Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Thorpe Salvin held on Monday 11th May 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Church, Thorpe Salvin

Present: Cllr. Max Collingwood – Chairman of Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
Cllr. A. Colclough
Cllr. C. Marsh
Cllr. M. Johnson

Also present: Anne Wilson Parish Clerk

1. **Welcome from the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting and gave a fire safety announcement.

2. **To receive apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

3. **To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025.**

Members noted that there were no notes for the meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 as the Councillors felt that the meeting guidance was unclear and therefore no specific meetings for the parishioners was held.

4. **Report from the Chairman of Thorpe Salvin Parish Council, Councillor Max Collingwood.**

Councillor Collingwood gave the following report:

The Chairman's report in respect of the last year was as follows:

Firstly, I'd like to thank the team for all their hard work last year and for continuing to give up their time to support our community. After 18 years of service to the parish Councillor John Cox resigned from his position in January 2026. His contribution has been exemplary with real passion for making our parish a 'great place to live and work'. We wish him all the best for the future and we're now actively looking for a replacement councillor.

Stuart Fletcher who was new in role as our clerk/responsible finance officer at the start of the year resigned from his position in November 2025 due to personal reasons. We have since recruited Anne Wilson as his replacement and welcome her to the team.

We continue to work with the borough council, suppliers and working groups to maintain and improve the Parish. This can be challenging but as individuals and as a group we keep striving to make positive changes within the Parish.

Activities we have led, financed, and have been involved in over the last year have

included:

• Community Litter Picks

• Facilitated additional Road Sweeps albeit these have been impacted by lack of plant availability and staff shortages within RMBC.

• Pursing RMBC for repairs to both roads and speed humps. We were originally informed that the speed humps were scheduled to be replaced this year however this didn't materialise. We continue to chase for answers.

• Provision of a new 'Fairybell' Christmas Light display in Coronation Gardens.

• Replaced 12 wooden posts along the verge of Sorby Fields.

• Replaced 4 chains and 2 swing seats on the Sorby Fields play equipment.

• The TSPC sign was repaired with a new frame and post.

• Remembrance Day poppies were displayed on street lighting posts in Turnerwood, Thorpe Salvin and West Thorpe.

• Defibrillator pads were replaced.

Although Thorpe Salvin was once again not selected by the Borough for significant road safety improvements last year, TSPC will continue in collaboration with RMBC to push forward in obtaining road safety measures including a 20-mph speed limit within the village of Thorpe Salvin where 80% of the roads do not have an adjacent footpath.

The Parish Council continues to struggle in engaging with local handyman services particularly as the majority of the maintenance in the parish is small in scale and is therefore unattractive to potential suppliers.

TSPC looks forward to maintaining close connections with 'Thorpe in Bloom' to focus on improving the appearance of the Parish.

I look forward to working with the team including our Borough Councillors to further enhance our community over the coming year.

5. **Report from Cllr. Tim Baum-Dixon, Rotherham MBC.**

Cllr. Baum-Davies had been invited to the meeting but did not attend.

6 **Questions from residents**

There were no residents present.

Signed …… Date …….