Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

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The next meeting of Grindon & Thorpe Thewles Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 13th October 2026 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) Local Plan / Planning Issues – Stockton Council planning reps in attendance
2. **Ward Councillor's Update** – 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 minutes of the Parish Meeting held on ***Tuesday 8th September 2026***.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, not covered by issues log**. 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; and draft 2027/28 Budget.
11. **Training:** Latest suite of training circulated to Councillors 7th September.
12. **Planning:**
    - **26/1547/FUL** Low Middlefield Cottage Blakeston Lane; Erection of two storey rear extension (demolition of existing out buildings)

    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** – the next meeting is proposed to be held on Tuesday 10th November 2026 commencing at 6:30pm

<u>Issues Log items</u>

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

1. **Astral Park**: SBC will ask Mandale to reseed areas; but consider issue closed
2. **Christmas Lights:** quote chased again.
3. **Durham Road Hedgerow @ Henley Drive** – SBC planners have advised they intend to visit in September to see if whips have taken. The fence could then be removed if residents agree.
4. **A177 / Wynyard Road junction and recent accidents:** Works imminent. Noting another severe collision occurred.
5. **Request to reinstate speed signs on road on Durham Road (Henley Drive end);** SBC confirm road painting on forward plan when funding allows. SBC confirm no funding for traffic calming, as not an identified accident spot
6. **Closed path to Whitton –** SBC advise path closure extended further; no date provided for path opening

7. **Path adjacent to church** – SBC have requested we do not tarmac or undertake works; they are revisiting use of road plainings.
8. **Seat at bus stop**. House owner at bus stop has confirmed they would prefer a seat not to be provided. CLOSED
9. **Salt bin at Vicars Close / Mill Terrace.** It was noted SBC bins are on Bank Terrace, Manor Cottages (top), School Close, Durhan Road (between nos 11 and 15)
10. **Water Butt at bus shelter:** costs not prohibitive. However, would need to install gutter at back of shelter, and need to consider how much water would be captured.
11. **Proposed Investments; using expected funding from Solar Farms**.
    a. **Speed Control Measures**. Cllr Gardner advice sought on those measures that have been assessed as producing results, costings will then be compiled
    b. **Playpark**. Funding to be earmarked and boosted annually by using some precept funding. SBC have been contacted as some of wooden posts in playpark are rotten
12. **Banners to advertise events.** Two banners were ordered for the Christmas Fayre and Santa visit.
13. **Sight lines Henley Drive**. SBC highways requested to assess sight lines at Henley Drive exit.
14. **Play Park**. SBC have advised some equipment is unsafe and needs replacing – site meeting scheduled with Councillors and SBC reps