Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 6:30pm in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles.

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

1. **Public Forum:**
   A resident asked about police attendance at meetings. Cllr Rees advised he had attended the rural crime forum and advised they were looking to re-establish the forum as attendance had declined post Covid. Cllr Rees advised an incident log was circulated at the forum which covered a large regional patch and noted several quad bike related incidents on farmland, but nothing reported from our parish. (Clerk to circulate log to Councillors). Cllr Rees advised the rural crime lead was happy to attend the meeting. Cllrs debated whether to invite the lead as there were no local incidents recorded, and no public issues raised by residents. **Agreed.** The Clerk to post locally advising we have the offer of attendance and asking if residents wished it to proceed and to advise of issues.

   A resident raised the mud on the road to Carlton. It was advised that the landowner was responsible for cleaning the road. **Agreed** - the clerk to message the landowner.

   A resident raised an issue about the underpass access (Astral Park end). The new gate does not enable accessibility for pushchairs, wheelchairs and those with mobility issues with people having to lift pushchairs over the gate. Cllr Rees suggested there was a wider need for footpaths and stiles to be assessed as many needed attention. **Agreed** - clerk to contact SBC rights of way officer seeking pushchair friendly but anti-motorbike access gates. The chair will check walkways and log any specific issues.

   Astral Chicane – Cllr Gardner advised still awaiting the funding to be identified.

2. **Ward Councillors report:** Cllr Gardner had no specific updates but had seen the emails sent by the Parish Council chasing responses.

3. **Apologies:** No Apologies were received.

4. **Declarations of Interest**: No declarations of interest were received.

5. **Minutes of** the Parish Council meeting held on ***Tuesday 11th February 2025*** were proposed by Cllr Gillson and seconded by Cllr Davies. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising**: **i) Astral Park.** It was noted responses had been submitted.

7. **Maintenance Committee Report:** Cllr Gillson provided a brief update noting village signs are scheduled to be installed in April.

8. **Personnel Committee Report:** No issues to report.

9. **Social Activities Committee report:** Cllr Gillson provided an update. Pie and Pea bingo is 4th April – 51 tickets sold, pie and peas on order. A programme of events for 2025 is under development. Easter Egg hunt being planned. A Wine night is scheduled for June.

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

The clerk advised of payments pending including hall hire fees; clerks salary and HMRC payments; and pie and pea bingo costs.
The clerk advised of efforts taken to find an auditor. Some further suggestions were raised, and the clerk will follow up.

Financial Transactions 4 February – 3 March 2025

Receipts:

	£
Wine night – sale of wine to speakers	37.00
Portugal Wine Night – raffle proceeds	275.00
TOTAL	**312.00**

Payments:

Portugal Wine night – reimburse J Gillson for food	318.77
Bank Service Charge	6.00
Parish Hall hire – Dec & January	100.00
Transfer to GPH – payment made to Parish Council – should be GPH	3.00
TOTAL	**427.77**

11. **Training Opportunities:** No new opportunities identified.

12. **Planning:** No new applications were received.
It was noted the Fir Tree Farm application was approved.

The clerk to follow up the Vane Arms approval subject to a Management Plan

13. **Items of Concern to Councillors:** The schedule of prior items was reviewed under the Ward Councillor item.

It was agreed to merge the underpass flooding and solar farm entrance items.

14. **Communications** It was agreed to communicate the potential for police attendance at a future meeting and seek views and identify any local issues.

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

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Minutes Authorised By:
Minutes Seconded By: