

THORNWICK ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the parish of Thornwick St Mary, Mereshire

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Tuesday, 9 September 2025 at 7.30pm
in the Committee Room, Thornwick Village Hall, High Street, Thornwick St Mary

Present: Cllr M. Pearson (Chairman), Cllr D. Whitfield (Vice-Chairman), Cllr S. Iqbal, Cllr A. Foxton, Cllr D. Marsh, Cllr P. Hollis, Cllr R. Yeoman, Cllr K. Ashworth

In attendance: Mrs L. Carrow (Clerk & RFO), County Cllr J. Wetherby, 2 members of the public

Apologies: none

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation

A resident raised concern about the condition of the churchyard boundary wall adjoining the playing field. An allotment holder reported a good turnout at this year's produce show.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2025 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

5. Matters Arising

The vehicle activated sign had been installed on the High Street lamp column near the school and became operational on 1 September; early data was being logged for review.

6. Allotments

The annual produce show had been held and was well attended. The Clerk agreed to write to the Women's Institute regarding hosting arrangements for next year.

7. Planning

The decision notice for 25/01033/FUL (agricultural building, Mill Farm) had been received: approved by Averbury District Council with the requested condition restricting construction working hours. **RESOLVED** to note, with thanks to the planning officer for taking the Council's comments into account.

8. Churchyard Boundary Wall

Following item 3, it was noted that the Council is responsible for a section of the churchyard boundary wall adjoining the playing field, which was showing signs of movement. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain a structural inspection and repair quotation.

9. County and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Wetherby updated the Council on Mereshire County Council's budget-setting timetable for 2026/27 and invited the parish's input on local priorities ahead of the Council's own precept discussion.

10. Finance

Item	Amount
Balance brought forward	£31,807.98
Clerk's salary (September)	£412.60
HMRC - PAYE/NI	£58.40

Westcotec – vehicle activated sign	£1,890.00
Room hire	£15.00
Royal British Legion – wreath (ordered early)	£34.00
Balance carried forward	£47,397.98

The second instalment of the 2025/26 precept, £18,000.00, was received from Averbury District Council during September and is reflected above.

11. Budget and Precept 2026/27

The Clerk was asked to prepare a draft budget and precept proposal for 2026/27 for consideration at the October meeting, taking into account the playground replacement reserve, a contingency for the churchyard wall repair, and the ongoing running costs of Speedwatch and the vehicle activated sign.

12. Correspondence

None requiring discussion.

13. Any Other Business

None raised.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 14 October 2025, 7.30pm, Thornwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: _____

Thornwick St Mary Parish Council — Clerk to the Council: Mrs L. Carrow — clerk@thornwickstmarypc-demo.org.uk — These minutes are draft until formally approved and signed at the next meeting of the Council.