

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 March 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 P. Hollis, Cllr R. Yeoman, Cllr K. Ashworth

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

Apologies: Cllr D. Marsh (family commitment)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Marsh.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation

A resident thanked the Council for the new playground roundabout, noting it had already proved popular with local children.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

5. Matters Arising

The new roundabout had been installed by Sutcliffe Play during the week commencing 23 February, and had passed a post-installation RoSPA safety check with no issues identified. The Council recorded its thanks to Cllr Hollis for overseeing the project. Works to rebuild the churchyard boundary wall had commenced on 3 March and were expected to take approximately two weeks.

6. Highways - Vehicle Activated Sign, Six-Month Review

The Clerk presented data from the vehicle activated sign's first six months of operation, showing the 85th percentile speed on the monitored approach had settled at around 28mph, a further improvement on the figure reported in October. It was **RESOLVED** that the sign remain in place, with data to be reviewed annually going forward.

7. Planning

No decision had yet been received on the Long Acre Farm solar array application; noted as still pending.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk presented further information on the process and likely costs of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. It was **RESOLVED** to hold a public drop-in meeting to gauge the level of resident interest, provisionally in June, and to invite residents to come forward to form a steering group.

9. Finance

Item	Amount
Balance brought forward	£43,692.98
Clerk's salary (March)	£412.60
HMRC - PAYE/NI	£58.40
Sutcliffe Play - roundabout, final balance	£1,880.00
Room hire	£15.00

Balance carried forward	£41,326.98
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10. Correspondence

None requiring discussion.

11. Any Other Business

It was agreed that a small ribbon-cutting for the new roundabout, involving a local child, would be held at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 14 April 2026, 7.30pm, Thornwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

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.