

THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on 17th November 2025 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT

Paul Whybrow (Chair)
Yana Clipsham
Mike Kealey
Nicky Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE

Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor)
Alan Frost and Martin Witherington (Members of the Public)
Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk to the Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Jay Allsopp.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

The Members of the Public did not have any issues to raise that were not already on the Agenda.

4. POLICE MATTERS

There were no reports of crime in the village.

5. MINUTES of the Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting held 1st September 2025 were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by: Nicky Rogers

Seconded by: Yana Clipsham

6. MATTERS ARISING

i) Highway Issues

The chair reported that a large truck had been driven up Russell Hill, towards the A47, where it had struck an overhanging branch which had then fallen and damaged the stone walling.

ii) Social Events

Nicky Rogers has ordered the Christmas Tree which is due to be delivered in early December. She confirmed the Wansford Ukelele Band's attendance at the Christmas Lights' Switch-On. Alan Frost will check that carol sheets will be available. The Christmas Party will be held in the church on 19th December 2025. Nicky has the playlist for the event and will purchase cheese, crackers, mince pies and wine, etc. Yana Clipsham volunteered to help Nicky with this. Nicky is in the process of finalising the flyer advertising both events.

iii) **Defibrillator Training.**

The Clerk had booked St John's Ambulance to give a First Aid and Defibrillator Training Course for up to twelve residents in September 2025. Eight people attended and found the course excellent. Louise Molesworth has given Nicky Rogers new pads, etc, for the defibrillator. The Chair will speak to Adrian Rodgers (who checks the defibrillator) to let him know.

iv) **Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan**

Mike Kealey had left a message for Mick Grange, Sutton Parish Councillor, to facilitate a meeting to discuss Sutton's Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that Mike and the Chair will draft a draft flyer to explain the purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan and to encourage residents to become involved. A long discussion took place regarding the Peterborough Draft Local Plan and the possible impact on Thornhaugh and the surrounding parishes of housing development. The Draft Local Plan is due to be published early in the New Year. It was noted that although Thornhaugh Parish Council is some way behind other parish councils in undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council has already registered its interest in organising one.

v) **IT**

Jay Allsopp will send a written summary of the .gov.uk options to the Parish Councillors.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i) 25/00122/FUL - Change of use (and associated building works) to convert underused stable building to create 3no. dwellings with associated parking and amenity space (Use Class C3) at St John's Wood Farm, Kings Cliffe Road, Wansford – Awaiting Decision
- ii) 25/00756/WCPP Variation of condition C3 (restoration of site) of minerals application 14/01716/MMFUL at Land at Leicester Road, Wansford – Awaiting Decision
- iii) 25/0142/CTR Prune apple and pear trees at Old School House, 7 Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – No Objections. Permitted
- iv) 25/01221/CTR T.1 -T.5 - Ash Trees - Pollard at 5metres at Orchard Thatch, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Permitted
- v) 25/01022/OUT - Construction of agricultural storage building with access, site layout, and scale secured and all other matters reserved at Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision
- vi) 25/01344/LBC - Reinstatement of opening surround to barn at Manor Farm, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh – Awaiting Decision

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Already distributed.

9. FINANCE

- i) Statement and Bank Reconciliation on 31st October 2025. This was approved as proposed by Nicky Rogers and seconded by Yana Clipsham and agreed to by all present.
- ii) Precept 2026-2027- the Chair will circulate a draft to the Parish Councillors for their input, review and comments. The final submission to Peterborough City Council is due before the end of the year.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) To Confirm the Meeting Dates in 2026
19th January, 16th March, 18th May (APM & AGM), 20th July, 21st September and 16th November 2026 were confirmed.
- ii) Christie Hall
Yana Clipsham had recently attended a meeting about the future of the Christie Hall and the end of the current lease with the Royal British Legion. The Chair, Treasurer and Booking Clerk all wish to stand down from their posts after years of volunteering for the Christie Hall. However, despite advertising, no one has yet come forward to take on these roles. It is likely that the rent will increase from 2026 onwards.
- iii) Augean's Combined ENRMF and Thornhaugh Group Meeting held on 6 November 2025:-
- Kings Cliffe Landfill is handling approximately 15,000 tons of waste per month and has about 15 years of use left although planning approval runs to 2046.
 - Surplus material (clean old waste) from Kings Cliffe Landfill is being used to sustain Thornhaugh Landfill along with some dry fill to the tune of 5,000 tons per month.
 - Kings Cliffe handles varying classes of waste while Thornhaugh handles dry inert waste.
 - Sites are strategically linked.
 - Cooks Hole Farm is to continue to be protected as it a Grade II building. Future use has not been decided but it will not be demolished.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on 19th January 2026 in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh.

SIGNED

Chair

DATE

19/01/26