



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held St Lawrence Church, Main Street, Thornton Curtis on **WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY, 2025** at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllrs J Hargreaves (Chair), C Couch (Vic Chair), I Couch, R. Davey
Ann Boulton Clerk to the Council
Three members of the public

AGENDA

1. Report on the year by Parish Council Chair
The Chair reported that it had been an eventful year. There had been some negatives but a lot of positives. A disproportionate amount of time had been spent defending the council's principles and integrity against a virulent campaign aimed at two members in particular and the parish council as a whole. The PC had answered an appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. At one stage, all the councillors had been close to resigning en masse but were aware that most villagers were working for the good of the village. On the plus side the VE Day event was a fantastic success – thanks to everyone who contributed and attended.
The playground equipment was up and running by the end of April – a lot of this was due to the Clerk's work on the Lottery grant.
The open days at Thornton Abbey were over-subscribed and the Chair will follow this up as people should be able to visit the Abbey.
Two councillors moved from the area during the year, Paul Grainger and former Chair Lucinda Maltas, who is now head of the company's seed department and the PC also lost Arnie Webb after a short time as a councillor. Ian Couch was welcomed as a new member of the council.
A letter of thanks is to be sent to Richard Bowles at Worlaby for taking the trees that were not thriving on the playing field and for donating a table and chairs.
- 2 Financial Report
The main expenditure this year had been on the playing field. The Lottery grant covered most of the work but the PC had to contribute and also, helped by a grant from NLC, bought the wild flower mat to create a wild flower area. The precept had been kept at £3000 and £1570 was being carried forward to the new financial year.
- 3 Any matters that residents of Thornton Curtis would like to raise.
Residents raised the following problems which will be reported to North Lincs Council.
 - *Station Road footpath. The ground had not been treated before it was laid and weeds were growing through. The piece that has not been finished, where people are forced to walk on the road, is getting more dangerous.*
 - *Potholes on Dam Lane and the damaged edges of the carriageway*
 - *Is it possible to have a bus stop sign and hatching by the lychgate to make it easier to exit Burnham Lane on to the main road?*
 - *The number of HGVs coming through the village from Immingham to New Holland is getting worse*
 - *The drain that had been cleared of concrete is getting blocked by debris and sludge.*
 - *There is a loose manhole cover on Station Road by Spruce Lodge.*

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