Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

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The next meeting of Grindon & Thorpe Thewles Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14th July 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.
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 9th June 2026***.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, not covered by issues log**.
   - **(i) New website now live. https://grindonandthorpethewles-pc.gov.uk**
   - **(ii) Priorities for use of funding expected from Solar Farms, including AGM feedback**
   - **(iii) Local Plan outstanding proposals**
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) Accounts audited and available for public inspection / AGAR to sign
    - (ii) Bank Mandate to update
11. **Training:** no additional training courses notified. Schedule of NALC events circulated
12. **Planning:**
    - **26/1147/TNOT** Fulthorpe Garage Wynyard Road Thorpe Thewles. Notice under regulation 5 of electronic communications code regulations for the installation of 1no 11 metre light wooden pole.
    - **26/1211/TNOT** Land South Of Howden Lodge, Durham. Notice under regulation 5 of electronic communications code regulations for the installation of 1no 11 metre light pole.
    - **26/0778/FUL** Land Between Thorpe Bank Solar Farm And Middlefield Solar Farm A177, installation of underground electricity cables and associated infrastructure to connect the consented solar farms

    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 8th September 2026 commencing at 6:30pm (no August meeting)

Issues Log items

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

1. **Astral Park**: Amenity Space; no response from SBC to escalated concerns. Chased 6 July
2. **Christmas Lights:** quote chased again 6 July

3. **Durham Road Hedgerow @ Henley Drive** – no response from SBC re escalated concerns, Chased again 6 July
4. **A177 / Wynyard Road junction and recent accidents:** SBC highways confirm work imminent, our comments on Committee report submitted
5. **Request to reinstate speed signs on road on Durham Road (Henley Drive end);** SBC confirm road painting on forward plan when funding allows, but no other action proposed.
6. **Closed path to Whitton –** SBC advise path closure extended till August 2026 and landowners chased for action
7. **Planter Maintenance –** all planters now being maintained – issue to be closed
8. **Path adjacent to church** – SBC advise road plainings will not be used and no imminent works scheduled for the path. Have requested growth be cut back (6 July).
9. **Trees blocking signage at New Chicane** – SBC have trimmed back trees – Issue to be closed
10. **Quotes Received**. Quotes received for resetting 6 x posts on village green and installing pathway at side of St James Church