November 2026. Still waiting to finalise the legal agreements with the landowners both above and below the village.
- The rain gauge has been installed at the village hall.

b) Highways

- Nothing to report

c) Communication

- Web site update work is ongoing

d) Environment

- 2 quotes have been provided to paint the white posts in the village on Beck Street, The Hollows and Priory Road. A 3rd quote is required and the most competitive company quoting would be awarded the business. Based on current information work could commence in July 2026

e) Village Hall

- A meeting of the TCC was held on Wednesday 27th May and the minutes circulated to the parish councillors after this meeting.
- Work is starting on replacing the planters around the village hall.

f) Projects

Nothing further to report

2026.60 Date of next meeting 25th June at 7.30pm

There being no further business, Cllr Tsoukatos thanked the councillors and closed the meeting at 7.28pm