

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 December 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), 4 members of the public

Apologies: none – final meeting of the calendar year, full attendance

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

All members were present. The Chairman welcomed a good number of residents to the final meeting of the year.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation

Several residents thanked the Council and volunteers for a successful Christmas lights switch-on event.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2025 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

5. Matters Arising

The precept request of £39,500 had been submitted to Averbury District Council on 4 December, ahead of the 15 December deadline, and acknowledgement of receipt had been received. The Christmas lights switch-on on 5 December had been a great success with a good turnout; the Women's Institute raised £140 for hall funds from the refreshments stall. The Council recorded its thanks to all volunteers, the school choir and the Women's Institute for making the evening such a success.

6. Planning

Application 25/01402/HOU – single storey rear extension, 9 High Street, had been received. Members raised no objection in principle. As the comment deadline fell between scheduled meetings, it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, to submit a response of no objection provided no new issues came to light before the deadline.

7. Playground

Cllr Hollis reported that two further quotations had been obtained for the replacement roundabout, in addition to the initial enquiry noted in November. Sutcliffe Play was recommended as offering the best value at £2,380 including installation. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the order, for installation in spring 2026.

8. Churchyard Boundary Wall

Netherfield Building Services had confirmed availability for the spring 2026 rebuild and materials were on order.

9. Finance

Item	Amount
Balance brought forward	£45,745.98
Clerk's salary (December)	£412.60
HMRC – PAYE/NI	£58.40

Room hire	£15.00
Christmas lights – final invoice	£95.00
Sutcliffe Play – roundabout, 50% deposit	£500.00
Balance carried forward	£44,664.98

The Clerk confirmed the year-end accounts and internal audit timetable for 2025/26 would be brought to the Council in the spring, ahead of the Annual Meeting.

10. Correspondence

A card of thanks had been received from Thornwick St Mary C of E Primary School choir for use of the village hall for rehearsals in the run-up to the Christmas lights event; noted with pleasure.

11. Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked all councillors, the Clerk and the many volunteers across the parish for their work over the year, and wished everyone present a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting and the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council are provisionally scheduled for Tuesday, 13 January 2026, 7.30pm, Thornwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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.