

**THORPE SALVIN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WHICH WAS BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S
CHURCH ON MONDAY 13TH OF JANUARY 2025 AT 7PM.**

PRESENT

Cllr A Colclough
Cllr M Collingwood
Cllr J Cox
Cllr M Johnson
Cllr C Marsh

Parish Clerk – Mrs R Thompson

1. **Welcome to Public** Comments or questions from members of the public (15-30 minutes will be allowed)
None present.
2. **To receive any apologies for absence**
None
3. **To declare any interests necessary for this meeting and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.**
None
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of November 2024.**
Approved by all .
5. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **Sorby Field - Play Area report, grass cutting, Hedge, etc**
Risk Assessment Report remains at low risk. Cllr Colclough agreed to write to RMBC for a quote for the work involved to reduce the risk from low risk to very low risk. The grass cutting contract with RMBC has expired. Cllr Colclough agreed to obtain quotes for the grass cutting contract for the next 3 years.
 - b) **Village Maintenance – Sorby verge wooden posts, Coronation Garden, Road Sweep, etc.**
Cllr Colclough agreed to check the wooden posts on the grass verge at Sorby and report back at the next meeting.
The Parish Road sweep took place on the 16th of December 2024, members noted that the Parish does look better for it.
Cllr Colclough has contacted a company for a comparable road sweeping quote and has another company to contact.
 - c) **CCTV**
Cllr Collingwood reported that the CCTV in the Parish is all up and running. Members discussed the requirements for a CCTV Policy, it was resolved that a hyper link to RMBC's policy will be placed on the website. The Clerk will action this. Cllr Collingwood confirmed that all the relevant paperwork has now been completed and sent back to RMBC.
 - d) **Road Safety**
Cllr Marsh reported that he has contacted RMBC about the need for more signage at the Packman Road junction and their reply was that there has been only one

recorded incident in 5 years and therefore does not meet the threshold for improvements. Cllr Marsh agreed to respond to reiterate it is simply more signage that is required .

Members discussed that not all incidents at the junction are reported to the police , it was resolved for Cllr Johnson to create a Facebook post asking residents to report any incidents.

e) Village Sign

Deferred until better weather.

f) Christmas Decorations

Cllr Colclough discussed the email he has circulated to members with details for potential decorations for next year.

Cllrs Collingwood and Johnson both suggested that a real tree be purchased again next year though perhaps putting it up earlier in December.

Item to be placed on the agenda in the summer.

g) White stone solar farm.

Cllr Cox commented that RMBC can comment on, but not make a decision on the application. Members discussed their concerns about the loss of agricultural land should this go ahead. It was resolved that Cllr Cox will write to the local MP with the Parish Council's concerns.

6. Governance Matters

a) Precept 2025/6.

Members discussed that the Thorpe in Bloom funds may be reduced compared to previous years and TSPC may have to take on certain responsibilities relating to village maintenance that previously have been funded/undertaken by TiB.

This needs to be taken into account when considering the precept.

Last year there was an increase of 10.1 % . Cllr Marsh noted that members need to consider inflation and increases in outgoings.

Councillors discussed a range of potential increases to the precept for the next financial year and agreed that an objective for 2025 would be to further focus on improving the appearance of the Parish. Following further discussion on the options for an increase to the precept, Cllr Colclough proposed an increase of 10% which was unanimously agreed.

Action: Clerk to inform RMBC of the request.

b) Government Website

It was discussed that the Parish Council has been contacted by our current website provider offering to move the website over to a gov.uk address as it is being rolled out across the sector.

All in favour to proceed with his change. Clerk to progress

7. Planning Matters

a. **New Application - 2024/1642 Common Road Thorpe Salvin** - No concerns.

b. **RB2025/0001 The Piggery, Littlewood Lane** - Members discussed residents concerns over ammonia from the piggery contaminating soil in the locality. Members also added that they are concerned that this application maybe the first step towards increasing capacity at the piggery. It was resolved that Cllr Cox would write to the planning department to express these concerns on behalf of the parish Council.

c. **Decisions** - None.

8. **Finance**
 - a. **Current Balances**
 - Reserve Account £5261.49
 - Current Account £16,633
 - b. **Cheques to be signed**
 - R. Thompson £400.87 – Salary and website fee reimbursement
 - M Johnson £142.49- Reimbursement for Christmas tree lights and decorations.
 - HMRC £3.20 – Income Tax
9. **Report by Borough Councillors**

None present
10. **Correspondence**

None
11. **Councillors items for discussion only**

Cllr Johnson noted that the Parish Council's focus this coming year should be parish Maintenance and improving the aesthetics of the Parish.
12. **Date of next meeting**

10th February 2025

Cllr Cox gave his apologies for the next meeting as he is unable to attend .