

THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WAS BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH
ON MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT

Cllr M Collingwood

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**
None

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 8th September 2025.**
Approved by all.

5. **Matters Arising**

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

Cllr Colclough had sent a quote round for 4 chains and 2 seats at the play area which had been recommended to be replaced. It was agreed that the replacements should be ordered.

There were no issues with the grass cutting, Councillor Colclough stated that there was to be one more cut this year

In respect of the Picnic Bench it was initially anticipated that the workers at Anston who were to be utilised would install this. However Councillor Collingwood stated that there had not been great progress with this issue as it was having to proceed to the Anston Parish Council Staffing Committee. As such it was anticipated that some jobs on the list of improvements would not get done this year due to the changing weather and Councillor Collingwood stated that he would continue to pursue this matter with Anston Parish Council. As such Cllr Marsh agreed that he would install that he would take care of ordering and installing the park bench in the spring.

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

It had been agreed that 12 wooden posts would be replaced, Cllr Colclough had spoken to RMBC and was now waiting for the posts to be delivered, and installation date would be provided subsequently

In respect of Coronation Garden there was a Thorpe in Bloom meeting due to take place tomorrow at which this matter would be discussed.

In relation to the road sweep, RMBC had stated that both sweepers were off the road but that they would try and provide a date when this would happen over the next two weeks. Councillor Cox stated that he would try contacting a couple of hire companies as an alternative with associated costs.

c) Village Sign

Councillor Cox stated that the Village Sign was due to be installed on 28 October.

d) Road Safety

Councillor Collingwood stated that he had written to Councillor Baum Dixon who had chased up this issue. Councillor Colclough stated that the Parish Council had not been notified that the Parish Council was no longer on the RMBC list for road safety improvements for this financial year. RMBC did state it was due to expected Yorkshire Water works that would entail digging up some sections of the highway.

Councillor Collingwood stated that he would continue to pursue this.

e) Slaypit Lane – Dog Fouling

Although the dog fouling had reduced at Slaypit Lane, concern was raised that there was an amount within the churchyard. It was noted that there was an intention for the churchyard to be locked at 2 entry points leaving just the main gate open. Councillor Johnson stated that she would put a notice about this on the Facebook page.

In relation to Slaypit Lane itself, Councillor Cox stated that it would be beneficial for the grass in the middle of the lane to be removed, the road itself being an adopted road. Councillor Johnson stated that she would ask RMBC to do that.

f) Residents Overhanging Trees

Councillor Collingwood stated that RMBC had said that they were going to send someone out to inspect this issue, to see if it was urgent. Councillor Collingwood stated that the branches were still overhanging and as such he stated that he would chase up RMBC, on the basis that a branch had fallen off and that a resident had raised it with him.

g) Remembrance Day Recognition

Councillor Collingwood stated that he had counted the number of lampposts/telephone poles in the Parish including West Thorpe on the four main roads in the village. There were

54. At 5 pounds per Poppy this would be £270. It was agreed to place the order for the 54 poppies, Councillor Collingwood stated that he would do this.

It was agreed that the ornamental soldier and wren would not be purchased this year as £325 seemed expensive and there would be a risk of these being stolen.

- h)** A discussion ensued about the hanging baskets which were felt to make a positive impact within the Parish. It was agreed that the 13 hanging baskets which had not been funded by local resident contribution this year would be paid for by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold further discussions next year regarding hanging baskets across the parish.

i) Christmas Decorations

Councillor Colclough referred to the illuminated Fairybell feature, a sales picture and information for which he had circulated to other Councillors. It was agreed that this would look impressive in Coronation Gardens. As such it was agreed that the appropriate measurements would be taken in Coronation Gardens and if this allowed then the order would be made. Councillor Collingwood stated that he would undertake a mini survey and it was agreed that a spend of up to £1000 on the decoration would be made, as the Fairybell would last for a number of years.

6. Governance Matters

a) Website

Cllr Johnson stated that she would look into the different packages provided by the website provider for the next meeting.

7. Planning Matters

a) Planning enforcement

Cllr Cox stated that he had not received the general update referred to at the previous meeting from RMBC so would chase them up.

b) Applications since last meeting

None

c) Decisions

None

8. Finance

a) Current Balances

Current account £25257. 54

Reserve Account £5307. 22

b) Cheques to be signed

Cheque to S. Fletcher re Clerk's Salary for Oct £235.28

Cheque to HMRC re. Tax on Clerk's Salary for Oct - £156.80

Cheque to Cllr Johnson – re-imbursement for hanging Basket expenditure £520

c) Spend Forecast

This will be presented at the next meeting by the Clerk

9. Report by Borough Councillors

None present

10. Correspondence

None

11. Councillor items for discussion only

None

12. Date of next meeting

17th November 2025 – 7.00pm