

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, 14 April 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.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

5. Matters Arising

The rebuild of the churchyard boundary wall had been completed and signed off. The Council recorded its thanks to Netherfield Building Services for the quality of the work, and to St Mary's PCC for its patience during the works.

6. Planning

The decision notice for the Long Acre Farm solar array application had been received: approved by Averbury District Council, subject to conditions requiring landscaping/screening and retention of the hedgerow along footpath FP12, as the Council had requested. **RESOLVED** to note, with thanks.

7. Mobile Signal - Netherfield Road

The network operator had responded to confirm that an upgrade to the mast serving the Netherfield Road area was planned, currently indicated for late 2026. It was agreed the Clerk continue to monitor progress and press for an earlier date if possible.

8. Finance

Item	Amount
Balance brought forward	£41,326.98
Clerk's salary (April)	£412.60
HMRC - PAYE/NI	£58.40
Netherfield Building Services - churchyard wall, final invoice	£2,650.00
Room hire	£15.00
Balance carried forward	£57,940.98

The first instalment of the 2026/27 precept, £19,750.00, was received from Averbury District Council during April and is reflected above. The Clerk confirmed insurance renewal quotations would be obtained ahead of the May meeting, and that draft annual accounts for 2025/26 were being prepared for internal audit ahead of the Annual Meeting.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

The date for the public drop-in meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 9 June, at Thornwick Village Hall.

10. Correspondence

None requiring discussion.

11. Any Other Business

None raised.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 12 May 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting (7.00pm) followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (7.30pm), Thornwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

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.