Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

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The next meeting of Grindon & Thorpe Thewles Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at Grindon Parish Hall, Thorpe Thewles.

1. **Public Forum –** Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future discussion.
   (i) Stockton Council attendance as part of **Waste and Recycling Resident Engagement**
   (ii) Parking on Durham Road – letter from resident.
2. **Ward Councillor's Report** – to receive.
3. **Apologies for absence –** to note apologies and the reason and decide whether to accept.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – to declare any personal or prejudicial interests and their nature.
5. **Minutes –** to consider the approval of the Parish Meeting held on ***Tuesday 8th July 2025***.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**. none
7. **Maintenance Committee update** – to receive.
8. **Personnel Committee update** – to receive.
9. **Social Activities Committee update** – to receive.
10. **Finance:** to receive Financial Reports
    (i) **NALC recommend gov.uk domain**
11. **Training:** to note training available.
12. **Planning:**

- **Durham CC** proposed non-immediate Article 4 Direction that would remove permitted development rights that currently allow the conversion of dwelling houses (Use Class C3) into small Houses in Multiple Occupation for between 3 and 6 residents (HMOs – Use Class C4) without the need for planning permission.
- **Our application for diseased tree to be removed from village green.**

Any applications received after the agenda has been circulated will be tabled at the meeting.

13. **Items of concern to Councillors** – including Issues Log (Issue Log items below)
14. **Communications** - to agree any communications to be issued.
15. **Date of the next meeting** – proposed as Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 6:30pm. Matt Storey, Police Commissioner in attendance.

Issues Log items

The issues log captures items received in prior meetings until their conclusion. Current issues are:

1. **Astral Park**: Amenity Space; keep under review
2. **Chicane to address speeding cars**: Astral Park installation Oct/Nov; legal notice now issued.
3. **Speed Watch;** being scheduled
4. **Christmas Lights:** will be checked by SBC and advise provided
5. **Gate Under A177 Underpass:** SBC reviewing alternative solution
6. **Durham Road Hedgerow @ Henley Drive** – SBC investigating 'breach of planning control
7. **A177 / Wynyard Road junction and recent accidents:** SBC highways will assess options
8. **Overgrown tree North Close touching private property:** SBC will cut back

9. **Litter bin request on Durham Road heading out of village from Henley Drive;** request made to Cllr Gardner to joint fund
10. **Request to reinstate speed signs on road on Durham Road (Henley Drive end);** SBC assessing
11. **Tree to be removed on village green;** going through planning process
12. **Resident concern about cyclists on Wynyard Road footpath and near misses with residents leaving front doors;** SBC do not take direct action (not effective)