

# **THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL**

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Cllrs R Hannigan, P Clark, D Wells (Ferry Ward)  
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Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2024** at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church.

**Present:** Cllrs J Hargreaves (Chair), C Couch (Vice Chair), E Davey, R. Davey, J Farrow,  
Three members of the public.

## **Public Participation:**

The procedure for co-option was explained.

A question was asked about residents calling a by-election. It was explained that councillors are elected for four years and by-elections cannot be called by residents, except to fill a vacancy on the council.

A complaint was made regarding a blocked drain outside the Old Vicarage and one outside the Thornton Hunt. The Clerk will report these.

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## **AGENDA**

### **24/25-091. To Note Apologies for Absence**

*Apologies were received from Cllr L Maltas and Ward Cllr D Wells*

### **24/25-092 To Note Declarations of Interest/Dispensations**

*None*

### **24/25-093. To Resolve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024**

***Resolved: To approve the Minutes with the amendment below***

### **24/25-094. To Resolve Matters Arising**

**24/25-082** *It was pointed out that the Bike Night grant has not yet been received.*

### **24/25-095 Ward Councillors Report**

To receive report/information from Ward Councillors  
*None attended*

### **24/25-096. To Resolve Police Matters**

Police Community Watch/Neighbourhood Watch/NATs.

***No meeting has been held recently.***

***Hare coursing is a problem at present, it is happening almost every night on Middlegate, Elsham Top and various local places. Gates are being broken. The police are aware and have made an arrest.***

***Tools have been stolen from Burnham.***

### **24/25-097. To Resolve/receive updates on Village Matters**

#### **i) Village events**

##### **a) VE/VJ Day 2025**

***Resolved: As the deadline for the grant application is January 20<sup>th</sup>, it was agreed to discuss possible events and bring them to next meeting***

#### **ii) Playing field**

##### **a) To receive update on the grant application for a swing**

***Resolved: To note that a National Lottery grant of £10427 has been awarded for the supply and installation of a small playtower and a swing. Tenders were considered and it was agreed to award the contract to Sovereign who also include annual inspections in their tender.***

***The Clerk was thanked for her work securing the grant.***

***The wild flower turf has been laid.***

***The question of the apple trees was raised – one has died and another is looking unhealthy. It was felt they should be re-located.***

##### **b) To discuss grass cutting in 2025 – playing field and PROWs.**

***Resolved: To seek prices for 2025 cutting***

#### **iii) BCCRP**

To receive update on litter bin emptying

***NLC will empty the bin at the station fortnightly at a cost of £8.47 per visit.***

### **24/25-098. To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters and receive any updates**

- a) Road signs  
**The Clerk had received replies to the reports on potholes, missing signpost and Station Road footpath**  
**Resolved: To note that some of the potholes have been filled in, though not very satisfactorily, but there is still a bad one on Dam Lane that will be reported. The Clerk will ask why the missing signpost is not an “actionable defect” as NLC stated and will pursue the matter of the dangerous footpath on Station Road.**
- b) Public footpaths  
**The holes in Footpath 30 have now been repaired.**  
**The matter of speeding on Crookmill Lane and Burnham Lane was raised. As the signs on Station Road have had some effect, it was agreed to ask if a speed limit could be put on these lanes.**  
**Flooding on Burnham Lane is still a problem,**

**24/25-099. To Resolve Environmental Issues and receive any updates**

- a) Thornton Abbey and surrounding area.  
**A report was received from English Heritage explaining the works required and the schedule for completing them.**  
**Resolved: To note that English Heritage planned to hold Conservation in Action guided tours on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and to encourage Thornton Curtis residents and other interested parties to take part.**

**24/25-100. To Consider/Resolve Any Correspondence**

- NLC Year of Walking offer  
**Resolved: To order a Walking Toolkit.**  
**A letter of thanks for the donations and for holding the Bike Night was also read out from Care after Combat**

**24/25-101. To Resolve Accounts & Finance Matter**

- i) To approve September/October accounts  
**Resolved: To approve the accounts**
- ii) To note payments due in November 2024: Phoenix – payroll £19.80;  
**Resolved: To approve the payments**  
 Account balances as at 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
 Community Account = £3455.13; Savings Account = £ 1615.76; Village Fund = £495.22
- iii) To discuss precept for 2025/26  
**Councillors were asked to consider any projects that might need funding in the 2025/26 budget for the next meeting.**

**24/25-102. To Resolve/Note Planning Matters**     *None*

**24/25-103. Date of next meeting : Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**

**24/25-104 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

- i) To discuss Community Governance in relation to the Parish Council vacancy.  
**Resolved: To note that the official documents from NLC regarding the vacancy are being sent. Although the Community Governance Review recommends only six councillors for Thornton Curtis, this vacancy still has to be advertised. It was pointed out that if the required number of residents call an election for the vacancy, it will cost the village almost £1000.**
- ii) To discuss correspondence from the Information Commissioner's Office  
**Resolved: The note that the agreed reply had been sent.**
- iii) To approve NALC increase in clerk's salary rates  
**Resolved: To approve the increase.**