

THORNBURY GROUP PARISH

Minutes of Thornbury Group Parish Annual Meeting held on 27th May 2025 at 7:00pm in Edwyn Ralph Village Hall

Members Present: Ashley Ede, Jim Farrant and Phil Wildig.

In Attendance: Jennifer Eva (Parish Clerk) and Ward Cllr Bruce Baker

Members of the Public: 5

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Kitty Edwards, Tom Edwards, William Keown-Boyd, Henry Lewis, David Manning and Alan Pitt.

2. To receive, approve and sign the minutes of the last parish meeting held on 20th May 2024.

It was agreed to approve the Minutes a true record.

3. Chairman's Report from Cllr Ashley Ede

- The Parish Council met regularly to discuss local matters such as planning applications, roads, and footpaths.
- Thanks to support from the Ward Councillor, the Council successfully lobbied for the resurfacing of the B4214 between New Cross Farm and The Rock Caravan Park.
- Work on drainage and road surface issues on Church Lane has been resolved.
- The Parish Council will continue to monitor highways and drainage issues, working with Herefordshire Council and its contractors.
- Cllr Pitt, the Parish Footpaths Officer, has managed blockages and vegetation clearance; the Chairman thanked him for his efforts.
- Other Councillors were acknowledged for their work monitoring local infrastructure.
- The Parish Council maintains two defibrillators (in Edwyn Ralph and Collington) and is raising funds for a third in Thornbury, to be housed in a renovated phone box.
- On the internal auditor's advice, the Parish Council raised the precept to rebuild reserves for emergencies and to address inflation.
- A donations policy for community projects is being developed, with funding contingent on sufficient accrual.
- The 2024/25 internal audit was successfully completed, and the Parish Council passed its budget in all areas.
- Thanks were given to Jennifer, Parish Clerk, for her administrative work and to Parish Council members for their contributions and support throughout the year.

4. Comments from Local Electors

Residents in attendance raised the following issues.

- Some residents would like a meeting with Platform Housing to discuss issues at properties at The Crest i.e. on-street parking and general upkeep of property frontages.
- Some residents would like a grit bin installed near the Village Hall.

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- Some residents reported that several parish footpaths, crossing arable land, are sometimes difficult to use due to their narrowness caused by nearby planting. Councillor Ede agreed to meet with the resident to identify the affected areas on a map.
- It appears that speeding vehicles travelling through Edwyn Ralph are increasing, so Councillor Ede agreed to bring this to the attention of the Safer Neighbourhood Team once again.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 7:20pm

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