

THORNHACKETT PARISH COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to an Ordinary Council Meeting of Thornhackett Parish Council to be held at Thornford Village Hall on **Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.00pm**. The Meetings are open to any resident to attend. They are meetings of the Council in public not public meetings.

The Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities, Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. The Council has signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

Thornhackett Council associates itself with Dorset Council in declaring a Climate and Ecological Emergency

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Declaration of Interests**
- 4. Minutes** of the meeting held on 17th June 2026 for agreement and approval.
- 5. Matters Arising** – a) Blackberry Solar Farm
- 6. Public Forum** - A period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to raise questions or concerns for discussion by the Council at a later date.
- 7. Finances** – a) Income and Expenditure since the last meeting in May
b) Future expenditure for consideration, including renewal of SSE contract
c) Grant application
d) Internal Audit i) Report ii) Response
e) Reserves Policy (Internal Audit)
- 8. Speed Limit Beer Hackett**
- 9. Environment Champion Report**
- 10. Report from DAPTC AGM and Register of Interests**
- 11. Motion to Council** This proposal is to create for the Parish Council an Audit and Risk Working Group to oversee financial matters and to assess and mitigate risk to the Council, both financial and material.

The working Group will consist of

- The Councillor with responsibility for Audit and Risk who will be the Chairman of the working group.
- The Chairman of the Council
- One other Member of the Council

The group will meet on an *ad hoc* basis but with a minimum of two meetings per Municipal Year, one meeting to review the budget process (normally in January) and the other to review the internal and external audits (normally in April / May).

Clerking and reporting arrangements for the group will be done by group members themselves with the Parish Clerk in attendance only if they believe their input is required to facilitate discussion.

Notice of the meeting will be five (5) working days prior to the meeting with the Agenda circulated at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting. Notice to be circulated to working group members and the Parish Clerk.

The working group will consider matters before it and will make comment and / or recommendations reported to the Parish Clerk within five (5) days of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Stephen Hillier

Seconded by Cllr Matthew Hoff

- 12. Reports from Working Groups – Environment Working Group, Play Area**
- 13. Reports from Councillors with Responsibilities**
- 14. Planning applications – new, in progress and finalised.**
- 15. Communications and Urgent Business communicated to the Chairman in advance**

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday **16th September 2026** Thornford Village Hall at 7.00pm