

Thompson Parish Council (TPC)
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held in Thompson Community Hall on Tuesday 16 September

Present:	Karen Keen	Chair of this meeting
	Ron Powrie	Vice Chair
	Robert Garcia	
	Duncan Gregory	
	Jo Shelton	
	Jean Wagner	
	Kim Austin	Clerk
	Phil Cowen	Breckland District Councillor

Also present: There were no members of the public present.

The meeting opened at 19.32

1. **To elect a Chairperson to chair this meeting. Declaration of acceptance of Office**
Cllr. Karen Keen volunteered to be elected to chair this meeting. Cllr. Powrie proposed and Cllr. Garcia seconded this proposal. The vote was unanimous and Cllr. Keen was duly elected. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr. Keen and witnessed and signed by the Clerk.
2. **To consider accepting apologies for absence**
Apology received from Cllr. Snelling (by WhatsApp during start of meeting) as he was unwell.
3. **To record declarations of interest from members in any items on the agenda**
Cllr. Garcia explained he had no pecuniary interest but did have a personal interest in Boruch application PL/2025/1273/PAPW as he lives opposite the splay.
4. **To approve the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 15 July 2025**
Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr. Wagner and seconded by Cllr Powrie. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. Karen Keen.
5. **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (Tuesday 15 July 2025) not on the agenda**
Defibrillators. Cllr. Gregory would liaise with Bronwen Tyler to publish a poster advertising the location of the parish defibrillator in the Waylander. Cllr. Gregory said he had contacted Bronwen.
6. **To adjourn the meeting for public participation, an opportunity for members of the public to raise any queries and concerns.**
The meeting was not adjourned as there were no members of the public present.
7. **To discuss Breckland Local Plan and Call for Sites (RP)**
RP No further developments.
See agenda item 12.1 District Councillor report including Local Plan (PC)
PC Yesterday, received letter from new minister saying no change. Still committed to 1.5 million homes. Local Plan being worked on. Call for sites is just that - a call - still needs planning applications to actually be considered, to deliver numbers, year on year. Large sites (~1000) - could be 6-8 years before they happen. This puts pressure on smaller sites. Officers have to look at everything put forward. Challenged by Anglian Water who say no to sewerage treatment plants at various sites. Anglian Water and the NHS are not statutory consultees. The challenge is delivering houses in the right place. Thompson is very low down the development list.
Phil Cowen explained the planning process. Delegated authority means delegated to the planning officer so would not go before the Planning Committee. Officer would produce a report and this would be

signed off by planning seniors. If a planning application is unpopular, with many concerns raised by the public, then it may be 'called in' and scheduled to go before the planning committee which involves a consistent number of people but different individuals. The planning officer would write a recommendation and pass to line manager. People who are for or against a particular application can apply to attend. Parish Councils can attend and have 3 minutes to speak. Would appoint a spokesperson.

8. Update on Woodland Trust Project (RG).

Tom Bolderstone (TB) of the Woodland Trust had provided RG with an update.

- Contractors are on site installing the final phase of large-scale fencing across the site with this expected to be finished by mid-October.
- Contractors will shortly be preparing topping the fields in preparation for the planting season this year and our future planting seasons.
- We will be planting c 22,500 trees on site this winter, with two further planting phases in 2026 & 2027. (67,500 total trees.)
- We will be holding a community planting day in early December for the community to help plant the site- date TBC.
- We are progressing our plans for the car park and have gone back to planning with a small amendment to the design around electric car chargers. We will be appointing a project manager for construction later this year .
- We have had a few issues with people driving on to site and parking and impacting our works on site, so will be installing some small no parking signs to remind people not to park on site or on the verges.

Cllr. Garcia to report back to TB re 'Stop No Go' sign. Should be 'No Parking'. Cllrs. Wagner and Gregory had witnessed the parking. Allowed to walk along the footpath.

Cllr. Garcia will inform TB of the Boruch application PL/2025/1273/PAPW with particular regard to the splay.

9. To discuss NEW Parish website

Geoff Winslow very kindly maintains the Parish website and was instrumental in its development many years ago. Recently, it has been experiencing problems. It is out of date and uses old technology. This is making the job more onerous for Geoff, who would be quite happy to relinquish the role. Rules for Parish Council websites are becoming more stringent due to the legal duties of Parish Councils, and GDPR, it being a public body.

The Clerk had spoken at length with Kevin Bacon of RLS Computer Services. Kevin worked for NALC until fairly recently and has now set up separately from them since April this year. Kevin sounded very competent, efficient and professional on the phone. Easy to talk to and very helpful. He confirmed RLS could set up a new website - transfer all data across from old website (takes about 3 weeks). The old and new can run independently from each other until ready to switch. The website would be a gov.uk. PC emails would also be gov.uk and provided as part of the 'package'. New councillors joining would be provided with email addresses at no extra cost. One off cost for set up is £290 plus vat (we would claim the vat back.). There is an annual charge for maintenance/looking after website of £190 plus vat. £140 for the first year as a new customer. No hidden extra costs. They look after PC in terms of legal and rules and regs requirements. To date RLS has 25 websites and growing.

The clerk had circulated the new website information to all councillors prior to the meeting and suggested they look at parish websites produced by RLS e.g. Wymondham Town Council, Reedham and Thorpe St. Andrew. Also look at the RLS demo website showing choice of 3 looks and five colour schemes. Councillors had liked the look of the sample websites.

A new website was discussed and there was a unanimous decision that one was needed. So far impressed with RLS. Would need to look at extras which may or not be needed. Keep monthly costs as low as possible. Would look at precept with view to covering these increased IT costs. Ideally would have two people to maintain and do updates.

Need a specific meeting to discuss our needs and what would be involved. Suggested attendees: Geoff Winslow, the Clerk, and Cllrs. Keen and Garcia who had expressed an interest. Check with GW if current website could be 'tidied' and any data /files not needed, removed. (The less to transfer, the better).

The Clerk mentioned at the last meeting that hosting and domains were currently with LCN.com and we usually paid for several years at a time as it is cheaper. The Clerk had checked and Domain had been paid for 5yrs up to 2029. Hosting had been paid 2yrs up to 2026.
The Clerk would progress with Kevin Bacon/RLS.

10. To discuss NEW Parish laptop

The Clerk had received a quote from RLS for a renewed HP laptop with all software and support and this had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The laptop cost was £399 as compared to a new one from say Currys for ~£800. It was agreed a new laptop was needed as the Clerk was currently using her own PC. It was also agreed that a dedicated device for the Parish Council work was needed and appreciated that if the Clerk left, then it is a simpler job of handing over a laptop to a new Clerk. Would need to look at whether data backup and teams etc would be needed. Keep monthly costs as low as possible. Would look at precept with view to covering these increased IT costs. Must note, increasing the precept will increase council tax for parishioners.

The Clerk to progress.

11. To discuss councillor training

Cllr. Garcia was interested in attending Code of Conduct training at NPTS. He would let the clerk know if there were any suitable dates so she could book. If any other councillors are interested in any courses, they too should let the Clerk know. Cllr, Snelling already booked onto new councillor training course. Link to NPTS: <https://norfolkpts.org/>

Courses: <https://bookwhen.com/norfolkpts?tags=All%20Courses#focus=ev-sprt-20250918190000>

12. To receive reports

12.1 District Councillor (PC)

LGR

Working with other district councils in Norfolk, Breckland is finalising its submission to the minister to deliver three unitary authorities as the proposal favoured by Breckland, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, Great Yarmouth, Norwich City, Broadland and North Norfolk councils. This proposal would see three authorities of circa 300,000+ population each with Breckland and Kings Lynn forming a West Norfolk unitary authority with elected members having constituencies of around 3,500 residents. The proposals are to be taken to each of the participating council's September council meeting ahead of being submitted to the minister on the 26 September.

It should be noted that the minister is not obliged to accept any of the submissions received; government may propose a different solution.

Devolution

The county council are to vote on their decision to appoint or not appoint a mayor in September and this will determine whether a strategic mayoral authority for Norfolk and Suffolk will be established

Waste collections Serco have been experiencing some staff shortages due to sickness and as a result some bin collection rounds have been affected but this should not be a long-term situation.

12.2 County Councillor (FE) No report received.

12.3 Community Hall report (JK)

Thompson Community Hall

Classic Cars & Coffee Sunday mornings have now finished for the year, scheduled to start again in 2026.

The hall was redecorated in August so the rooms now look as fresh as they did when the Hall opened in 2018.

Bookings better than usual over the summer period. There will be a Theme Meal event on 20 September with the theme this time being 1970s. October's event will be a Bingo Night 17/10 as well as a film night 3/10. There will be a quiz in November 29/11.

The Book Shed has been installed and fitting out is in hand, with the aim to start to sorting and pricing in early October. There is a backlog of books which have been donated since the beginning of the year. Donation publicity will be stepped up once we have cleared the backlog. The November book sale will be over two shorter days this time (22nd and 23rd) and is being advertised as Caroline's and Keith's swansong. We hope that this will result in increased sales which will help to reduce the stockpile of many thousands of books which they have amassed over the 10 years that they have been holding these sales.

12.4 The Millennium Green report (JS)

The Clerk had received this email report from Cllr. Jo Shelton. (JS) and had circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Thank you to Cllr. Shelton for volunteering to be the link between TMGCT and the Parish Council.

Thompson Millenium Green Report - Meeting Held 28 July 2025 5pm

Present: Angus Welch, Teresa Blake, Jean Kaye, Jo Shelton

Minutes from the last meeting were signed off.

Management:

The Chair remains vacant.

The Committee was confirmed for another year as Angus Welch, Jo Shelton (PC Representative), Jean Kaye (Treasurer), Teresa Blake (Secretary), Andrew Cook (IT matters/Website)

Records:

There are still a lot of historic records to go through and archive. TB is taking the lead on this and working her way through them slowly.

Insurance:

Insurance has been renewed with the existing provider.

Reports:

JS will take over the bi-monthly reports for the PC. JS and AW will put together an annual PC report for the General Meeting.

Finances:

There is currently £23,000 in the bank. Very little money has been raised so far this year and it is hoped that the Thompson Run will bring in some much-needed cash.

Maintenance:

UK Power will prune over hanging trees and branches along Tottington Rd to Well Corner. No date as yet.

TTSR is supposed to have cleared the ditches in July. As of the 28 July this has not happened. AW will chase but it is hoped that this will be done asap.

Clearance of the reeds in the pond will take place in September.

Benches will be oiled or varnished before winter to protect them.

The adult exercise equipment and children's play equipment will have their annual inspections in September. There is always something that needs to be done re their upkeep. Easy fixes can be arranged by the committee but anything more complicated will need to be farmed out to a contractor and this is usually expensive. AW asked for quotes.

Community Engagement:

The website is being updated by Andrew Cook - www.thethompsonmilleniumgreen.com

Fundraising:

It's getting harder to raise money year on year. Many opportunities for obtaining grants have been closed to us e.g. Defra There are no longer grants available to us via Defra for hedging works. The biggest fundraising event of the year remains the Thompson Run. It is likely that those who have supported the run over many years will stop doing so in the coming years. It is therefore important to look at other ways to raise cash.

School Usage of the Thomspon Green: The Coddwomplers are still popular and do some great work. It is hoped that the new Head will continue to support the Coddwomplers.

Reclaim the Rain:

This has been a disappointment in respect of helping to address flooding issues in the village. Boardwalks will be installed over wet areas and willows planted. No date as yet set.

Other Business:

As this was JS' first meeting - there were a number of areas of clarification sought.

Requested £2000

Re the £2000 requested by the TMG committee. This is for the maintenance and upkeep of the exercise and play equipment. JS requested that a copy of the inspection and quotes for essential works be sent to the PC when received and that a more detailed breakdown of expenses be provided for the PC to consider.

The adult equipment is being used and this was backed up by Mr Minto who attended the meeting. He said he used the equipment regularly. The equipment was purchased via a grant and therefore should remain.

Terms of Reference

It is stated in the AGM 2010 that the committee work to an agreed terms of reference. This was set in place after the PC became sole trustee in 2009. Where are the terms of reference? The committee didn't know the answer to this and felt if anywhere they would be in the deeds or the addendum to the deeds and that Kim may have a copy.

Where is the delegated authority from the PC to TMG?

This is mentioned in a deed amendment 4/1/11

Haphazard reporting/AGM

After 2019 there is a regular annual meeting after which it becomes haphazard. This is most likely to do with COVID. It seems lately to be referred to in retrospect. It is the PC's responsibility to organise this via the AGM. The PC as the trustee should hear the AGM report as the PC but also as a separate entity as trustee.

Meetings are advertised in the Waylander.

This report was accepted by members of the Parish Council, in their role as Parish Councillors and as Trustee of The Millennium Green.

Cllr. Shelton was thanked for providing TMGCT report.

Parish Council agreed the **TMG annual Trustee meeting** should take place after the next scheduled Parish Council meeting to be held on 18 November. Cllr. Shelton was asked if she could request financial information (income & expenditure etc.) for 2023 and 2024 and maybe a forecast for 2025.

Ditches update. AW had confirmed the ditch had been slubbed out on 3/9 from near the bus stop along Tottington Road to the entrance to the Thompson Water Treatment Plant. The Clerk had informed NCC and had received a reply from Harry Forwell (HF).

'My colleague met with our drainage contractors on site, to survey the drainage in this area with a camera. It was noted on site that the ditch requires digging out to a deeper depth, to allow the water to flow properly and ensure the pipework does not get backed up and cause flooding on the highway. Hopefully this is possible for you guys to do. I am happy to meet on site and discuss further if required and maybe ask my colleague to attend. This would alleviate the flooding issues in the nearby area.'

Note: JK did not agree with this approach and both JK and AW would meet with HF on site on 3/9 to discuss.

13. To report on financial matters

13.1 National Salary Awards from April 2025 to April 2026 - to agree Clerk's annual pay rise.

National Salary Awards, although very late again have now been agreed and published. Pay is therefore backdated to April 2025.

Level **SCP18** was £15.84 per hour from 1/4/2024. New hourly rate from 1/4/2025 is £16.35 (A 51p per hour increase. **£16.35** x 4 hours per week, x 52 weeks per year.

Is £3400.80 / 12 months = **£283.40 per month** (Increase of £8.84 per month). Back pay due from 1 April 2025 to date (5 months) is therefore **£44.20**. NALC who does the payroll for Thompson will incorporate into next payroll. They will calculate back pay on this basis and this

will be paid in the next pay run for end of September 2024. The Clerk had circulated these calculations to the Chair and Vice Chair prior to the meeting, for them to check and agree.

13.2 Finances

13.2.1 Financial position

Bank account balances at Tuesday 16 September 2025

Barclays Community Account	£	2808.25
Barclays Business Premium Account	£	9593.54
TOTAL as per bank	£	12401.79

Summary (Including monies allocated)

Allocated to Sports Equipment maintenance (TMG)	£	1746.00
Allocated to Notice Board	£	1084.30
Thompson Parish Council	£	9571.49
TOTAL as per bank	£	12401.79

13.2.2 Money in since last meeting (15 July 2025)

25/7/2025	Recycling payment - Breckland Council	£	97.39 (£95.12 last year)
8/9/2025	Barclays Saver A/C - Interest	£	31.74
TOTAL IN		£	129.13

13.2.3 Bank Reconciliation

Opening balance at bank, Current (Last meeting, 15 July 2025)	£	3556.84
Opening balance at bank, Savings (Last meeting, 15 July 2025)	£	9561.80 (£13118.64)
PLUS Money in since last meeting (as above)	£	129.13
MINUS Money out since last meeting (Total cheques 20 May 2025)	£	845.98
Closing balances at bank (This meeting, 16 Sept. 2025, as above)	£	12401.79

Note: Bank Recon. Bank statement printouts were signed by the chair.

13.2.4 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 857	TTSR Ltd. Grass cutting 3 of 4	£	571.42
CHQ 858	Norfolk Training & Support - New Cllr. Training (TS)	£	78.00
CHQ 859	Annual Donation. St. Martin's PPC (On Inv)253.73x2	£	507.46
CHQ 860	Clerks wages x2 July/Aug 2025, M4, M5 inc. back pay	£	593.32
CHQ 861	Annual donation - Thompson Community Hall	£	350.00
CHQ 862	Annual donation - Wayland Partnership	£	350.00
CHQ 863	Annual donation - The Millenium Green Char. Trust	£	550.00
TOTAL OUT		£	3000.20

THOMPSON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS					INCOME					
					YEAR ENDED 31 March 2026					
Date	From	Description		PRECEPT	SAVER AC INTEREST	RECYCLING GLASS & PAPER	GRANTS ETC	VAT	MISC	TOTAL
08/04/2025	Breckland Council	Precept 1 of 2	DIR	4,150.00						4,150.00
02/06/2025	Barclays	Barclays Saver A/C Interest	DIR		31.66					31.66
23/07/2025	Breckland Council	Glass recycling payment	DIR			97.39				97.39
				4,150.00	31.66	97.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,279.05
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THOMPSON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2025 - 2026														EXPENDITURE									
														YEAR ENDED 31 March 2026									
Date	F v To	U p Description	CHQ	CLERKS WAGES	POSTA GE	PAYRO LL SERVI CES	COUN CIL EXPEN SES	TRAINING	HALL HIRE	PRINTE R	INSURANCE	AUDIT	DONATIONS	SUBS	GRASS CUTTING Etc	WEB SITE	DEFIB	MISC	CAPIT AL	VAT	TOTAL		
20/05/2025	Info Commissioner	Annual Data Protection Fee	849											52.00							52.00		
20/05/2025	Wymondham garden	Internal Audit 'Plant Hamper'	850									35.00									35.00		
20/05/2025	NPTS	New Councillor Training	851					135.00													135.00		
20/05/2025	Zurich Municipal Insur	Annual Insurance	852								264.00										264.00		
20/05/2025	TTSR Limited	Grass cutting 1 of 4 (25%)	853												476.18				95.24		571.42		
20/05/2025	Kim Austin Clerk	Clerk's wages M1,M2 Apr/May 2	854	549.12																	549.12		
15/07/2025	TTSR Limited	Grass cutting 2 of 4 (25%)	855												476.18				95.24		571.42		
15/07/2025	Kim Austin Clerk	Clerk's wages M3 June 25	856	274.56																	274.56		
31/08/2025	TTSR Limited	Grass cutting 3 of 4 (25%)	857												476.18				95.24		571.42		
16/09/2025	Annual donation	St. Martin's grass cutting (On inv	858										507.46								507.46		
30/07/2025	NPTS	Training New Cllr. (Tony Snelling	859					65.00												13.00	78.00		
16/09/2025	Kim Austin Clerk	Clerk's wages M4/M5 July/Aug 2	860	557.96																	557.96		
16/09/2025	Kim Austin Clerk	Clerk's wages - backpay	860	35.36																	35.36		
16/09/2025	Annual donation	Thompson Community Hall	861										350.00								350.00		
16/09/2025	Annual donation	Wayland Partnership	862										350.00								350.00		
16/09/2025	Annual donation	Millennium Green - TMGCT	863										550.00								550.00		
				1,417.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	264.00	35.00	1,757.46	52.00	1,428.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	298.72	5,452.72		

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13.2.5 Budget Vs Actuals

Thompson Parish Council Budget Vs Actual			
AT 16/09/2025	Budget 2025/2026	Forecast 2025/2026	2025 - 2026 Actual to date 2025/2026
INCOME			
Precept	8,300.00	8,300.00	4,150.00
Recycling	100.00	100.00	97.39
Interest (Barclays Saver)	10.00	10.00	31.66
VAT	350.00	350.00	0.00
Total	8,760.00	8,760.00	4,279.05
EXPENDITURE			
Staff Costs including PAYE	3,294.00	3,294.00	1,417.00
Payroll services	96.00	96.00	0.00
Internal audit fee	35.00	35.00	35.00
Postage	25.00	25.00	0.00
Insurance	264.00	264.00	264.00
Grass cutting	1,904.70	1,904.70	1,428.54
Training	150.00	150.00	200.00
Printer/consumables	35.00	35.00	0.00
Website	187.40	187.40	0.00
Capital	100.00	100.00	0.00
Defibrillator (Batts/Pads)	200.00	200.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/Contingency	200.00	200.00	0.00
Donation - St. Martin's Church	500.00	500.00	507.46
Donation - Wayland Partnership	350.00	350.00	350.00
Donation - Thompson Community	350.00	350.00	350.00
Donation - Thompson Millenium G	550.00	550.00	550.00
Subs - Norfolk ALC	155.00	155.00	0.00
Subs - Info Comm Registration	52.00	52.00	52.00
VAT	300.00	300.00	298.72
Total	8,748.10	8,748.10	5,452.72
PRECEPT £8300	Budget	Forecast	Actual to date
2025/2026	2025/2026	2025/2026	2025/2026

13.3 To discuss bank mandate and making direct transfers instead of cheque payments.

The latest mandate change has now been implemented leaving 3 signatories: Duncan Gregory, Jean Wagner and Ron Powrie. The Clerk is named as an official. (So, 4 in total). Any 2 authorised persons to sign.

To discuss whether to move to making direct payments instead of writing cheques.

Advantages: No cheques, no envelopes, no postage costs. No post going missing. All signatories would need a pin sentry card reader and a card with a PIN. The Clerk would set up payments to be scheduled, retaining printout of payment for accounts, and notify signatories to authorise by email. Once authorised the direct payment would be paid as requested.

It was agreed to move to direct payments. The Clerk would arrange Pin Sentry card readers/pins for all signatories.

Clerk's notes.

VAT still to claim for the previous year.

14. To consider planning applications

14.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting (15 July 2025)

14.2 Applications pending outcome

PL/2024/1100/FMIN WESTMERE HOMES Land to east of Marlpit Road. Erection of 4 dwellings (084)

- 14.3 New applications since last meeting (15 July 2025) and to include any new applications received after agenda finalised.**

PL/2025/1047/HOU DALLI 3 College Road, IP24 1QF. Erection of front porch (087)

Cllr. Wagner had spoken to some of the neighbours and they had no objection. The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to submit **NO OBJECTION**.

PL/2025/1273/PAPW BORUCH Green Farm House IP24 1QB. Agricultural access and private way under a 28-day prior approval notice. Connect Griston Road (unclassified) with the farm building at Green Farm (088)

Note: PAPW Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways for agricultural or forestry use.

This application was discussed at length, including mention of previous applications and the history of the site. The PC had queried the size of the visibility splay and were waiting confirmation. Phil Cowen explained that a 59m splay means 59m clear line of sight in both directions from viewed set back from the road by 2.4 metres. Telegraph poles sometimes get in the way. Tree height has to be limited to 1.5 metres. RG would check if there was a planning notice posted at the site and make sure Woodland Trust were aware of this application. The planning officer had emailed 15/9 to say she was awaiting amendments/updates to the plan from the agent - but these were not received in time for this meeting. Concerns were raised regarding the splay encroaching on the Woodland Trust site. Also, the nature of the business was not made clear. Residents had raised their concerns on the planning website. No unanimous decision was arrived at. Any comments made should reflect this. PC were not sure if they should comment at this point or wait for amendments. Post meeting note: KK and JW would put together PC comments to be submitted.

PL/2025/1322/VAR WOODLAND TRUST Site situated East of Thompson along Griston Road. Var. to condition 2 on 3PL/2024/0509/F Substitute approved drawing with Drawing SK05 Rev. D, which removes the immediate requirement to install active EV chargers and instead provides passive provision (i.e. ducting and infrastructure to enable future installation) for two future EV charging bays. (089)

There was a unanimous decision that the Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

- 14.4 Appeals** NONE

- 14.5 Enforcements** Pockthorpe Lane turning head update (KK/KA) The Clerk had received an update from Principal Planning Lawyer at Breckland who was waiting on close up/focused plans from County showing the extent of the public highway and the exact location of the public footpath in the context of the turning area.

Clearing of footpath. Waiting on NCC. KK will continue to send reminders. The Clerk would email Fabian Eagle to see if he could help move things along.

15. To discuss any correspondence.

Sandbags. A resident asked if the Parish Council would be restocking the sandbags for the winter as they had nearly all disappeared from the Community Hall car park. It was discussed and agreed the PC would not buy any more sandbags at present but would advertise in the Waylander for those already borrowed to be returned to the pallets in the car park.

Noticeboards. Geoff Winslow had reported a problem with the noticeboard on the triangle by the church. He believed someone may have glued the lock shut or else the board had warped. GW was asked if there was any help he needed from PC and he said he would investigate further after his holiday.

Post meeting note: PC notices should be posted on two council notice boards. These are the one attached to the bus shelter and the other one on the triangle adjacent to the church (currently problematic). The community Hall notice boards is not a Council board and minutes agendas etc are not displayed on it. Add Noticeboards as an agenda item for the next meeting.

16. AOB – To receive items for the next agenda.

There was no AOB.

17. Resignation of newly elected chair

Cllr. Keen resigned as chair of this meeting.

18. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 18 November 2025, in Thompson Community Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Parish Council meeting dates for 2026.

All meetings are 3rd Tuesday in the month (except September meeting)

All meetings start at 7.30 (except the May meeting that starts at the earlier time of 7pm).

All have been booked and confirmed with Thompson Community Hall.

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19/5 (AGM and Annual Assembly - Starts at earlier time of 7pm)

21/7

22/9 (4th Tuesday)

17/11

Meeting closed at 21:35