

THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Thorpe Salvin Parish Council on Monday 14th September 2026 held in St. Peters Church, Thorpe Salvin at 7 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. Collingwood – Chairman

Cllr. M. Johnson

Cllr. C. Marsh

45/2027 Apologies for absence

RESOLVED to receive apologies for absence for this meeting from:

- Cllr. A. Colclough – resigned from position on 9th August 2026 – no longer living within the parish.
- Anne Wilson – Parish Clerk – personal reasons.

46/2027 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and residents to the meeting and gave a fire safety announcement.

47/2027 Declaration of Interests

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 Part III and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

48/2027 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

49/2027 Co-option of a Parish Councillor

Two residents have agreed to being co-opted onto the Parish Council. They are both completing the 'Register of Interests' document which will then be submitted to RMBC. Once this has been completed they will formally take up their positions, resulting in the council having a full complement of councillors.

50/2027 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2026 and the resolutions contained therein.

51/2027 Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that no items on the agenda should be discussed without the public and press present.

52/2027 Finance

a) Members were asked to:

- Confirm the payments made in between meetings:

Anne Wilson	£ 240.17
HMRC	£ 160.00
Stephen Barratt	£1,115.00 (maintenance work)

- RESOLVED to confirm the payments to be made at the meeting:

Anne Wilson	£ 239.77
HMRC	£ 160.00
Max Collingwood	£ 312.00 (defibrillator battery replacement)
RMBC	£ 501.00 (annual playground inspections and reports)
I.C.O.	£ 52.00 (data protection fees)
Zurich Insurance	£ 437.00 (annual Parish Council Insurance)

- Note the bank balances

Current Account £20,016.47 – as of 30th July 2026

Deposit Account £5,347.55 – as of 31st July 2026

- HMRC cheque payments

No update possible due to the absence of the clerk, issues below to be carried over.

The Clerk updated the meeting about HRMC and said that although we had paid the alleged back dated amount no reply had been received about what they covered. A further invoice had been received stating HMRC was owed for a period when there was no Clerk, and this was now being questioned too.

53/2027 Parish Matters

a) Sorby Field

Nothing urgent to report. Monthly inspection and risk rating document prepared by RMBC to be emailed to councillors.

b) Parish Maintenance

Members were asked to receive an update on the work which needs doing in the parish.

RESOLVED to carry out the following work:

Cllr Johnson arranged for the telephone box to be repainted, the pedestrian access gate to Sorby Field to be repaired and for the bench in Coronation Gardens to be re-stained. These have been completed.

It was agreed that RMBC would be appointed to complete:

- i) Rub down play equipment and repaint with one bright colour, sand down wooden rope frame and re-stain £1,266.50
- ii) Rub down the Sorby Field wooden sign, re-stain and repaint lettering £414.74
- iii) Cut and clear vegetation around stone sign and repaint lettering £436.28
- iv) Rub down and re-stain 2 benches (Bridget Dixon bench outside Sorby Field and Pump Corner) RMBC requested this work at £579.90
- v) Carry out work to Sorby Field large gate/rails £709.33

Cllr Collingwood has instructed RMBC to proceed with the above works. RMBC were chased up again this week for a specific date particularly as we're now approaching autumn and the work needs completing whilst there are dry weather conditions.

c) Road Safety

Borough Councillor Tim Baum-Dixon and Nicky Whitehead (RMBC) have agreed to meet with Cllr Collingwood to look at the speed bump repair issue. Meeting will take place late September 2026.

d) Litter Pick

Cllr. Johnson will look to organise a litter pick provisionally for Sunday 18th October 2026.

e) Insurance Renewal

The Parish Council insurance cover is due to expire on 9th October 2026. Zurich Insurance have quoted the exact same price that we paid in 2025 for the renewal. Councillors unanimously agreed to remain with our exiting provider.

f) Lamp Posts

Following RMBC instructing all parishes to remove hanging baskets from all street lighting lamp posts, we were informed that nothing can ever be hung from concrete lamp posts and steel lamp posts had to be structurally tested before any consideration could be given as to if items could be hung from them.

On the main thoroughfares through West Thorpe and Thorpe Salvin our parish has: 35 concrete lamp posts, 5 of which are obscured by foliage, therefore effectively 30. 26 steel lamp posts, of which 3 are obscured by foliage, 5 are used for CCTV cameras therefore effectively 18 available.

As the steel lamp posts are sporadically located along the thoroughfares it was decided not to have them tested.

Cllr Collingwood asked RMBC if they had a plan to replace the concrete columns to which they confirmed that they hadn't.

Cllr Collingwood asked RMBC if we required permission to mount the large plastic poppies for Remembrance Day to all the street lamp posts as they only weigh a total of 51 grams including the two cable ties. He was informed that the Parish Council would have to complete and submit a 'Memorandum of Understanding' form, and wait for approval.

Councillors agreed that this should be followed up.

g) Re-allocation of Cllr Colclough Responsibilities

The Sorby Field reports, the grass cutting activity and bank statements are all being sent to the clerk. The road sweeps can also be dealt with by the clerk. All of these items to be shared with the councillors to enable them to make appropriate decisions.

The role of Vice-Chair was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Marsh would now fulfil this position.

h) Any other Parish Matter

Nothing raised.

54/2027 Planning

Members are asked to consider and note the following:

a) Planning Applications

There were no planning applications as at the time of writing the agenda.

b) Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions as at the time of writing the agenda.

c) Planning Enforcement

There was no planning enforcement in the parish notified.

d) Whitestone Solar Farm Update

At the outset of this project there was no direct impact within our Parish, however we did offer support to our neighbouring parish councils should they require it.

We received notification from the clerk of Harthill with Woodall Parish Council as the plans had changed and the cable route is now proposed to pass through our Parish.

No notification was received from Whitestone.

We have looked at the plans and have formally raised concerns and challenges back to Whitestone and as such have registered our interest in the proposed project thereby enabling our Parish to have a 'voice' as the consultation moves forward.

The cable route comes from South Anston, crosses the railway line and the Chesterfield Canal before heading across Ladyfield Road between the farm house at the top of the hill and the layby, before crossing the farmland and then crossing Packman Lane and leaving our Parish.

Cllr Collingwood thanked Harthill with Woodall for informing us of these changes.

e) Any other planning matter - No

55/2027 Report from Borough Councillors

There were no Borough Councillors present.

56/2027 Matters raised by Councillors for discussion only

Members were asked to raise any matter relating to the Parish Council or the Parish, noting no decisions can be made.

57/2027 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED to note that the next Meeting of Thorpe Salvin Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7 p.m.

Signed **Date**

Chairman