

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held on **Tuesday, 21st July, 2026** at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church.

Present: Cllrs J Hargreaves (Chair), C Couch (Vice Chair), P Borrill, I Couch, E Davey, J Farrow,
Ward Cllr D Wells
Clerk to the Council Ann Boulton
Eight Thornton Curtis residents

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.

Cllr Wells asked to give his report before the start of the meeting as he had to leave early. He outlined the proposal for traffic serving the new Sweetbriar Energy Park (planning application PA/2025/794) with a one way in and out plan for lorries – estimated to be 20 a day. One suggestion is a route from East Halton via Crookmill Lane/Abbey Road/Carr Lane.

Cllr Wells assured the Parish Council that Goxhill Road, Station Road and Main Street would not be used as a route.

It was agreed to write to North Lincs Highways Department regarding the unsuitability of Crook Mill Lane because of the narrowness and the weak bridge and asking for assurance that the lorries will stick to the designated route.

Members of the public had attended the meeting to discuss the crime wave in the village, including break-ins, thefts and criminal damage. Several said they had reported incidents but felt they were getting no action and they felt threatened and unsafe in their own homes.. The lack of action seemed to be sending a message to the criminals that it was OK to do this in Thornton Curtis.

One resident and the clerk had telephone conversations with a member of the Rural Crime Scene and Cllr John Farrow had attended a meeting regarding setting up a Farm Watch scheme but had heard nothing else as yet. The police had now attended the village over several nights and had photos of a man thought to be involved in the incidents.

Cllr Carole Couch had a visit from two members of the local police team and emphasised that residents should report each and every occurrence, however small, so that the police can build up a picture of the incidents.

Cllr Couch will collate all the information and the clerk will send it to the police and also to the Police & Crime Commissioner.

AGENDA

26/27-015 To Note Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Davey.

26/27-016 To Note Declarations of Interest/Dispensations None

26/27-003 To approve and sign the Minutes of the AGM of the Parish Council and the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th May, 2026

Resolved: To approve the Minutes. Prop: Cllr I Couch, Sec: Cllr Borrill

26/27-017 To Resolve Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

26/27-018 Ward Councillors Report

*To receive report/information from Ward Councillors
Cllr Wells gave his report before the meeting started*

26/27-019 To Resolve Police Matters

- a) Police Community Watch/Neighbourhood Watch/NATs.
Cllr Farrow attended the last NATS meeting but the Police did not attend.
- a) Recent burglaries in the village - CCTV footage
This was covered under public participation

26/27-020 To Resolve/receive updates on Village Matters

- i) Village events
Thornton Curtis Bikefest takes place on 1st August.
- ii) Playing field
 - a) Play equipment inspection 17th July
Cllr I Couch said he had carried out some repairs and also fitted some spikes at the top of the swings to deter pigeons but unfortunately the pigeons now have started perching on the swing seats. No report on the external inspection had yet been received.
 - b) To update the official opening of the Playing Field
It was suggested that if Cllr Hannigan has recovered from his operation, this could be held to coincide with the Harvest Festival.
- iii) BCCCRP
Nothing to report on the station building.
- iv) In Bloom 2026.
Report on In Bloom judging
Cllr C Couch reported that this went very well, Richard did a great job in Cllr Borrill's absence and has offered to lead In Bloom next year. The judges were very supportive of the village and seemed impressed with the children's garden on the playing field. The presentation is in September.
It was agreed that more bulbs were needed for next year and Cllr Hargreaves said he would donate a bag.
- v) NLC Grant Publicity photo
To note that this has now been booked for Monday, 17th August at 2pm
Noted
- vi) Defibrillator
 - i) To receive a report on training from Cllr C Couch
Cllr Couch said the training was very well-received and very useful and had resulted in a further booking with St John Ambulance for a first aid course.
 - ii) To consider applying for a defibrillator for Burnham
Resolved: The clerk will look at what grants are available with a view to purchasing one for Burnham.
It was also suggested that a defibrillator at the station would be useful and that a defib What's App group could be set up.

26/27-021 To Resolve Highways & Transport Matters and receive any updates

- a) Potholes
The clerk has taken photos of the potholes on Burnham Lane and will send them to NLC Highways.
The Chair has stayed in contact with Mick Johnson, Head of Highways
- b) Update on new Speed Indicator Device
The new speed sign has proved effective in slowing down the traffic.
- c) To consider replacing Speed Indicator Device at the other end of the village
Following the success of the new speed sign, it was agreed to apply for a grant to replace the old sign with a similar one.
- d) College Road closure
College Road has now re-opened

26/27-022 To Resolve Environmental Issues and receive any updates

- a) Thornton Abbey and surrounding area
Cllr Farrow reported that NLC have been mending potholes on Crook Mill Lane and one outside the Abbey.

English Heritage are organising conducted tours of the Abbey on the third Sunday of each month – details are on the website.

- b) HS2 Pipeline correspondence/Humber Hydrogen Pipeline correspondence
Cllr Hargreaves said that the Carbon Capture pipeline had already gone through at least five fields of wheat at a cost he estimated to be about £50000 in damage.

26/27-023 To Consider/Resolve Any Correspondence received after the agenda was distributed. *None*

26/27-024 To Resolve Accounts & Finance Matters

- i) To approve May and June accounts.
Resolved: To approve the accounts
- ii) Bank Balances 30 June: Community Acc: £1705.62 Business Acc: £27.29
- iii) To receive and consider internal audit report
The only negative comments related to the late display of last year's Notice of Public Rights. Comment was also made on the question of website and email compliance with the new Assertion 10.
Resolved: To note the report.
- iv) To approve July payments: Clerk's salary; HMRC; Phoenix (payroll) £22.00
Resolved: To approve the payments.

26/27-025 To Resolve/Note Planning Matters *None*

26/27-026 Date of next meeting, Provisional date: Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 6.30pm

26/27-027 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.

None