

THURNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes – Thursday 14th May 2026

Present were Cllrs Jonathan Molineux, Jenny Davies, Ann Lamb & Leslie George, County Councillor Jason Hughes, the Clerk Jane Beck, and eleven parishioners were also in attendance. Apologies received from Cllr Donnie Cooke.

1. Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting dated 22nd May 2025 having been circulated via e-mail and being available on the website were agreed and signed by Cllrs Jonathan Molineux and Cllr Lesley George.

2. Matters arising – None

3. Correspondence – None

4. Report from PCC – Carol Delf as follow:

BUILDING

Recommendations from the Quinquennial Report from Ian Walker were discussed. It was agreed in view of finance that quotes, and action would be taken only on essential repairs. This involved the vestry door beam and seating supports and the purchase of aluminium ladders. Paul Bradnock has completed the church repairs on the seat and door threshold beam. Further advice is required prior to the purchase of the ladders.

SERVICES

During the year we recorded 9 services - 5 Holy Communion Services (including one Harvest Communion and Moonlight Communion), the Popular Sea Sunday Service on the Staithe, The Remembrance Service, the popular and very well attended by the village Carol Service and a Wedding of a local couple. We had two burials at the Church.

The church continues to be open every day and attracts many visitors who are writing very complimentary comments in our visitor's book and appreciate the church being open. 90 comments were recorded. Unfortunately, the Good Box failed in February, and a new Gift Box could not be installed until July, and this had a noticeable difference in our collection total. It also required a new contract with the imposition of a monthly fee - this is in addition to the percentage charged on each transaction. I would like to point out that every year the expenses are exceeding the income. The deposit account is declining, and this is not sustainable in the long term.

As a Team Ministry, we are now officially recognised as the Fleggburgh Team Ministry – South Group alongside Clippesby, Fleggburgh, Mautby, Stokesby and Runham. We welcome their support at our services.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I would like to acknowledge the services of the PCC Members Carrie England David Liddiment & Diana Churchill who assist in the running of the church. We very much acknowledge the support and services of Rev Phil Rodd and his wife Cathy.

The congregation has very much enjoyed the services, and your warm and engaging presence coupled with your relaxed ever helpful approach is very much appreciated by us all.

We are very much indebted to them for a very generous donation to St Edmunds Church.

Our thanks as always go to Thurne Parish Council for their most generous donation from the proceeds of the village fete - this is essential to keep the church functioning in the community.

Our final thanks go to Robert Parker and David Bradnock for maintaining the church yard and village cemetery.

5. Report from Thurne Poors Trust – Cllr Molineux reported – Annual meeting held on 10th December 2025. Finances were discussed, and it was agreed to pay out the same as last year, £400 to 13 people, recipients as previous.
6. Report from Community Wood – Mr Molineux reported – the wood continues growing slowly. Mr A Cooke keeps the pathways mown and Mr J Molineux pulled the ragwort late summer 2025. The ragwort needs to be kept on top of, perhaps this year the village could organise a community ‘pull’.

Mr S Scase a wood committee member passed away recently. Mr S Cooke would be happy to join the committee, this was unanimously supported by the Parish Council. It has been suggested to plant a tree in Mr Scases’s memory.

7. Web site report – Clerk Jane Beck reported – As agreed at the May 2025 meeting, the website has been successfully migrated to gov.uk platform and all Councillors now operate via gov.uk emails. The org.uk platform continued to run in parallel until the end of April 2026 this has now come to an end, all notifications have been sent, and the old email is obsolete.

8. GYBC Councillor – no report received.
9. Norfolk County Councillor – the Parish Council welcomed Cllr Jason Hughes to his first meeting since election. Parishioners have already raised concerns with Cllr Hughes regarding the speed limit, or lack of it, through the village. Cllr Hughes reported that he has raised this with Norfolk County Council and is pleased to report that consideration of a 40 or preferable 30 limit through the village could be achieved. Any support the village could provide around for the introduction of a 30mph limit would be appreciated. Letters or a petition for support of this change would be welcomed. The Parish Council have raised this request many times in the past with previous County Councillors so welcome the opportunity for Cllr Hughes to progress this change for the village, it was noted that this is an important and necessary safety improvement. Cllr Hughes will keep the Parish Council advised of progress.

Cllr Hughes also reported that the Western District Road has been delayed due to Bats, but the funding remains in place. Works are being undertaken on the A146 as a result of sunken drains.

A parishioner requested that Cllr Hughes consider highway ownership in the village to clarify responsibility for repairs within the NR29 3AP postcode area.

10. A.O.B. – None

11. Meeting closed 19:50