Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 6:30pm in Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles.

Present: Cllrs. Davies (Chair); Gillson; Hamblett; McGee; Moffatt and Rees
In Attendance: Cllr John Gardner (SBC); C. Chapman, Clerk; 1 resident

1. **Public Forum:**
   Mark Smith (Thorpe Thewles History Group TTHG) presented an item re Wayside crosses. TTHG started to try and source info on Thorpe Thewles Wayside Cross (from 1199) and have found some of the fragments. Have secured some funding part of which will be used to research further and make a replica to put on public display in the village (size c.1m x 40cm; weight less than 200kg) with an interpretation board. All Cllrs in support. **Agreed** – Clerk to check with insurers and with planners and any utilities.

2. **Ward Councillors report:** Cllr Gardner updated on issues including the Issues Log.
   - High Middlefield Solar Farm – Cllr Gardner will take up the reported issue regarding mud on road and the consequential flooding issue at A177 Underpass.
   - Astral Park Amenity Space – it was noted the planning officers have not responded and provided any update. **Agreed** – Clerk to copy John Gardner into last communications
   - Chicane – Cllr Gardner advised costs have been estimated at £28k and has a budget shortfall as only £12k available. Cllr Gardner to chase Simon Grundy for planning contribution as he accepted the issue was his oversight when considering planning.
   - North close sunken area still not filled. **Agreed** Clerk to chase and copy Cllr Gardner
   - Highways issues, including white lines, double yellow lines and H-lines. **Agreed** Clerk to chase and copy Cllr Gardner.

   Cllr Rees raised dog fouling signs having seen some at Billiingham. Cllr Gardner suggested contacting Martin Ellwell for similar in Thorpe Thewles. **Clerk to action**

   Cllr Gardner left the meeting to attend other matters.

3. **Apologies:** No Apologies were received with all Cllrs in attendance

4. **Declarations of Interest**: Cllr Rees declared an interest in the TTHG item.

5. **Minutes of** the Parish Council meeting held on ***Tuesday 10th December 2024*** 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) Budget and Precept 2025/26**
   The budget was discussed further. Noting price increases, drawdown of reserves for village signs and dropped kerbs and potential future need to support works in village it was proposed to levy a very small increase in precept of 1%. **Agreed** clerk to submit precept request. Clerk will also check regulations regarding Trees on Parish land.

7. **Maintenance Committee Report:** Cllr Gillson's update was to cover village signs, dropped kerbs and issues such as H-lines which have already been covered.

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

9. **Social Activities Committee report:** Cllr Gillson provided an update on recent events including the choir event and Santa Day. The Portuguese wine and social event scheduled for 7 February has to date sold 56 of the available 64 tickets. A programme of events for 2025 is being developed.

10. **Financial Reports.** The financial reports were noted.
It was noted the Lloyds Bank Account will be closed with final balance now transferred to new account and all Direct Debits transferred. It was noted an invoice from Stockton Council was expected to be received for the dropped kerbs work.

Financial Transactions 3 Dec 2024 – 6 January 2025

Receipts:

	£
Christmas Fayre proceeds	436.50
TOTAL	**436.50**

Payments:

Information Commissioner Office subscription fees	35.00
Bank Charges November	6.00
Replacement defibrillator pads	83.88
Parish Hall rental costs October	80.00
Magnetic display frames – to locate in the Hall toilets and other public areas	16.99
Replacement battery for the defibrillator	232.80
Reimburse J Gillson – wine for wine night	98.47
Reimburse Chair – Christmas presents for the childrens home	75.00
Clerk Salary Oct – Dec 2024 and backdated pay award	597.40
HMRC PAYE Oct – Dec 2024	398.00
Bank Charges Dec 2024	6.00
Payment to SBC for refill of Salt Bins	252.00
Hall Hire costs Nov 2024	176.00
TOTAL	**2,057.54**

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

12. **Planning:** No new applications were received.
Cllr Gillson advised the Vane Arms retrospective application was approved with restrictions

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

Cllr Moffat advised North close residents had requested resident parking signs. It was advised this was only for private roads or registered resident parking area. The advice is to take photos and send to Stockton Council enforcement team.

Cllr Moffat will send photo of new location of grit bin at North close which needs filling.

14. **Communications** It was agreed to communicate again asking for consideration when parking at north close; reminder of where to send parking enforcement issues.

15. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6.30pm Tuesday 11th February 2025 at Grindon Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Minutes Authorised By:
Minutes Seconded By:
Date: