

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, 10 February 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 R. Yeoman, Cllr K. Ashworth

In attendance: Mrs L. Carrow (Clerk & RFO)

Apologies: none

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation

None – a quiet meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

5. Matters Arising

Cabinet works for full-fibre broadband on the Green had been completed, with the first properties able to place orders from late February. Letters regarding mobile signal on Netherfield Road had been sent; an acknowledgement had been received from the network operator, with a substantive response awaited.

6. Planning

Application 26/00087/FUL – proposed ground-mounted solar array, Long Acre Farm. A resident objection had been received regarding visual impact from footpath FP12. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to raise no objection in principle, given the benefits of renewable energy generation, but to request that any approval include conditions requiring landscaping/screening and retention of the existing hedgerow along the footpath boundary.

7. Playground

Cllr Hollis confirmed delivery of the roundabout was expected the week commencing 9 February, with installation to proceed as planned the week commencing 23 February.

8. Finance

Item	Amount
Balance brought forward	£44,178.98
Clerk's salary (February)	£412.60
HMRC – PAYE/NI	£58.40
Room hire	£15.00
Balance carried forward	£43,692.98

The Clerk presented a budget monitoring report for the third quarter of 2025/26, confirming income and expenditure remained in line with the approved budget.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that a small group of residents had approached the Council about the possibility of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish, and introductory guidance from Locality had been circulated to members. It was agreed the matter be considered further at the March meeting once the Clerk had gathered more detail on the process and likely costs.

10. Correspondence

None requiring discussion.

11. Any Other Business

It was agreed a date be fixed for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Council's Annual Meeting in May.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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.