



Thornaby Town Council

Council Meeting Minutes from meeting held on:

Monday 22nd June 2026 at 18.30

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

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2026/97	NOTICE OF MEETING: The notice convening the meeting was taken as read and the agenda for the meeting was published on the Thornaby Town Council website: https://thornabytowncouncil.gov.uk/
2026/98	Members of the Public Rights to Attend this Meeting. Notice was taken as read
2026/99	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Debbie Fixter from Little Sprouts discussed their need for use of the outside tap of the Victoria Hall. Explained that Northumbrian water would need to apply to the owners of the land to get authorisation to scan the property to make the required adjustment to inbound pipes and provide their own source of water. The owners are trustees and all are now deceased so this avenue is now closed. States they are willing to pay for water being used for the garden if we can give them access to the tap. Cllr Les Hodge advised that this would be considered and they will be informed of the Council's decision as soon as possible, but in the interim and during this period of hot weather we will remove the lock on the tap.

2026/100	Recording of this meeting: In accordance with the openness of local government bodies regulations, photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a Council meeting by any means are permitted. The Town Council accepts no liability for any material created by those recording the meeting. No admissions of recording of this meeting were given
2026/101	IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Ian Dalgarno Cllr Glenn Eastick Cllr Richard Eglington Cllr Mark Fairbairn (Vice Chair) Cllr John Flynn Cllr Phil Genery Cllr Julie Hodge Cllr Les Hodge (Chair) Cllr Mick Moore Cllr Terry Muldowney Town Clerk Pam Danks - Minute taker: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Ray Godwin Cllr Steve Godwin Cllr Sylvia Walmsley Cllr Steve Walmsley MEMBERS ABENT: IT WAS RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence to this meeting as given should be accepted. Non prior notification absences will be recorded as absent in line with Council policy.
2026/102	CODE OF CONDUCT/ DECLARATIONS: • Nothing was declared

2026/103	MINUTES OF MEETING: To resolve that the minutes of the following meeting minutes are a true and accurate record: Monday 18th May 2026 Proposed: Cllr Phil Genery Seconded: Cllr Les Hodge IT WAS RESOLVED: That the minutes dated as above were a true and accurate record. Each page of the document was duly signed by the Chair Les Hodge.
2026/104	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: • Nothing was discussed
2026/105	FINANCE: To consider and approve the following: • <i>May 2026 Accounts from Gresham & Gale</i> • <i>Clerks summary for May2026.</i> • <i>May 2026 Income & Expenditure Clerk spreadsheets.</i> Proposed: Cllr Phil Genery Seconded: Cllr Les Hodge IT WAS RESOLVED: By all Councillors present by a show of hands, that the accounts be signed as a true and accurate record. <i>1. Community Grant application. Village Bowling Club £1,500.</i> IT WAS RESOLVED: That an offer of £500 should be made. The Councillors in attendance agreed that this financial year was important and that the Council needs to remain within budget in all areas this year and requests for grants should be properly considered taking into consideration applicants other funding methods already in place prior to authorising Council monies in addition.

	<i>2. Community Grant application. HDA studios £2,749</i> IT WAS RESOLVED: That this application could not be authorised as this is already funded via other methods. <i>3. Community Grant application: Evolve sports academy between £2548 to £4900 see document</i> IT WAS RESOLVED: That this application could not be authorised as this is already funded via other methods.
2026/106	ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY 2025/26 IT WAS RESOLVED: The Annual Internal Audit Report from Censis has been received and reviewed. IT WAS RESOLVED: The Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 should be signed by the Chair & Clerk. IT WAS RESOLVED: The Accounting Statements should be approved as correct and signed by Chair IT WAS RESOLVED: To set the Exercise of public rights dates as 29TH June to 7th August 2026 IT WAS RESOLVED: The Annual internal auditor to be used for FY 2026/27 is to be Censis, Hartlepool
2026/107	PLANNING ADVICE: IT WAS RESOLVED; That the SBC lists for Applications and Delegated decisions have been circulated when received by email by the Clerk • Village park entrances. Village ward Cllrs are covering the cost of a new post installation on Lilac Avenue and using a camera that has been moved from Briar Road for this location. SBC are covering the monitoring costs for the CCTV • Licenced premises application 3 Princess Street. This isn't for alcohol, it is for late opening and no objections have been raised.

2026/108	INVITATIONS RECEIVED • Thriving Communities Event Thursday 9th July, 1-3pm at Preston Park Museum Ballroom. Clerk to send apologies on behalf of all Councillors present. • RAFA 18th July 2026 event Toby Carvery, Marton Road. Cllr Les & Julie Hodge attending • HDA studios Thornaby – Dance show @ Yarm Alexandra Theatre. Saturday 18th July @6pm & Sunday 19th July 2.30pm Clerk to send apologies on behalf of all Councillors present.
2026/109	TOWN HALL BUILDING: • Civil ceremony 20th June – The event was for 100 guests and it was far too many people and the limit will be reduced to 80 persons for all future bookings • Two ceremonies Friday 26th June. Cllr Les Hodge to preside over the blessing ceremony at 10.30am. • Room 7 – Can they have blinds installed in their room IT WAS RESOLVED; That blinds should be ordered for this room to ensure the comfort of the tenant in place.
2026/110	VICTORIA HALL: • Door entry system installation completed 18th May – pin code entry system applied while fobs are registered. Additional fobs have arrived and will be sent to all tenants • FOR DECISION: Use of Hall outside tap by Little Sprouts. Can they contribute towards water instead of own feed.

2026/110 cont	IT WAS RESOLVED; That this should be allowed for a period of 12 months and Clerk to review invoices for the 24 months prior to this meeting taking place to view how much water they are drawing as an average and ensure that they are invoiced for additional water drawn. No water was drawn in 2025 due to the summer being not very warm, so comparison with 2024/2025 can take place. Clerk to contact SBC re the owners of the land and find out if there are any contact details for them.
2026/111	THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL ARCHIVES. Cllr Mick Moore • ANY UPDATE: Anson & Hudson signs installation & memorial plaque creation & contribution from Thirteen. The plaque layout was provided for all to view and this can be sent to SBC and Thirteen for their approval before fabrication. Clerk to follow up on costings for railings to surround the installation. Cllr Mick Moore confirmed that Thirteen are covering their original £7k for the project • ANY UPDATE: St Peters memorial plaque creation. The plaque layout was waiting for one image from Fr Tom, but this has now been received and it can be completed. We can then progress to planning permission stage. • ANY UPDATE: Head Wrightson hub. Area of room 1. There is no update on this
2026/112	EVENTS 2026 1. DIBBLES BRIDGE – WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY. • Catering was found last minute costing £250. Clerk is investigating other caterers for BoB and Remembrance later this year and will update at next meeting. 2. THORNABY SHOW SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026 • 2 x advertising banner stolen from cemetery gates.

2026/112 cont	• Enclosed display of Bee's making honey. This is fully enclosed and is a display to show children how honey is made and the importance of Bee's and saving them. IT WAS RESOLVED; That this is to be allowed. • Birds of prey. This isn't flying birds, it is rescued birds who are there for children to see and be taught about their care and the need to protect our wildlife. IT WAS RESOLVED; That this is to be allowed. 3. Battle of Britain remembrance SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER • No pre-Church service. St Marks Church aware. 4. Wedding Fayre – Sunday 11th October 2026. Can we add the advertising banner to the balcony above the main entrance IT WAS RESOLVED; That this is to be allowed.
2026/113	TO RECEIVE MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making. • Mayors cadet for 2026/27 appointed: Cadet Staff Sergeant Walton, Oliver. Clerk to arrange for 1pm on Saturday 18th July.
2026/114	CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING Next Meeting dates: • Full Council meeting Monday 27th July 2026. • No meeting in August

Meeting closed at 19:30