

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THORNBURY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 28TH JULY 2025, AT 7 PM IN EDWYN RALPH VILLAGE HALL

Members Present: Cllrs Ashley Ede (Chair), Kitty Edwards (Vice Chair), Henry Lewis, and David Manning.

Also, Present: Jennifer Eva (Clerk), Ward Cllr Bruce Baker, and 1 member of the public.

The Chairman extended condolences on behalf of the Parish Council and community to Cllr Jim Farrant and his family following their recent bereavement.

25/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Tom Edwards, Jim Farrant, William Keown-Boyd, Alan Pitt and Phil Wildig.

25/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next ordinary meeting as most members present were not at the July meeting.

25/17 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Ward Councillor Bruce Baker provided the following update.

- Hereford Bypass – HC Cabinet has agreed the next steps in delivering the first phase of the bypass.
- Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) – Central Government funding has been withdrawn; communities must now self-fund the creation or revision of NDPs.
- Call for Sites – HC has launched an evidence-gathering exercise to identify potential land allocations for the new Local Plan.
 - This will shape future housing, employment, infrastructure, and environmental improvements across the county.
 - Submission of a site does not guarantee allocation but ensures options are considered in long-term planning.
- Annual Electoral Canvass – Now underway to maintain the accuracy of the electoral register.
 - All households must confirm registered voters or report changes.
 - HC will prioritise data and electronic communication (email/text) before issuing hard copy letters to reduce costs.
- NMITE – The first students have graduated from the New Model in Technology and Engineering (opened in 2021)

25/18 PUBLIC SESSION

No questions were received.

25/19 FINANCE

1. Members received the finance report from May - July 2025. The report detailed the bank statement totals, as below, the spend to date and monthly bank reconciliations.

- Current a/c = £4,750.88
- Reserve a/c = £849.54

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the report.

2. To ratify the following payments made between meetings.

Payee	Goods / Services	VAT	Total
ICO			£47.00
HMRC	PAYE month 2		£73.40
J Eva	June Salary		

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments made between meetings.

3. To approve invoices for payment via online transfer.

Payee	Goods / Services	VAT	Total
The Community Heartbeat Trust	ER Defib Annual Service		£60.00
HMRC	PAYE month 2		£73.40
J Eva	May Salary		

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments.

25/20 PLANNING MATTERS

Grant of a Premises Licence for Nozstock, Rowden Paddocks, HR7 4LS

Members received and noted the decision notice from Herefordshire Council's licensing sub-committee in respect of the meeting held 2 July 2025.

Ward Cllr Baker left the meeting at 7:25pm.

25/21 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Members noted that the Village Hall Committee has appointed a new Chair, Mrs Tracy Meadows. Mr Ian Meadows was co-opted to join the committee.

It was agreed that Cllr Kitty Edwards be appointed to the vacant position of Parish Council Representative, to serve alongside Cllr Ede.

25/22 HIGHWAYS / FOOTPATHS / TRAFFIC

Members noted the following information.

- Public Rights of Way (PROW) – (*Ref. agenda item 25/11*): At the previous meeting, a resident reported that several parish footpaths crossing arable land were sometimes difficult to use, owing to their narrowness caused by adjacent planting. Cllr Ede subsequently met with the resident to identify the affected areas on a map of the parish. It was noted that dry conditions, together with ruts and furrows, are making the paths harder to navigate. The situation will be monitored to determine whether conditions improve with a change in the weather.
- Resurfacing works at Streetfield – 28 to 29 August (8am – 5pm).
- Highway signage – members are asked to report overgrown signs to the Clerk.

25/23 INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following information and correspondence received.

- a. Talk Community Newsletters
- b. Locality Stewards' weekly updates.

25/24 DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting is scheduled for 29th September 2025.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:35pm

Signed by Cllr Ashley Ede Dated