



Thornaby Town Council

Council Meeting Minutes from meeting held on:

Monday 23rd June 2025 at 18.30

At Thornaby Town Hall, Mandale Road, Thornaby on Tees, North Yorkshire. TS17 6AW

FC-25-639	NOTICE OF MEETING: The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.
FC-25-640	IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Ian Dalgarno Cllr Richard Eglington Cllr Mark Fairbairn Cllr John Flynn Cllr Phil Genery Cllr Steve Godwin Cllr Les Hodge (Vice Chairman) Cllr Julie Hodge Cllr Mick Moore Cllr Sylvia Walmsley Cllr Steve Walmsley Town Clerk Pam Danks - Minute taker:
FC-25-641	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Glenn Eastick (Chairman) on holiday Cllr Ray Godwin on holiday Cllr Tina Large. A notice of request for exemption. Should return to meetings July 2025
FC-25-642	CODE OF CONDUCT: Cllr Richard Eglington completed declarations A & B Cllr Sylvia Walmsley re completed declaration B due to additional committee membership.
FC-25-643	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public attended the meeting. Mrs Nula Dalgarno was a visitor but did not contribute.

SIGNED TO CONFIRM ACCURATE:

DATED:

FC-25-644	MINUTES OF MEETING: To resolve that the minutes of the following meeting minutes are a true and accurate record: Monday 19th May 2025 Proposed: Cllr Mark Fairbairn. Seconded: Cllr Ian Dalgarno IT WAS RESOLVED: That the minutes dated 19th May 2025 were a true and accurate record.
FC-25-645	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: • Scaffolding/ Lantern repair. This has been delayed again due to an issue with the toughened glass supplier. Should be completed before end July • DWH quote for roof access door and ladder. Quote was accepted by show of hands majority but works will be delayed and scheduled for completion in the next financial year. FOR DECISION: Rissington walk bin replacement. Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance • Harewood Primary parking issues. Nothing to update. • Yarm Town Council cover by Pam. Continues due to Council members all resigning.
FC-25-646	FINANCE: To consider and approve the following: • <i>May 2025 Income & Expenditure.</i> • <i>May 2025 Accounts from Gresham & Gale</i> • Town Clerk to update on summary of all precept codes and balances IT WAS RESOLVED: That the Income & Expenditure & Accounts due for payment and paid in May were a true and accurate record. Proposed: Cllr Les Hodge Seconded: Cllr Steve Walmsley FOR DECISION: <i>Gresham & Gale tax enquiry protection £114.</i> Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance IT WAS RESOLVED: This application is agreed and should be paid FOR DECISION: Salvation project Community Chest application £250 Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance IT WAS RESOLVED: This application is agreed and should be paid FOR DECISION: St Marks Church Community Grant application £2k Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance IT WAS RESOLVED: This application cannot be agreed due to limited budget already allocated. Can offer a Community Chest grant of £250 if they wish to accept it. FOR DECISION: Thornaby Town FC Community Grant application £4,200 Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance IT WAS RESOLVED: This application cannot be agreed due to limited budget already allocated. Can offer a Community Chest grant of £250 if they wish to accept it.

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	FOR DECISION: Hollys dance academy Community Grant application £3,200 Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance IT WAS RESOLVED: This application cannot be agreed due to limited budget already allocated. Can offer a Community Chest grant of £250 if they wish to accept it. Grant application briefly discussed but not on Agenda: Thornaby FC grant application for £6k which was received too late for this agenda. When tabled at the next meeting this application cannot be agreed due to limited budget already allocated. Can offer a Community Chest grant of £250 if they wish to accept it. Town Clerk can advise the applicant.
FC-25-647	ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2024/25 - FOR APPROVAL: <i>Unaudited Accounts results 2024/25 from Gresham & Gale</i> Proposed: Cllr Les Hodge Seconded: Cllr Steve Walmsley - FOR APPROVAL: <i>Internal audited Accounts results 2024/25 from Censis, Hartlepool</i> Proposed: Cllr Les Hodge Seconded: Cllr Steve Walmsley - FOR SIGNATURE: The Asset register Document signed by Cllr Les Hodge - FOR SIGNATURE: The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1). Document signed by Cllr Les Hodge - FOR SIGNATURE: The Accounting Statements (Section 2). Document signed by Cllr Les Hodge - To set the Exercise of public rights commencement date: Notice to be published on 24th June for period commencement 30th June 2025 – ending 8th August 2025.
FC-25-648	PLANNING ADVICE: IT WAS AGREED & CONFIRMED: That the SBC lists for both Planning Applications and delegated lists have been circulated by email. - Eagle Hotel demolition is still within planning stages but will be going ahead. It is a fixed price tender proposal. - Lidl proposed site on Thornaby Road. Council would like Lidl to be informed that this site is withing Thornaby boundaries which is land East of Bassleton Beck. Concerns raised with additional traffic coming out of the site onto Thornaby road. Needs to be thorough signage and slowing down of traffic. - Bader Avenue parking – Town Clerk to contact SBC enforcement. - Clarendon Road footpath. Plans are in place are to allow safer travel of schoolchildren to and from schools.
FC-25-649	COFFEE POT LOCOMOTION: Cllr Sylvia Walmsley Dunedin house roundabout has been chosen by TTC. SBC now investigating location and will keep us updated of progress.
FC-25-650	HEAD WRIGHTSON MEMORIAL PLAQUE INSTALLATION

	• Plaque site chosen and frame has been installed. • Date of Friday 25th July has been chosen for unveiling. • Archive team now liaising with the group involved and plans will be shared once agreed. • Small post unveiling event to be hosted at Town Hall
	INVITATIONS RECEIVED • SBC Armed Forces Day event - Saturday 21 June. Cllrs Les & Julie Hodge attended • Terpsichore dance production of the Little Mermaid. Middlesbrough Theatre. Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July. • Stockton Borough Council Mayor Sunday service 13th July 2025 • C&E Primary school summer fayre. Friday 11th July 1530-1730. Cllrs Glenn Eastick, Les & Julie Hodge on holiday. • Village primary school summer fayre. Wednesday 16th July 1500-1630 • Thornaby swimming club gala event - Friday 29th November 6.30pm to 9pm.
FC-25-651	TOWN HALL BUILDING: • Refurbishment of main doors has commenced. Once completed the magnets/ door closure mechanism will be renewed as agreed last year and the area around the door will be repainted. • New tenant sharing room 9 with Ruth Bibbings. Paying 50% monthly rent each
FC-25-652	VICTORIA COMMUNITY HALL: • Andrew Mann restarted- Monday & Thursday 3hrs per week • Favor Nation Ministry will start as from 3rd August 2025. Contract sent • SBC meeting re promoting use of Hall. Little Sprouts mentioned. • SBC holding insurance for building only. PD to get quote for PLI and contents. • Caretaker has fitted shelving, repainted sports hall area, now needs seating area repainting. • Emergency lighting testing completed by SBC 6th June
FC-25-653	SPITFIRE ROUNDABOUT: Simon Dale Refurbishment commencing this month. FOR DECISION: Should we add a banner onto fencing surrounding works. Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance Banner to be obtained from GT signs stating project supported by Thornaby Town Council.
FC-25-654	HAROLD WILSON PLAY AREA: The works are completed & Invoice from Kompan paid and monies granted received from Enover. The additional cost £3841.12 had to be covered by TTC as SBC changed in colours of ground cover from original quote. FOR DECISION: Contribution to Kompan toward vandalism. Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance. No further funding of the project is available. Town Clerk to advise Kompan they should try to gain these funds from the Borough council as owners of the land.

FC-25-655	THORNAFEST 2025 SATURDAY 19TH JULY 2025 Wowcher option was considered. Proposed: Unanimous vote all in attendance. We should not pursue this further.
FC-25-656	VJ DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST 2025 Decision reached that we should hold an 11am service at the Cenotaph and then plan for an evening function from 7.30pm in the Town Hall to include a display from the archives and singing by the group booked earlier this year. Buffet for 50 people.
FC-25-657	THORNABY SHOW 2025 – 80TH ANNIVERSARY – SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2025 - Option for donkey rides was explored but not accepted.
FC-25-658	BATTLE OF BRITAIN 85TH ANNIVERSARY – SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025 - Town Clerk has sent out emails asking to get meetings in the diary with the RAF reference the event. - As with previous years, post service we will host refreshments at the Town Hall. Buffet for 50 people.
FC-25-659	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025 No update
FC-25-660	CAROLS ROUND THE LAMPS – FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025 No update
FC-25-661	TO RECEIVE MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making. Cllr Les Hodge experienced a serious deliberate arson attack at the house next door to his own and found that there were no Police available at all in Thornaby that evening. Police took 1.5hrs to attend and were from Redcar and had been diverted to Thornaby from another incident they had been attending in Eston. An email has been sent by Cllr Hodge to all our local MP's and the PCC but has not received any response. A local gentleman named Alan Peat has notified us of his intention to bequeath his collection of Thornaby pottery to the Thornaby archives. We will need to provide proper display units for it once received. Town Clerk has contacted the gentleman and expressed gratitude.
FC-25-662	CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING Next full Council meeting is on Monday 28th July 2025.

Meeting closed at 19.50