

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 July 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 R. Yeoman, Cllr K. Ashworth
In attendance: Mrs L. Carrow (Clerk & RFO), 2 members of the public
Apologies: Cllr P. Hollis (holiday)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hollis.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Participation

Residents thanked the Council and the Fete Committee for another successful village fete.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2026 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and signed.

5. Matters Arising

The village fete on the Green on 20 June had raised £810 for village hall funds, the best result yet; the Council recorded its thanks to the Fete Committee and all volunteers, noting the new roundabout had proved a popular attraction for younger visitors on the day. Averbury District Council had confirmed formal designation of the Thornwick St Mary neighbourhood area; the steering group would now begin gathering evidence, with a resident survey planned for early autumn.

6. Churchyard Capacity

An initial meeting had been held with representatives of St Mary's PCC to discuss the churchyard's limited remaining capacity. Options being explored included a small extension onto adjoining glebe land; a further update would be brought to a future meeting once initial feasibility had been considered.

7. Community Speedwatch

Quarterly figures showed a further decline in reported speeding offences on High Street. Given the volunteers' capacity, it was **RESOLVED** to extend the scheme to include occasional sessions on Church Lane, where a smaller but similar concern had previously been raised.

8. Mobile Signal - Netherfield Road

The network operator's revised timetable now indicated the mast upgrade was unlikely before the first quarter of 2027. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk write again pressing for an earlier date, copying in County Cllr Wetherby for support.

9. Planning

No new applications had been received.

10. Finance

Item	Amount
Balance brought forward	£55,859.38
Clerk's salary (July)	£412.60

HMRC – PAYE/NI	£58.40
Grounds maintenance – second cut	£225.00
Room hire	£15.00
Balance carried forward	£54,968.38

The half-year bank reconciliation was tabled and checked against the bank statement by Cllr Whitfield, and signed as a true record.

11. Correspondence

None requiring discussion.

12. Any Other Business

None raised.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 11 August 2026, 7.30pm, Thornwick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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.