

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Thorverton Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Silver St, Thorverton on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Andrew Foster (Chairman)
Cllr Andy Price (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Stuart Crang
Cllr John Hodge
Cllr Bryanna Uglow
Cllr Graham Sims
Cllr Karl Wilson

ABSENT

None

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public, D/Cllr Rhys Roberts,
C/Cllr Steve Keable *[from 7:47pm]* Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

1 Chair Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting with the latest results of the Council's survey regarding housing development in the village. The majority of respondents against the proposals and in favour of spending money to fight the proposals.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Hodges, Uglow and Wilson are members of Thorverton Community Land Trust. Cllr Uglow is the Council's nominated member of the Thorverton Memorial Hall. Cllr Wilson is a member of the Thorverton Community Action Group. Cllr Foster is Chair of the Thorverton Community Land Trust

The clerk reminded Council that their home addresses would no longer be published in their Registers of Interests due to the rewritten Localism Act 2011 (Section 32A). Cllrs can opt to have their home addresses published if they wish.

3 Apologies

None, all Councillors present.

4 Public Open Session

Having already mentioned the results of the Survey the Chair invited the first speaker to speak on behalf of the Thorverton Community Action Group (TCAG) and explain how best the PC could help.

The first speaker stated that the recent proposals for development could lead to a 20% increase in housing stock in Thorverton. Local feeling against development has been increased with the Wain Homes development. There is a clear mandate from the surveys undertaken to resist the developments

TCAG believe that applications can be successfully resisted. Should development go ahead it would be hugely detrimental on the village. Thorverton would no longer be the special place we know it to be.

The speaker recognised the dilemma the Parish Council faces as there is a need to get the best s106 result for the village. He believed that it is better to negotiate from position of strength not acquiescence.

There are many grounds for objection and TCAG is happy to take on the fight inviting the Parish Council to support TCAG. A 2nd Cllr was invited to join to work with TCAG.

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TCAG is seeking expert Planning advice to assist with the objections.

D/Cllr Rhys Roberts gave details of the political context of the planning process which the Government plans to change. His advice is to get the best and fairest outcome of the s106 funds that might be available. It is important that the Council engages with the planning process to achieve this. He understands Wain Homes are being encouraged by MDDC Planners to go for larger numbers of homes than they already have. If MDDC don't reach the planning targets for new homes fines will be imposed from on high.

Cllr Uglow understands that the s106 must be put in with planning applications. TCAG understand the s106 issues.

C/Cllr Keable gave details of the imminent changes the planning process is being introduced by the Government in October to streamline the planning process. Ultimately it will be the Planning Inspector that will decide based on the local plans to achieve housing targets. Local District policies don't count unless there is a disbenefit to the community; he urged that all objections were carefully written bearing in mind these issues. Overall the Government's target of 1.5m new homes trumps local policies.

The latest MDDC Homes & Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) just about covers the 6,000 properties target. C/Cllr Keable offered to meet TCAG separately.

The Chairman mentioned porous asphalt and check to see if DCC are capable of looking after asphalt roads once they have been adopted. It relies on water running through and the voids need to be vacuumed cleaned using special machinery and he doubted that DCC has the special vehicles.

TCAG offered to do the 'donkey work' of the objection. By a show of hands the Council unanimously supported working with TCAG to oppose housing development in the village.

Cllr Price raised the issue of paying for services for other organisations. This could be done but the consultant would be working for the Council.

6 Minutes

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true and correct record and the Chairman duly signed them.

Prop Cllr Price **Seconded** Cllr Uglow Cllrs Hodges and Sims abstained.

7 External Reports

7.1 County Councillor incl Highways

Council **NOTED** Cllr Keable's written report and the Highways Tracker which had been circulated to the Cllrs. He will be meeting the NHO and going through the Highways issue at the end of this week. C/Cllr Keable reported that an additional £4m was available for Highways due to an accounting correction.

Council enquired about the pothole repairs. C/Cllr Keable advised that the 500m either side trial was very expensive and there is going to be a new trial with a flexible approach. Rural areas are under-reporting and the repairs are sent to where the most reports are received.

Gullies are only cleaned once every three years. Highways problems are clearly understood as Government funding has been cut and all money needs to be raised by Counties for repairs

[C/Cllr Keable left the meeting at 8:26pm]

7.2 District Councillor

D/Cllr Rhys Roberts reported the following:

The Local Government Reorganisation arrangements for Devon are expected to be announced by 16th July.

Work on the MDDC new Local Plan will continue over the next 13 months, following Government guidelines and there is a current consultation on the scope of the Plan.

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Council enquired about a Neighbourhood Plan and D/Cllr Rhys Roberts encouraged all Parish Councils to complete one.

D/Cllr Rhys Roberts echoed C/Cllr Keable's comments on the new streamlined planning system. Government is also looking to streamline the appeals process.

MDDC has introduced Rights of Rivers. D/Cllr Roberts considered that having rights implies autonomy and views it as a political exercise with little point.

Cllr Wilson invited D/Cllr Roberts to get involved in the Thorverton Community Action Group which D/Cllr Roberts was happy to do if he could make the meetings.

Village can apply for a 30mph or indeed 20mph speed limit. This may be supported by Highways because of the possibilities of new development.

7.3 Saturday Market

None since the last meeting.

8 Projects

8.1 New Cemetery

Council will ask the contractor for weeding on the footpath and clear of the whole site.

8.2 Wain Homes meeting & 8.3 Summerfield Development incl Housing Survey

Council discussed the options to support TCAG and turn the survey results into action and the best way to use expert advice that the Council feels it needs.

The consultant fees will be £150 per hour. Cllr Crang confirmed that the PC is unable to pay individuals such as the TCAG but could help by paying for the consultant.

Council **RESOLVED** to engage a planning consultant to produce a scoping report of the Parish Council's role in the planning process and what the Council needs to have done at each stage of the application process. Council expects this to cost up to £1,500 and the report to be shared with the TCAG.

Prop Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Wilson

[7 members of the public left the meeting at 8:57pm]

Council will offer Wain Homes a meeting on either 17th, 24th and 1st July at 7pm.

8.4 s106 Funding Available & Future Funds

A meeting between Cllrs and the s106 Officer at MDDC took place and there is £1,000 that is left in the s106 pot and could shortly be returned to the developer.

Council **RESOLVED** to buy an octagonal bench for the recreation ground with 7 seats and ground anchors to go behind the football pitch. **Prop** Cllr Uglow **Sec** Cllr Hodges

Council was also advised that the Leonard Square s106 fund shows the Football Club as the beneficiary. Council will work with the Football Club to ensure these funds are spent and support the erection of the football stopping nets.

Council would welcome any suggestions from local organisations for using s106 funds, but there are restrictions to the projects that qualify.

8.5 Donation to Royal British Legion

Council **RESOLVED** to donate £100 in recognition of the excellent efforts of the volunteers who work so hard to keep the Jubilee Green in excellent condition.

Prop Cllr Hodges **Sec** Cllr Wilson

8.6 Temporary Traffic Orders

Details are vague and Council is unsure whether roads will be closed or if the work will be done with the roads open.

8.7 Plan Mid Devon – Scoping Consultation

Council **NOTED** this consultation and will reply individually. All interested residents are encouraged to read the details and contribute as they see fit.

8.8 Barliabins Fencing and Hedging

Cllr Crang offered to put a fence up from his own resources for which the Council was very grateful.

8.9 MDDC Report It – Read It – Remember It App

Council **NOTED** this new app and it will be promoted by the Chairman on

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9 Planning & Licensing

9.1 Planning Applications

- 9.1.1 26/00666/HOUSE 21 The Glebe** Erection of single front extension
9.1.2 26/00633/LBC The Old Pound New internet connection cable
9.1.3 26/00684/HOUSE West Ashley Variation of conds 2 & 6 of 23/01369/HOUSE
9.1.4 26/00715/FULL Ruffwell Inn Demolition, 5 dwellings & assoc works
9.1.5 Appeal 25/00748/CLU Overshed Cert of Lawfulness use of agri dwelling
Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on any of these applications.

Prop Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Uglow

9.2 Very Recent Planning Applications

Council did not consider an Extraordinary Meeting necessary for application 26/00542/LBC received today

9.3 Licensing Application

MDV PR0402 Exe Valley Farm Shop Variation of Premises License

Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

Prop Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Uglow

10 Recreation Ground

10.1 Financial Report for May

No expenditure in May.

11 Grounds Maintenance

11.1 Contractor Work for the Month

The work needed this month is:

- Allotment 18
- Weedkilling
- Green Shed in the Quarry Car Park – vegetation clearing
- Cemetery work – flail the current growth
- Grass cutting in the regular areas
- School Lane vegetation
- Leats in front of the church are dry and grass has grown in them

12 Council Administration

12.1 Review of Council Orders and Policies

12.1.1 IT Policy & Website Accessibility Statement

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy as presented.

Prop Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Uglow Cllr Wilson abstained

12.1.2 Publication Framework

Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy as presented.

Prop Cllr Hodges **Sec** Cllr Uglow Cllr Wilson abstained

12.1.3 Policies for approval in July

Council will review the Asset Register and 2 other policies in July.

12.2 Bank Statements

Council discussed providing 5 years of bank statements to Cllr Wilson. The Council did not reach a conclusion on this matter. *[Cllr Hodge left the meeting at 10:19pm]*

12.3 Clerk CiLCA Training – Approval of Training Contract

Council **RESOLVED** to sign the DALC CiLCA Training Contract.

Prop Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Wilson

13 Accounts and Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)

13.1 Accounts for 2025-26 incl Budget Review

Council **NOTED** the Budget Review for 2025-26 (see appendix B).

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Council **RESOLVED** to approve the 2025-26 Accounts and the Chairman duly signed them (see appendix C). **Prop** Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Price

13.2 AGAR Internal Audit

Council **NOTED** the internal audit & supplementary report and the provision of a Council mobile telephone to the clerk was discussed. The clerk will let the Council know if he wishes to comply with the auditor's non-mandatory recommendation.

13.3 AGAR Governance

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the 2025-26 AGAR Governance Statement and the Chairman duly signed the document (see appendix D). **Prop** Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Price

13.4 AGAR Accounting

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the 2025-26 AGAR Accounting Statements and the Chairman duly signed the document (see appendix E). **Prop** Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Price

13.5 Notice of Public Rights

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the the dates for exercising public rights as Wednesday 1st July to Tuesday 11th August 2026 (see appendix F). **Prop** Cllr Crang **Sec** Cllr Price

14 Finance

14.1 Bank

Council **NOTED** the current balance of £ 61,447.79 (4th June 2026) and income since the last meeting of: Interest £25.82 Garages £70.00

14.2 Quarry Car Park Garage Ground Rents review

Council will ascertain the ground rents at MDDC

14.3 Payments

Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

Prop Cllr Wilson **Sec** Cllr Price

14.3.1 Ben Fitch	Grounds Maintenance April & May	£	464.87
14.3.2 P Clapham	Internal Audit fee	£	92.20
14.3.3 Ruddlesden Geotechnical Ltd	Barliabins Landslip inspection	£	1,500.00
14.3.4 Inst. of Cemetery & Crematorium Management	Annual Subs	£	110.00
14.3.5 J P Roberts	Clerk interim payment for May	£	300.00
	Reimbursement for Survey Legend subs	£	35.34
		£	335.34

15 Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th July 2026

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:13pm.

Signed Date
Cllr Andrew Foster, Chairman

Cllr Steve Keable

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Devon County Councillor's Report - Greedy, Taw & Mid Exe:
 Blideigh • Brushford • Cadbury • Cadeleigh • Chawleigh • Cheriton Fitzpaine • Coldridge • Cruwys
 Morchard • Down St. Mary • Eggesford • Kennerleigh • Lapford • Morchard Bishop • Newton St. Cyres •
 Nymet Rowland • Poughill • Puddington • Sandford • Shobrooke • Silverton • Stockleigh English •
 Stockleigh Pomeroy • Thelbridge • Thorverton • Upton Hellions • Washford Pyne • Wembworthy •
 Woolfardisworthy • Zeal Monachorum
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Mid Devon Councillor's Report - Taw Vale:
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Welcome to my June newsletter. Last month has been another busy month, with 15 parish council meetings attended of the 18 that have taken place in May. In my first year since being elected I have achieved a 74% attendance rate of all parish council meeting in my County Division. If I have missed a meeting this is often because there are more than 3 parish councils meeting on the same evening. I seek to stay in-touch with all through this newsletter.

Stay informed about local decisions, community initiatives, and opportunities to have your say

Devon Financial Outturn 25/26

At the end of May, DCC Cabinet received the final revenue and capital outturn for last year. The Council ended the year in a balanced position, which is a welcome sign of improved financial grip after many years of very difficult budget pressures.

The headline of the outturn is that we underspent by £9.8 million last year. Adult social care, children's social care and SEND, remain under enormous pressure. However, ending the year in a stronger position has allowed some important additional investment to be carried forward. In the administration's first year, we have demonstrated financial responsibility and an ability to make serious efficiencies.

Of particular local importance, is additional money to this year's budget. A further:

- * £4 million is to be invested to support additional highways maintenance;
- * £1 million has been set aside to invest in the Children's Social Care workforce;
- * £416,000 will support the diagnostic work needed for Devon's High Needs Stability Grant application as part of SEND reform;
- * £2 million has also been transferred into the Service Transformation reserve.

These are the sorts of decisions that determine whether we can repair more roads, stabilise vital services, and make practical improvements for residents.

Local government across the country is expected to keep ageing road networks going without the level of investment needed to do the job properly. The result is a system that has too often been forced into reactive repairs rather than preventative maintenance. Devon has now approved an additional £15 million for highways maintenance in 2026/27, followed by an extra £10 million per year for the following four years. This is significant and welcome, but it will still need to be spent carefully.

Call for better resilience & investment for railways



Councillors, from wards along the North Devon and Okehampton rail lines, recently joined the Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance annual meeting. "The Tarka Line and the new Okehampton Line have been a great success," said Councillor Steve Keable. "Passenger number have grown hugely, but that success has brought its own challenges".

"It is encouraging to hear that new rolling stock is to be updated with more capacity. Crediton now has two trains every hour, carrying 1.5m passengers through the station. The rail industry is wanting to accelerate the doubling of the line to Exeter".

£2 million programme of investment, strengthen & modernise Library Service

Cabinet unanimously agreed to maintain current staffed opening hours, following one of the largest public consultations the Council has ever undertaken.

The decision will ensure that the county's 50 libraries remain firmly at the heart of Devon's communities.

The package includes a £1 million transformation fund, earmarked in February, and an additional £100,000 investment in books and digital resources. Cabinet also announced a further £1 million at the meeting, made possible by a council-wide underspend last year.

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Mid Devon District Council will formally kick off work on a **new Local Plan** for the district on 26 May 2026, marking the start of an important process that will help shape how the area grows and develops in the years ahead. This follows the Government's introduction earlier this year of a new requirement for councils to prepare Local Plans within a 30-month timeframe.

A scoping consultation now open to 10 July, gives residents, businesses and stakeholders the chance to **have your say** right from the outset:

- what the new Local Plan should cover
- the key issues it should address
- how people would like to be kept informed as work progresses

Crediton Tesco's road upgrade

Works to start at A377 roundabout from 29th June. Traffic lights will be in operation between 9.30am and 3.30pm weekdays on the A377 as major works are required in the roundabout. Diversions will be shown for alternative A roads only, and other minor roads may be affected to assist the flow of traffic. Please check maps and use local knowledge to identify alternative routes. Tesco's Crediton will provide information in June.

National changes to Planning - Important changes that will affect all Parish Councils

Streamlining of local planning decision-making is part of the Government strategy to build 1.5m new homes. Through the Planning & Infrastructure Act 2025* the Secretary of State has introduced a new scheme of delegation intended to modernise local planning committees by setting out which applications will be delegated and determined by officers (Schedule 1) and which will go to Committee (Schedule 2).

The Regulations detail is still to be published. Once received Mid Devon will be required to adopt the National Scheme and update Constitution and Scheme of Delegation.

This new system will start from 30 September 2026 and decisions will be based strictly on application stage evidence and national criteria. District Councillors will no longer be able to 'call-in' all applications as they can today. Mid Devon is still to consider whether it will introduce a "triage" system to assess which Schedule 2 applications go to committee.

In parallel with these changes to our approach to decision making, Government is also looking to streamline the appeals process, promoting the use of a fast-track approach to written representations appeals. (Which comprise most appeal decisions)

The new system will require both planning applications and officer reports to be 'appeal ready' as the Planning Inspectorate will not consider new plans, reports or late submissions from appellants, interested parties or the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

LPA planning officer planning reports must provide

clear, well-reasoned decision notices and supporting documentation, planning conditions and S106 obligations, which must be fully justified.

The new system is designed to 'submit once, submit right', and places a duty upon all to submit their argued case and supporting evidence 'once and right' as there will no later opportunity. This includes the observations from parish councils as these will contribute to the reports of the LPA planning officer and will be taken forward to any appeal stage.

Where the Planning Committee resolves to overturn officer recommendations, the appeal case is likely to comprise the committee minutes and decision notice. To support this change, the Planning Committee has requested training to ensure the minutes (previously a record of key discussion points only) will provide a comprehensive explanation of the reasons for refusal.

If a parish council has something to say, then say it at the application stage! Any comments made by interested parties during the application will be forwarded to and considered by the Inspector when deciding the appeal. Most appeals will be considered through written procedures, known as Part 1 (fast track within 12 weeks), or Part 2 (full written representations, 6-months) which has a very high bar leading to a hearing or inquiry.

More detail will be available once the Regulations are published. Parish Councils are asked to note these national changes to the planning system.

* Received Royal Assent: 18 December 2025

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Appendix B

Thorverton Parish Council Budget Quarter 4 Review 2025-26							
2022-23		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26			Notes
Detail	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	YTD	FY	
Payments							
Staff Costs	£ 7,222	£ 5,780	£ 7,893	£ 10,160	£ 7,506	£ 7,506	3.6% increase this year
Administration	£ 1,437	£ 820	£ 1,814	£ 1,500	£ 2,918	£ 2,918	
Prsh Mntnce - cntrctr	£ 3,509	£ 2,015	£ 1,980	£ 3,000	£ 3,225	£ 3,225	
Prsh Mntnce - matrls	£ 2,971	£ 1,306	£ 671	£ 3,000	£ 1,183	£ 1,183	
Recreation Ground	£ 933	£ 680	£ 2,770	£ 1,250	£ 13,891	£ 13,891	Hoop £1,990, surface £10,556
Allotments	£ 255	£ 238	£ 291	£ 250	£ 115	£ 115	
Grant Giving	£ 1,097	£ 875	£ 1,300	£ 1,500	£ 1,550	£ 1,550	ICCM £105
Insurance	£ 719	£ 746	£ 832	£ 1,000	£ 843	£ 843	
Annual Subs	£ 323	£ 440	£ 390	£ 500	£ 419	£ 419	
Legal fees	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 500	£ -	£ -	
Training	£ 114	£ 402	£ 60	£ 750	£ 60	£ 60	Landscaping work £5,866 Fencing £4,452
Barliabins	£ 688	£ 668	£ -	£ -	£ 7,580	£ 7,580	
New Cemetery	£ 1,140	£ -	£ 10,145	£ -	£ 5,405	£ 5,405	
TCLT	£ 2,000	£ 494	£ 7,099	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Elections	-	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	Total exceptionals £22,969
New tool store	-	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	Clerk pension £675.54
New Play Equipment	-	£ 1,000	£ 2,500	£ 2,500	£ -	£ -	
Charging Points	-	£ 1,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
General Reserves	-	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Total	£ 22,408	£ 16,464	£ 37,745	£ 25,910	£ 44,694	£ 44,695	Net FY £22,402
Income							
Precept	£ 17,426	£ 17,763	£ 20,529	£ 24,089	£ 24,089	£ 24,089	s106 funding £6,471
Garages Ground Rents	£ 640	£ 70	£ 640	£ 700	£ 280	£ 280	
Bank Interest	£ 161	£ 494	£ 528		£ 389	£ 389	
Grants received	£ 2,310	£ 4,232			£ 6,471	£ 6,471	
Allotment income	£ 210	£ 100	£ 240	£ 280	£ 260	£ 260	
Deposits	£ 75	£ 25	£ 75	£ -	£ -	£ -	
VAT reclaim	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 400	£ -	£ -	
Miscellaneous	£ 1	£ 200	£ 5,281	£ -	£ 49	£ 49	
				£ -	£ -	£ -	
Total	£ 20,823	£ 22,884	£ 27,293	£ 25,469	£ 31,538	£ 31,538	Net FY £25,067

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THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2025-26						
Bank Statements	Current Acct	Reserve Acct	Other	Total	Payments & Receipts	Total
Opening balances 1st April 2025	£ 16,884.33	£ 37,816.54		£ 54,700.87	Opening balances 1st April 2025	£ 54,700.87
					Payments	£ 44,693.69
					Receipts	£ 31,537.63
Closing Balances 31st March 2026	£ 3,339.17	£ 38,205.64		£ 41,544.81	Closing Balances 31st March 2026	£ 41,544.81
					Imbalance	£ -
Allocated Reserves at 01-Apr-25					Allocated Reserves at 31-Mch-26	
New Cemetery Funding	£ 18,417.00				New Cemetery Funding	£ 13,012.45
Defibrillator Funding	£ -				Defibrillator Funding	£ -
Night Landing Site Funding	£ 1,068.00				Night Landing Site Funding	£ 1,068.00
Covid Funding	£ 372.30				Covid Funding	£ 372.30
Play Equipment Funding	£ 9,732.00				Play Equipment Funding	£ 12,232.00
Tool Store Funding	£ -				Tool Store Funding	£ -
Elections	£ 2,000.00				Elections	£ 2,000.00
Allotment Deposits	£ 525.00				Allotment Deposits	£ 525.00
Arch Dig Interpretation Board	£ 2,310.00				Arch Dig Interpretation Board	£ 2,310.00
Charging Points	£ 2,000.00				Charging Points	£ -
Allocated reserves	£ 36,424.30				Allocated reserves	£ 31,519.75
General reserve	£ 18,276.57				General reserve	£ 10,025.06
(Bank balance - Allocated reserves)					(Bank balance - Allocated reserves)	

Prepared by

Jim Roberts

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Thorverton Parish Council

Date 16 May 2026

Approved by Thorverton Parish Council

Signed

Cllr Andrew Foster

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Date 9/6/26

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Appendix D

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, that:

	Agreed		‘Yes’ means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We have assured ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes ✓	No	N/A has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.
10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.		✓	has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2026 £	
1. Balances brought forward	62,036	54,700	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	20,529	24,089	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	6,764	7,449	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	7,893	7,506	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	26,736	37,188	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash-book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	54,700	41,544	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	54,701	41,545	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	69,987	89,677	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
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	Yes	No	
11 Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any trust transactions?	✓		For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33.

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Appendix F

Smaller authority name: Thorverton Parish Council	
NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)	
NOTICE	NOTES
1. Date of announcement <u>30th June 2026</u> (a) 2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2026, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to: (b) Jim Roberts, Parish Clerk 10 The Glebe, Thorverton EX5 5LS 07768 457590 commencing on (c) <u>Wednesday 1st July 2026</u> and ending on (d) <u>Tuesday 11th August 2026</u> 3. Local government electors and their representatives also have: - The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and - The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority. The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only. 4. The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2024. The appointed auditor is: PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 30 Churchill Place London E14 5RE sba@pkf-l.com 5. This announcement is made by (e) <u>Jim Roberts</u>	(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 1 day before the date in (c) below (b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts (c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and exactly 30 working days before the date appointed in (d) below (d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July. (e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority

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