

THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WAS BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT

Cllr A Colclough

Cllr J Cox

Cllr M Johnson

Cllr C Marsh

Parish Clerk – Mr S Fletcher

1. **Welcome to Public** Comments or questions from members of the public (15-30 minutes will be allowed)
No members of the public were present

2. **To receive any apologies for absence**
Cllr M Collingwood

3. **To declare any interests necessary for this meeting and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.**
None

4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 2025.**
Approved by all.

5. **Matters Arising**

- a) **Sorby Field - Play Area report, grass cutting, Hedge, etc**

Cllr Colclough stated that the Play Area Risk Assessment Report remains at low risk, this was the usual risk rating. Cllr Colclough reported that the chains on the swings were noted as showing signs of wear and suggested obtaining a price from RMBC to replace. Agreed by all.

Cllr Colclough raised the issue as to whether TSPC should consider replacing the other picnic bench. The previous bench was approximately £500, which Councillor Marsh had installed. RMBC had previously stated that they would charge approximately £350 for installation. It was agreed that Councillor Marsh obtain the current price for a new picnic bench and would ask Mark for a price to install.

- b) **Village Maintenance – Sorby verge wooden posts, Coronation Garden, Road Sweep, etc.**

Councillor Colclough stated that he had had a quote from RMBC in respect of replacing the wooden posts on the grass verge. A direct replacement would cost £3185 and for composite posts would cost £5210.

It was considered that it would be worth replacing all of the posts as the majority were rotten. It was agreed that Councillor Colclough would obtain another quote.

Comment was made that Coronation Gardens had been planted and looks very good. A discussion ensued about hanging baskets and the involvement of Thorpe in Bloom was

discussed. It was considered that it would be preferable that in future Thorpe in Bloom lead on this initiative and TSPC may be able to support by contributing to the costs.

It was confirmed that the road sweep was carried out the previous Thursday, 8th May. The issue of Parish maintenance was discussed and Cllr Cox pointed out given the finances of the PC it should start to consider whether there were new projects that it should be considering that would benefit the Parish. The question as to whether the Parish Council would wish to use the services of a gardener or handyman for 8 hours per month was considered. It was agreed that there was probably a need for two different roles, a handyman and a gardener. These roles would need to be carried out by a contractor, the Parish Council would not wish to employ people for this.

It was agreed that Councillor Cox would ask Mark Hickton about his willingness to undertake the handyman role.

It was discussed that if the PC was able to find a suitable person /persons for this role, that Cllr Johnson and Cllr Cox would produce a list of items considered for attention to benefit the appearance of the Parish including West Thorpe.

The gardening role would be from April to the end of September, in line with the grass cutting timetable. It was further agreed that a list of jobs that needed doing would be compiled, in collaboration with TIBand the gardener would do as much of these within the time allocated

Similarly, a list of the painting jobs and other maintenance jobs which need to be done around the parish was discussed. It was agreed that the PC would make the wish to appoint someone and pay them to do painting and Village maintenance known by placing a Notice on the Notice Boards , the website and the village newsletter. .

c) Village Sign

Councillor Cox confirmed the method of construction and installation of the Village sign which was being made and was not far away from being finished.

d) Notice Boards

In respect of the Notice Boards, the Perspex sheet on the board in the village will be replaced. It was agreed that Councillor Cox would speak to Mark about when the Notice Board would be finished.

e) Road Safety

Councillor Colclough confirmed that he had written to Andy Lee again about Back Lane and Andy Lee had responded and confirmed that it was a deliberate decision not to have road markings on the road following various studies which stated that was potentially safer and the road was not wide enough to have a central line markers. Councillor Colclough stated that he had told him of the recent complaints from members of the public and that he would like to have Back Lane reviewed. Councillor Colclough had copied in the ward councillors and Tim had stated that he would like to attend when there was any meeting or inspection with the road safety officers/inspectors. Councillor Colclough also stated that he would write to RMBC about the 20 mph speed limit again.

Councillor Marsh stated that drivers on Packman Lane were saying that it was dangerous due to the hedges and overgrown verges. Discussion ensued as to whether the Parish Council could request the farmer to cut their hedge and for there to be a mirror put up

at the junction, but it was acknowledged that the Parish Council was not responsible for highways issues. It was agreed that it would be ideal if as well as contacting the Parish Council residents contacted RMBC directly about any road safety concerns. The Parish Council would be supportive and continue to liaise with RMBC on road safety issues. It was agreed that it would be less effective if residents only come to the Parish Council about these issues.

f) Slaypit Lane – Dog Fouling

The amount of dog fouling in this area had decreased. Councillor Johnson confirmed that the relevant signs had arrived and that she would be arranging for them to be installed.

6. Governance Matters

a) Update on Government Website

This was now complete save for the transition of the clerk's email address. There had been concern on the clerk's part that the migration of the email addresses may cause issues with the current Parish council laptop but it was agreed that this should not be an issue, due to cloud storage being used for e-mail.

7. Planning Matters

a) Planning enforcement

Councillors Cox had been asked to contact the Borough about outstanding matters and provided an update following a response from the Council

- i) Mr Bonsall had applied for a Lawful Development Certificate.
- ii) In respect of the building in Springfield Cottage. After an Appeal the Inspector had agreed with the Council and the owners have been directed to take it down
- iii) RMBC have made a visit to the site of the new Barn erected off Worksop Road and as a result have issued a Notice to the owners that a number of matters involved in granting permission have not been adhered to and stated they now need to be addressed. The access from the road is a concern to Councillors and Residents currently

Battery storage site of Hard Lane — RMBC have declined to make any decision on this.

b) Applications since last meeting

There were no relevant applications since the last meeting.

The application for 17 Common Rd had not been published and therefore the application had been withdrawn.

c) Decisions

None

8. Finance

a) Current Balances

Current account £20,895

Reserve Account £5,288.14

b) Cheques to be signed

J Haddon – Audit £75

c)Audit

The clerk stated that the audit had been completed by Mr Haddon. It was agreed that the clerk would liaise with Mr Haddon about any issues raised by him for the purpose of clarification.

9. Report by Borough Councillors

None present

10. Correspondence

Correspondence from the Parish Liaison Officer and nominations for the Standards and Ethics Committee was discussed

Correspondence about a forthcoming talk by the Deputy South Yorkshire Mayor, who has responsibility for liaison with Parish Councils was discussed

11. Councillor items for discussion only

None

12.Date of next meeting

14th July 2025 – 7.00pm