

# 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, 13 January 2026 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 K. Ashworth

**In attendance:** Mrs L. Carrow (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr T. Baxter, 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr R. Yeoman

### 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Yeoman.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 3. Public Participation

A resident asked for an update on progress with the new playground roundabout. Mr Fenwick, who farms on Netherfield Road, raised the continuing difficulty of poor mobile signal in that area, which he said was affecting his ability to take card payments at the farm shop.

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2025 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

### 5. Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed the decision notice for 25/01402/HOU (9 High Street) had been received: approved by Averbury District Council. The full-fibre broadband provider had confirmed cabinet works on the Green would begin later this month, with homes able to be connected progressively through February and March.

### 6. County and District Councillors' Reports

District Cllr Baxter gave an update on changes to Averbury District Council's waste collection calendar for 2026, including revised bank holiday collection dates, which the Clerk agreed to publicise to residents.

### 7. Playground

Cllr Hollis confirmed Sutcliffe Play had scheduled delivery of the new roundabout for early February, with installation booked for the week commencing 23 February, weather permitting.

### 8. Churchyard Boundary Wall

Netherfield Building Services had advised that the start date would now be the week commencing 2 March, owing to a prior contract overrunning. Members noted this with some frustration but accepted the revised date.

### 9. Mobile Signal - Netherfield Road

Following item 3, it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write to the relevant network operator and to Mereshire County Council's digital infrastructure team, highlighting the impact of poor mobile coverage on local businesses along Netherfield Road.

### 10. Finance

| Item                     | Amount     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Balance brought forward  | £44,664.98 |
| Clerk's salary (January) | £412.60    |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| HMRC – PAYE/NI                 | £58.40            |
| Room hire                      | £15.00            |
| <b>Balance carried forward</b> | <b>£44,178.98</b> |

### 11. Planning

No new applications had been received.

### 12. Correspondence

None requiring discussion.

### 13. Any Other Business

None raised.

### 14. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 10 February 2026, 7.30pm, Thornwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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