Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 6:30pm in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles.

Present: Cllrs. Davies (Chair); Hamblett; Hogg; McGee and Rees
In Attendance: C Chapman (Clerk); Cllr Gardner (SBC); 2 residents

1. **Public Forum:**
   A resident asked for any update from the doctor's surgery issue; Clerk advised a letter was sent to the Practice Manager and would be followed up.

   Cllr Gardner had noted works had commenced on the traffic calming at north end and Astral Park.
   Clerk advised he had asked SBC planners to assess works at Astral Park and Henley Drive / Durham Road to ensure they met requirements.
   Cllr Rees raised safety of access to pipeworks which was discussed and was to be raised with SBC planners.

2. **Ward Councillors report / items:**
   Cllr Davies reviewed items needing Cllr Gardner input.
   - A177 and Whitton Path; Clerk to follow up copy in Cllr Gardner so he can also chase progress
   - Cllr Gardner will request again an up to date contact list; and will also follow up the need for additional road cleaning at sites of both solar farms.
   - It was noted the pots and pans sculpture sight lines to North Star can't be used due to overgrown trees blocking the view, and the seating can't be accessed due to overgrowth. Cllr Gardner will ask SBC officers to address
   - The clerk will raise the road grates at Henley Drive which thud every time traffic passes and copy in Cllr Gardner

   In discussing speeding it was agreed for the clerk to request speed limiters from Cllr Gardner community budget and request any data from prior speed / traffic calming; and a further survey to be done as the last survey was too close to the village

3. **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gillson and Moffat.

4. **Declarations of Interest**: None.

5. **Minutes of** the Parish Council meeting held on ***Tuesday 10th February 2026*** were proposed by Cllr Hamblett and McGee. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising**:
   I. Solar Farm Map. The resident was thanked for putting this together. The Chair advised this was very useful and would provide strong evidence should further proposals be submitted.

7. **Maintenance Committee Report:** No update.
   Cllr Hamblett volunteered to spray the posts to try and remove algae/green patches. The clerk to also seek quotes to reset the post that was knocked down

8. **Personnel Committee Report:** Nothing to report.

9. **Social Activities Committee report:** Race night is scheduled for 16 April and all races are sponsored. The next wine night is scheduled for 26 June and a programme of events has been developed.

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10. **Financial Reports.** The financial reports were noted.

Financial Transactions 4 February – 2 March 2026

Receipts:

	£
	£NIL

Payments:

Hall Hire – February	£35.00
Bank Service Charge – February	£6.00
Brother Print Subscription	£4.49
Signs for new multi-tier planters	£80.98
Pay SBC to refill saltbins	£384.00
TOTAL	**£510.47**

The clerk asked Councillors to consider future investment requirements.

Cllr Rees suggested the Council should consider outside the village centre; eg the pots and pans sculpture; the Elms. This was agreed and the Chair suggested Councillors walk around the Elms to assess any needs.

It was agreed for the clerk to seek a quote to tarmac the path at side of the church. It was further agreed for the clerk to contact SBC regarding the procedure to claim S106 funding in relation to the solar farms;may help fund some of the larger investment proposals.

11. **Training Opportunities:** No new training opportunities have been received.

12. **Planning:** It was noted SBC had approved plans for an extension at 23 Astral Drive

13. **Items of Concern to Councillors:** The issues log was reviewed and noted.

Issue Log Item
The Issues Log captures items received in prior meetings until their conclusion. Current issues are:

a) **Astral Park Amenity space** – Clerk to ask SBC planners to check works are as expected
b) **Chicane at Astral Park –** work progressing
c) **Speedwatch** – Cllr McGee advised the planned police attendance did not happen, hoped to be rescheduled
d) **Christmas Tree Lights –** quote has been requested for new electric point for tree on North end of village.
e) **Durham Road Hedgerow @ Henley Park.** Clerk to ask SBC planners to check works are as expected
f) **A177 / Wynyard road junction –** Update to be requested from SBC Highways following recent accidents.
g) **Request to reinstate painted speed signs on road -** Durham Road (Henley Drive end). SBC confirm this request will be added to their future plans.
h) **Closed path to Whitton –** Clerk to chase a response from SBC.
i) **Stillington doctors –** approach made, letter dropped off for the Practice Manager.
j) **Planter Maintenance –** options to be assessed for planting/maintenance of planters.
k) **Revised SBC contact list** - Cllr Gardner has requested this to be provided
l) **Mud on road at solar farm** - Cllr Davies has raised with SBC to seek regular cleaning. Cllr Gardner will chase SBC officers
m) **Wynyard Park pots and pans** Cllr Gardner will follow up with SBC officers
n) **Hell Hole Layby** – concerns noted but we also need to improve access to green space. Longer term solution maybe a proper lighted layby if funds can be sourced.

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o) **Field opposite Henley Drive** – it was noted there was no formal update, but a planning application would be submitted in advance of any works

It was noted the Parish Hall was working with National Energy Action and future sessions were planned to help residents with energy related issues including potential energy savings. The Parish Council noted these and welcomed the approach but also cautioned to ensure residents were 'protected' and not open to any rogue activities.

14. **Communications**. – no specific items to communicate to residents.

15. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6.30pm Tuesday 14th April 2026. Cllr Hamblett issued his apologies.

Meeting closed at 7:35 pm

Minutes Authorised By: **Minutes Seconded By:**

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