

Throwley Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 6.30pm at Sheldwich Village Hall

Present:

Adam Jastrzebski	(TPC Chairman)
Di Lintott	(TPC Councillor)
Emma Brown	(TPC Councillor)
Alan Murphy	(TPC Councillor)
Sarah Jane Tormey	(TPC Councillor)
Francess Wilson	(TPC Councillor)
Paul Furneaux	(TPC Councillor)
Mrs Marie Norris	(Clerk)
Cllr Terry Thompson	(Swale Borough Councillor)

26.08.01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Murphy apologies these were accepted by the Parish Council.

26.08.02 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

26.08.03 Confirmation of Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in June were accepted and signed as a true record.

26.08.04 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Cllr Tormey reported that a representative from KCC had visited the area to inspect the verges. As birds are currently nesting, the bushes will not be cut until September.
- Shavers Meadow Cllr Tormey raised concerns regarding the condition of the road and is currently awaiting a response from KCC.
- Invoices for the grass cutting have now been received and forwarded to the clerk for payment.
- The clerk will raise an invoice with TEA for grass cutting and electric for the Throwley Fete.

26.08.05 Public Interval

There were no members of the public in attendance and no items had brought to the attention of the PC for discussion.

26.08.06 Planning Matters

APPLICATION REF: 26/502707/FULL

PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear extension.

ADDRESS: Oast Barn, Throwley Road, Throwley, Kent ME13 0JS

COMMENTS DUE BY: 13 August 2026,

Resolved - Throwley Parish Council considered the above application and submitted a response of No comments.

APPLICATION REF: 26/502909/FULL

PROPOSAL: Section 73 - Application for minor material amendment to approve of plans condition 2 (to allow reduction of roof overhangs to front and rear garage and replacement of hipped dormers with gabled dormers) pursuant to

23/503727/FULL for - Erection of a first floor side extension and part conversion of garage to form utility room and home office.

ADDRESS: Treeleigh House, Almshouse Road, Throwley, Forstal, Kent ME13 0PJ

COMMENTS DUE BY: 28 August 2026

Resolved - Throwley Parish Council considered the above application and submitted a response of No comments

26.08.07 **Financial Matters**

Bank Balance

The bank balance as of 11th August 2026, stands at £6091.12 with no receipts to report in this period.

Invoices for August Payment

There were no invoices for payment for this period. Councillors noted payment of the direct debits below for August

Clerk Salary D/D - £132.60

EDF Energy D/D – £63.65

Village Hall – £28.00

It was resolved that the clerk will contact Unity Bank and request new login details for Cllr Brown.

26.08.08 **Footpaths & Bridleways**

Cllr Wilson passed on her thanks to all those involved in cutting back the bridleway running from the village to Belmont Gates.

It was noted that access to some footpaths remains compromised, with areas that had previously been covered with wildflowers yet to be reinstated. Cllr Wilson will endeavour to make contact with the relevant landowner regarding this particular footpath, with the hope that access can be reinstated.

Residents were reminded that any issues with footpaths, tracks and bridleways can be reported via the KCC website. The Clerk will share the relevant link again on the TPC WhatsApp group.

26.08.09 **Borough Councillors Report**

Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Thompson provided an update on the proposed LGR arrangements. He explained that the preferred option being considered is the creation of a new unitary authority although the final arrangements and boundaries are still subject to confirmation.

The current timetable is for a shadow authority to begin work on establishing the new unitary arrangements with further briefings and meetings taking place from September onwards.

He explained that councillors elected in May will form part of the shadow arrangements and will continue in their roles until the new unitary authority becomes operational which is currently expected to be in April 2028. During this period, the shadow authority will work on developing the structure and operation of the new council. Further updates will be made to Parish Council as more details become available.

Blean Woods

Cllr Thompson gave a short presentation and requested the parish council support for the proposal to extend the Kent Downs National Landscape to include The Blean and surrounding ancient woodland. The proposed scheme would unite stretches of woodland to form a larger area which would then connect the ancient woodland across northern Kent. The parish council nominated Cllr Wilson to consider this further on the PC's behalf and offer our support to the project.

It was noted that Natural England's decision regarding potential boundary extensions is awaited. Support from local representatives, including Helen Whately MP, is being sought. Maps will be provided to illustrate the proposed extension and its potential impact.

26.08.10 **Local Government Reorganisation**

This agenda item was discussed as part of the Borough Councillors report above

26.08.11 **Access to St Michael & All Angels Church and Post box**

Resident concerns surrounding access to Throwley Church and the post box had been brought to the attention of the parish council. The matter was discussed and it was resolved that the clerk would reply on behalf of the PC to the originator.

26.08.12 **Kent Police Beat Officer Report**

PC Morris had been unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments but reported the following:-

There was a theft from a motor vehicle on 19/04/26 at Faversham Golf club. A male has been located and charged with this offence.

Storage container used by the Parish Council was broken into between 26/05/26-17/06/26. No suspects known at this time.

I have reviewed all calls into Kent Police since the last Parish Council meeting. There have been 0 instances of ASB reported to Kent Police, please continue to report this and other anti-social behaviour to Kent

A Police surgery will be held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 between 13:00-15:00hrs at Painters Forstal Community, Painters Forstal Road, Painters Forstal.

26.08.13 Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked Cllr Brown for her summary of the Local Plan Regulation 19. The consultation process runs until the 21st September. The chair suggested that Cllr Brown may wish to share her comments on the residents WhatsApp group.

Email correspondence received from the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust who would like to explore installing a commemorative memorial plaque or marker within Throwley. Cllr Jastrzebski agreed to follow up on their enquiry.

Discussions were had around Towne Place Orchard and whether public access was still available. Cllr Lintott agreed to look into this matter and report back to the PC.

There being no other business the chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20.25.

26.08.14 Date of the next meeting - 7th October at Sheldwich Village Hall.

Approved

Date