

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 June 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 D. Marsh, Cllr P. Hollis, Cllr R. Yeoman, Cllr K. Ashworth

In attendance: Mrs L. Carrow (Clerk & RFO), 3 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr A. Foxton (work commitment)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Foxton.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation

Several residents who had attended the Neighbourhood Plan drop-in meeting on 2 June spoke positively about the proposal. Another resident asked about final arrangements for the village fete later in the month.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12 May 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

5. Matters Arising

The Neighbourhood Plan drop-in meeting held on 2 June had been well attended, with around 30 residents, and had received a broadly positive response. Five residents had come forward to join a steering group. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council apply to Averbury District Council for formal designation of the parish as a neighbourhood area, as the first step in the process.

6. Village Fete

The Village Fete Committee had requested a grant of £300 (increased from £250 the previous year, reflecting rising costs) towards the fete to be held on the Green on 20 June. It was **RESOLVED**, under the general power of competence, to approve the grant.

7. Churchyard Capacity

The Clerk reported that St Mary's Parochial Church Council had raised concerns that available burial space in the churchyard was limited and might be exhausted within approximately five years. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council offer to meet with the PCC to explore options, including the possibility of a small extension onto adjoining glebe land.

8. Planning

Application 26/00611/HOU - replacement dwelling, Orchard Cottage, Mill Lane. Members raised no concerns. **RESOLVED** that the Council raise no objection.

9. Finance

Item	Amount
Balance brought forward	£56,869.98
Clerk's salary (June)	£412.60
HMRC - PAYE/NI	£58.40
Grounds maintenance - first cut of season	£225.00

Village Fete Committee – grant (per resolution above)	£300.00
Room hire	£15.00
Balance carried forward	£55,859.38

Note: figures reflect a small carried adjustment of 0.60 identified and corrected during the bank reconciliation, checked and signed by Cllr Whitfield.

10. Correspondence

None requiring discussion.

11. Any Other Business

None raised.

12. Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

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.