

Minutes of Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting  
Held a 7.00pm on 9th March 2026 in  
St Andrews Church, Thornhaugh

PRESENT: Chair - Mike Kealey  
Yana Clipsham  
Nicky Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Allsopp - IT Support  
Kevin Guinness / Paul Davies - Members of the Public  
Sam Green - Clerk to the Council

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Paul Whybrow / Gavin Elsey / Deidre McCumiskey
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
4. **POLICE MATTERS** - No reports of crime in the village
5. **MINUTES OF THE THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 January 2026**  
Reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair  
**Proposed by:** Nicky Rogers                      **Seconded by:** Yana Clipsham
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - i) **Highway issues** - Member of the public enquired if the junction at the A47 to Old Leicester Road was within the Thornhaugh boundaries as it is a location of many near misses and potentially serious accidents - to address with Highways agency - following on from the meeting this was explored and noted to be outside of the boundaries of Thornhaugh
  - ii) **Parish Social Events 2026** - Planning for a summer event and X2 Christmas events - query raised about the budget for these owing to the recent involvement with BTG Eddisons for the support with the objection for the West Wittering Plan, however the summer event did not take place in 2025 - Alan and Joan Frost have already expressed they are happy to host a summer event. Nicky Rogers to liaise with Alan and Joan regarding a convenient date for this.
  - iii) **Thornhaugh Neighbourhood Plan** - it is with thanks that the following people have volunteered to be a part of this group - Karen Jones, Chris Smith, Kevin Guinness, Helen Kewney and Stuart Foreman. Yana Clapham and Nicky Rogers have also offered to support. Mike Kealey to organise next steps. Query from Kevin Guinness about time frames - deemed too late to make any actions for the current Local Plan for West Wittering, however preparations for future proofing can begin - noted that Sutton Neighbourhood Group meet six weekly and we can liaise with them to gauge Terms of Reference that will be made specific for Thornhaugh - the purpose being to ensure the views of the community are heard. ACTION: to convene a meeting to be able to go to the next step and to invite someone who has been involved within the process to guide us through what is needed to do - to look at the skills sets of all members of the group
  - iv) **IT Policies** - Jay Allsopp reports that all statutory information that was on the current website will be transferred to the new one. He has a meeting with Mark Tomkins, Founder of Aubergine on 25th March - an engagement letter and invoice has been sent and agreed. Emails for parish council to be discussed - Cloudy IT quote for this support is not needed at this time and suggestion (and agreement) to use Aubergines basic package - can always move to a more comprehensive email solution if deemed necessary in the future. Timeframe to go live with the new website - earliest would be May - images and historical agendas/finances can be uploaded but noted that there is no picture logo only text - Wittering reported to use their village sign as a logo - Nicky Rogers to look into a picture logo. Jay was thanked for his continued efforts.
  - v) **Clerks Resignation and Replacement** - The council look forward to seeing Deidre at the next meeting she is able to attend. Sam Green to take on the role of Clerk to Parish Council

vi) **Proposal for Housing Development at Wittering** - Objections from Thornhaugh Parish Council were submitted on time, and objections from the community have also been submitted. We are uncertain at present of time frames for actions. Freedom of Information was submitted on 22/02/26 and response will be by 22/03/26

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS -**

25//00756/WCPP Variation of condition C3 (restoration of site) of minerals application -  
Awaiting decision

14/01716/MMFUL at Land at Leicester Road, Wansford - Awaiting Decision

**8. CORRESPONDENCE** - Previously distributed

**9. FINANCE**

This was approved as proposed by Mike Kealey and seconded by Yana Clipsham and agreed to by all present.

Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 28th February 2026

Payment of Aubergine invoice

Payment of CAPALC invoice

Payment of fees to BTG Eddisons (clerk to query VAT recovery)

Reported increase of rent to be payable Christie Hall, Wansford - to review upon confirmation of annual fee

Bank Mandate - Nicky Rogers and Sam Green now added as signatories

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

i) Repair to the wall at junction of Russell Hill / A47 - fixed

**ii) Special Thank you to the following people:**

• Nikki, Tammi, Paul and Jane for the litter pick recently.

• To the person(s) who kindly planted the daffodils in the flower boxes at the top of the village by the A1 junction, and who cleaned the Tourist Information Board

• Nicky Rogers for the leaflet drops of late

iii) Anglian Water Leak - not fixed to date

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING`;**

Agreement amongst all councillors present and absent, to meet monthly for the foreseeable future

**NEXT MEETING - Monday 13th April - 19:00**