

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Ann Boulton, 8 Beck Hill, Barton upon Humber DN18 5HQ

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held on **Tuesday, 8th July** at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church

Present: Cllrs J Hargreaves (Chair), C Couch (Vice Chair), P Borrill, I Couch, J Farrow
Clerk to the Council Ann Boulton

Public Participation

Members of the public may raise subjects that they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Items relating to matters on the agenda will be taken first. The time will be restricted to 15 minutes maximum, with no member of the public speaking for more than 3 minutes, unless the Council decides otherwise. Members of the public should note that decisions cannot be made at this meeting on items not on the agenda.

No members of the public attended

AGENDA

Councillors welcomed Philip Borrill who had been co-opted on the Parish Council

25/26-001 To Note Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr E Davey, Cllr R Davey, Ward Cllrs P Clark, D Wells

25/26-002 To Note Declarations of Interest/Dispensations *None*

25/26-003 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th March, 2025
The date should read 7th May. With this amendment, the Minutes were approved and signed.

25/26-004 To Resolve Matters Arising *None*

25/26-005 Ward Councillors Report

To receive report/information from Ward Councillors
No Ward Councillors attended

25/26-006 To Resolve Police Matters

Police Community Watch/Neighbourhood Watch/NATs.

Cllr Carole Couch said that PCSO Richard Lawson would like to attend the next PC meeting.

Cllr John Farrow said that he had attended the last NATS meeting and discussions had included crime on villages, with violence against people the most frequently reported.

Councillors expressed their concerns about rural crime.

Resolved: That the Clerk will invite PCSO Lawson to the September meeting.

25/26-007 To Resolve/receive updates on Village Matters

i) Village events

The next event is the Art and Craft Exhibition for which plans are progressing.

There is a Bikefest at the end of July.

Resolved: That the Chairman will contact the Bikefest organiser to see if the PC can offer any support.

ii) Playing field

a) Sign to acknowledge playing field grants

Resolved: The Clerk will get a quote for an A4 sign to go on the wall at the playing field entrance.

b) Official opening

It was agreed to arrange this for Spring 2026

c) Grass cutting

Resolved: That the Clerk can authorise extra cuts of the playing field if required.

iii) BCCRP

The tubs at the station are looking beautiful. Cllr Hargreaves donated two IBCs on pallets to make watering easier. Cllr Farrow has since moved them to a less visible position. Cllr Borrill offered to donate a large plastic watering can.

iv) In Bloom

v) Report on In Bloom judging

*Cllr Carole Couch reported that this had gone very well. The judge had met Alix who told him about the bulb planting and had seen several front gardens, the churchyard, the playing field and the station garden, finishing at the Thornton Hunt where Dene and Rob talked about the pub and laid on refreshments. They were thanked for their help.
The presentation of awards takes place at Grimsby Town Hall in September.*

25/26-008 To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters and receive any updates

- a) Road signs – *the Unsuitable for HGVs sign had been replaced but the finger post is still missing.*
- b) Potholes – *there are bad potholes going towards Burnham Crossroads and on Station Road opposite Darnon House.*
- c) Flooding – *no report*
- d) Public footpaths - *The hedge by footpath 130 is overgrown. The Clerk will check that North Lincs are still paying for the PC to cut it back.
Resolved: To approach North Lincs regarding a footpath to Wootton School.*
- e) Update on speed sign – *a location has now been agreed with North Lincs so the Clerk will check that the quotes still stand and apply for a grant.
The village had Speedwatch but numbers dropped to less than the required 6 for a team.*

25/26-009 To Resolve Environmental Issues and receive any updates

- a) Thornton Abbey and surrounding area.
Cllr Farrow reported that the area had been tidied up, the fence repaired and a new litter bin installed. He said a new English Heritage organiser was starting at the beginning of August and he asked to go round the fields.

25/26-010 To Consider/Resolve Any Correspondence

- i) To sign acceptance form for In Bloom grant
Resolved: To accept the In Bloom grant for £189 for the purchase of bulbs.

25/26-011 To Resolve Accounts & Finance Matter

- i) To approve May and June accounts
Resolved: To approve the accounts.
- ii) To approve and sign end of year Certificate of Exemption submission to the external auditor.
Resolved: To approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption
- iii) To note payments due in July: Clerk's salary; HMRC £23.80; Chestnut Mowing (2 months) £140.00;
Noted
- iv) Account balances: Community Account = £445.62 Savings Account = £2005.46
Bus Account: 0.00

25/26-012 To Resolve/Note Planning Matters

*Concerns were raised about an AirB&B operating without planning permission.
Resolved: To approach the Planning Enforcement Officer*

25/26-013 Date of next meeting, Tuesday 9th September, 2025 at 6.30pm

25/24-014 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.

To discuss correspondence from resident

Resolved: The reply was agreed and the letter will be sent.