

Throwley Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at Badlesmere Village Hall

26.04.01 **Note of Persons Present**

Cllr Adam Jastrzebski (Chairman), Cllr Sarah Jane Tormey, Cllr Frances Wilson
Marie Norris (clerk)
PC Gary Morris

Apologies to be received and approved

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Furneaux, Cllr Di Lintott, Cllr Alan Murphy Cllr Emma Brown. These were accepted by the Parish Council.

26.04.02 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation**

There were no declarations relating to items on the agenda.

26.04.03 **Confirmation of Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

Resolved: A small amendment to the minutes to include the full names of some of the residents was agreed. The minutes were then accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

26.04.04 **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

- Parish Map for noticeboard- Measurements still outstanding. Cllr Furneaux to provide the measurements to the clerk
- Concerning damaged verges and pot holes, Cllr Tormey will be speaking with Gary Gibb at Highways regarding the number of potholes and damaged verges in the village. Cllr Tormey advised if there are any other potholes that have been previously reported and require following up, please advise her.
- Cllr Frances Wilson confirmed that the hedges from Parsonage Farm to Wilgate Green had now been cut back albeit on the 3rd March. The direction sign is now missing so it is possible that this was knocked down in the process of cutting the hedges. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the contractor expressing our concern about the date that the hedge cutting took place which was outside of the period allowed for hedge cutting. Cllr Furneaux to send.
- Resilience – The clerk confirmed that she had created a page on the Throwley website relating to resilience matters this can be accessed and acted upon by residents should they wish to do so.
- Noticeboard Repairs – Cllr Jastrzebski had spoken with Simon who agreed to take a look at what could be done.
- Defibrillator Box repairs – Cllr Brown advised the PC that no repairs were needed at this point in time.
- Local Government Reform Consultation – No further action is required by the PC at this point. The clerk will display the 2nd phase of the consultation document to the TPC website. Action Clerk
- Cllr Wilson had formally commented on behalf of TPC to Regulation 18 of the local Plan Review. A copy of TPC's response will be made available on the TPC website.

26.04.05

Public Interval

No members of the public were in attendance; therefore, no items were brought to the attention of the parish council.

26.04.06

Planning Matters

26/500647/LBC 18 March 2026 26/500647/LBC Listed Building Consent for structural stabilisation works, including underpinning and concealed steel support, repair of decayed historic timbers, re-roofing using reclaimed Kent peg tiles, localised chimney rebuilding using reclaimed bricks in lime mortar, and repair or like for-like replacement of 1970s windows and doors (works completed). Crooked Cottage Bethel Row Throwley Faversham Kent ME13 0JR 8 April 2026,

Resolved - The Parish Council were in support of this application.

26.04.07

Financial Matters

Bank Balance

The balance as of the 8th April 2026 £5,418.55

Receipts of Income

20-Feb-26	06:18	SWALE COUNCIL	SWALE BC	370
11-Feb-26	09:50	THE THROWLEY FETE	Grasscutting/elect	165

Transactions approved since 11th February 2026 were:

07-Apr-26	06:27	S/O to: Marie-Ann N	CLERK SALARY	-132.6
01-Apr-26	10:07	B/P to: Baddlesmere	TC8 APRIL 2026	-30
01-Apr-26	10:07	B/P to: Frances Wils	TPC LANES CLEANUP	-69.61
31-Mar-26	18:57	Service Charge		-7
24-Mar-26	06:18	Direct Debit (EDF EN	A-37A607C6-001	-46.41
05-Mar-26	06:19	S/O to: Marie-Ann N	CLERK SALARY	-132.6
28-Feb-26	18:59	Service Charge		-6
25-Feb-26	13:27	B/P to: Mr Richard Li	FPU331 LITTER EQPT	-369.6
24-Feb-26	06:18	Direct Debit (EDF EN	A-37A607C6-001	-51.64
20-Feb-26	06:18	SWALE COUNCIL	SWALE BC	370
18-Feb-26	06:23	B/P to: Sheldwich V.	THROWLEY PC 110226	-28
18-Feb-26	06:23	B/P to: Sheldwich V.	THROWLEY PC 110226	-28
18-Feb-26	06:22	B/P to: LandscapeSo	EDLINCHGRASS70968	-250
11-Feb-26	09:50	THE THROWLEY FETE	Grasscutting/elect	165

Invoices for Payment

The clerk advised that the following payments were to be authorised in May:

- £232.68 Kalc Subscription
- £215.90 Hugo Fox Website (Year 3)
- £214.00 Zurich Insurance

The PC accepted that the above items were due for payment and the clerk should authorise the payment when due in May.

26.04.08 **Borough Councillor Report**

Cllr Thompson was unable to attend our meeting due to other work commitments and no report was received for inclusion.

26.04.09 **Throwley Lanes Clean up Feedback**

Over 60 residents attended and the Chairman reported that every single lane had been cleaned up. A copy of the speech read by Cllr Jastrzebski at the lanes clean-up is attached. TPC would again like to thank Cllr Terry Thompson for supporting us with a grant to purchase litter picking equipment.

26.04.10 **Police Report**

PC Gary Morris, the local Beat Officer, attended the meeting and discussed a number of matters with the Parish Council. Concerns were raised regarding speeding through the village lanes and the recent closure of the A251 following an emergency water main incident. The Council noted that no diversion route had been put in place resulting in severe traffic congestion throughout Throwley, with vehicles becoming stranded in the narrow lanes. It was reported that some motorists abandoned their vehicles and concerns were expressed that emergency vehicles would have been unable to gain access had an emergency arisen. PC Morris advised that this matter should be discussed with Kent County Council (KCC) and noted that several other parish councils had already been engaging with KCC on similar issues. He agreed to obtain contact details for the relevant KCC officer(s) who have been liaising with other parish councils, which may provide a useful starting point for further discussions.

PC Morris also provided crime prevention advice, including the police recommendation to use Faraday pouches to protect vehicle keys from theft, particularly in light of increasing vehicle crime across Kent. He highlighted My Community Voice as a valuable source of information and advice from Kent Police on crime prevention and keeping homes, vehicles and valuables secure, especially during holiday periods when properties may be left unattended.

The issue of fly-tipping was also discussed. PC Morris advised that if fly-tipping is witnessed in progress, it should be reported immediately by calling 999. Instances of fly-tipping that have already occurred should be reported to Swale Borough Council and, where waste has been deposited on the highway, Kent Highways should also be notified.

In relation to current rural policing priorities, PC Morris reminded the Council that hare coursing remains a significant issue and should continue to be reported. He also encouraged residents to report any concerns regarding speeding or other matters affecting the parish. PC Morris commented that Throwley remains a relatively safe area but stressed the importance of reporting any incidents or concerns to the police.

The Parish Council concluded by inviting PC Morris to attend the Throwley Fete on Saturday 6 June.

26.04.11 **Any Other Business**

- The clerk advised that she had very kindly received some historical photographs of Throwley from Mr Jarrett and these will be passed to Kate Mckenzie for future displays.
- Following concerns regarding the lack of progress in delivering fibre broadband to Throwley village, discussions have now commenced with CityFibre regarding the provision of fibre broadband infrastructure for the village. Cllr Jastrzebski is currently engaged in discussions to explore whether the installation process can be accelerated.

26.04.12 **Date for next meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 6.00pm. Cllr Tormey will look to book the church.

There being no other business. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Action	Responsible
Provide measurements for the Parish Map noticeboard.	Cllr Furneaux
Follow up with Kent Highways regarding potholes and damaged verges.	Cllr Tormey
Draft and send letter regarding hedge cutting.	Cllr Furneaux
Upload Local Government Reform Consultation information to the website.	Clerk
Publish the Parish Council's Local Plan Review response on the website.	Clerk
Obtain information on noticeboard repairs.	Cllr Jastrzebski
Obtain KCC contact details from PC Morris.	PC Morris
Continue discussions with CityFibre regarding fibre broadband provision and accelerated delivery.	Cllr Jastrzebski
Book venue for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting on 3 June 2026.	Cllr Tormey

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