Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 6:30pm in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles.

Present: Cllrs. Davies (Chair); Gillson; Hamblett; Moffatt and Rees
In Attendance: C. Chapman, Clerk; 3 residents

1. **Public Forum:**
   A resident raised an issue regarding a tree outside his property in North Close that is nearly touching his house and is touching his phone lines. **Resolved**: clerk to contact Stockton Council to request it be cut back.

   A Resident asked about the speed on the A177 as raised previously. The Clerk advised Stockton Council and the Police were contacted but as it stands there are no plans to amend the road. Cllr Rees advised at the rural crime forum, the police commissioner stated he would like to attend a future parish council meeting. **Resolved** for clerk to request his attendance (Matthew Storey); and to ask Cllr John Gardner if he can help with the procedure needed to address.

   A Resident mentioned he was asking for a skip, but SBC do not have a schedule of Bona Fide waste carriers. The Chair advised there was an on-line register and offered to help the resident. **Resolved** the clerk to offer feedback to SBC that they could not assist which may lead to flytipping in future and invite the Resident Engagement Team for waste and recycling to a future meeting.

2. **Ward Councillors report:** Apologies were received from Cllr Gardner so no update was provided.

3. **Apologies:** Apologies were received, and accepted, from Cllr McGee and Cllr Gardner (SBC)/

4. **Declarations of Interest**: The Clerk declared an interest in the Donation Request under the Finance agenda item and offered to leave the meeting while discussing that item.

5. **Minutes of** the Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting, both held on ***Tuesday 13th May 2025*** were proposed by Cllr Hamblett and seconded by Cllr Gillson. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising**: **i) Planters Maintenance:** Cllr Gillson advised some were being maintained, but 4 need to be relocated as not maintained. It was resolved to move 2 to Henley Drive where a resident offered to maintain and move 2 centrally. A suggestion of planter of the year was made with the idea of perhaps a small prize.

7. **Maintenance Committee Report:** Cllr Gillson advised there were no additional items

8. **Personnel Committee Report:** Cllr Gillson provided an update on co-option; 2 individuals have expressed interest. It was **resolved** for the personnel committee to progress with potential to co-opt both.

9. **Social Activities Committee report:** Cllr Gillson advise the English Wine night was sold out and was successful. A full programme of events is developed through the Social Committee.

10. **Financial Reports.** The financial reports were noted. The clerk provided an update on invoices and payments to be made since papers circulated, including installation of village signs; reimbursement for paper guillotine and reimbursement of wine night expenses and planter expenses.

Financial Transactions 7 May – 2 June 2025

Receipts: **£**

TOTAL	**NIL**

Payments:

Bank Service charge (May)	6.00
Raffle books, file dividers (reimburse clerk)	32,87
Hall hire costs	116.25
Plants for multi-tier planters & shed key (re-imburse Jane A)	134.40
Zurich Municipal Insurance	300.00
TOTAL	**589.52**

The clerk advised the AGAR and accounts (as previously circulated) had been successfully audited. The AGAR could now be authorised and accounts placed on deposit. The Chair and Clerk authorised the AGAR. **Resolved** for clerk to place accounts on deposit and advertise their availability for inspection.

Donation Request: the donation request for £800 for the Parish Hall CIO was approved noting the works to invest in building maintenance/improvement and to invest in the community through the free Youth Club, planned Community/Warm Space and School Holiday activity.

11. **Training Opportunities:** There was no additional training available. It was noted that any co-opted Councillor may require training which was available, and also through support from existing Councillors.

12. **Planning:** No additional planning applications were received. The application at Wolviston was noted.

13. **Items of Concern to Councillors:** The issues log was reviewed with the following updates / actions.
    - Astral Park: the clerk to ask for any update noting elapsed time.
    - Solar Farm / mud on road: to close but may need re-raising when weather turns
    - H-lines: to close as there have been no issues reported to civic enforcement; it was noted Rob Morrow was pushing for H-lines at top of middle bank triangle.
    - Christmas Lights: Cllr Rees to check whether a resident would have any issues if we sought to install Christmas lights on a tree that was planted in special circumstances.
    - Dog Fouling signs: to close as no issues reported to Civic Enforcement
    - Durham Row Hedgerow: the lack of response from planning and escalation to Stockton Council Chief Executive was noted. The Chair asked for a copy of recent communication and will liaise with Cllr Gardner.
    - A177 grass cutting – works have been completed
    - Grass cutting: it was noted the overgrown church path had been cut back but the area at top of Astral Park was advised as not adopted: **Resolved** for the clerk to query this as was thought to be SBC land.

14. **Communications** It was **agreed** for the clerk to post about upcoming events.

15. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6.30pm Tuesday 8th July 2025 at Grindon Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:55pm

Minutes Authorised By:
Minutes Seconded By: