Grindon and Thorpe Thewles Parish Council

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The next meeting of Grindon & Thorpe Thewles Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 8th September 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) Recent Anti-Social Behaviour
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 14th July 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.
    (i) **Banners –** to advertise events
10. **Finance:** to receive Financial Reports; note right of access period for 2025/26 accounts closed.
11. **Training:** latest suite of training circulated to Councillors 7th September.
12. **Planning:**
    - **26/1326/PDA**: Land West of Grindon Villa Grindon Lane Thorpe Thewles; Prior notification for the erection of 1No. agricultural storage building: ***prior approval not needed***
    - **26/1101/TNOT**: Land Adjacent to Fulthorpe Garage Wynyard Road Thorpe Thewles Proposal Notice under regulation 5 of electronic communications code regulations for the installation of 1no 11 metre medium wooden pole. – ***approved with conditions***

    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 13th October 2026 commencing at 6:30pm

Issues Log items

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 18 August 2026 (SBC since advised the named contact officer has left the Council and have advised new contact who has been approached).
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. A resident requested an update

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 till August 2026 and landowners chased for action. Update requested 18 August 2026
7. **Path adjacent to church** – SBC have requested we do not tarmac or undertake works; they are revisiting use of road plainings.
8. **Quotes Received**. Quotes received for resetting 6 x posts on village green and installing pathway at side of St James Church (SBC have since asked us not to do works on the path as they will revisit use of road plainings.
9. **Seat at bus stop**. SBC confirm approval subject to confirmation from resident. Installation is £990 (plus cost of bench) and provided supplier details. Have requested other suppliers. Supplier may bespoke eg a commemorative seat or seat with parish council crest.
10. **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)
11. **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.
12. **Local plan:** update provided on last local plan – SBC planners attending October meeting
13. **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.