North Thoresby, Waithe and Grainsby Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 October 2026 at 7.00pm at North Thoresby Village Hall, The Square, North Thoresby, DN36 5QL

Present:	**Chair**	Cllr Colin Goodwin
	Vice-Chair	Cllr Keith Butters
		Cllr Emily Bakes
		Cllr Tony Townsend
Also Present:	**Clerk**	Mrs Binal Sawjani (via Zoom)
	Members of Public	**4**
	District/County	Cllr Alex McGonigle
	Apologises:	None

Item 0726/52 Welcome to the meeting: Chair opened meeting at 19.00 and welcomed councillors, public and district councillor.

Meeting opened to the public:

- Member of WI referred to a letter sent in the parish the chair will refer to this at the meeting
- Play park – the park is overgrown and it is difficult to get into the park

Two parishioners left

Chair invited Cllr McGonigle to speak:

- Local government reorganisation (LGR) is ongoing and the outcome of the judicial review should be out shortly.
- Ludborough Road sewer issues with a noisy manhole cover to report to highways and resend to Anglian Water- this issue that been around for some time
- Councillors Community Grant fund is open

Item 0726/53 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations: None

Item 0726/54 Apologies for absence: Cllr Aldridge apologise received and accepted

Item 0726/55 To approve the draft notes as minutes of the last meeting held on the 6 August 2026: Amend that the WI were approached to clean the toilets from the minutes – proposed, seconded and RESOLVED. They were dated and signed by the Chair.

Item 0726/56 Chair's Report:

- Chair expressed condolences to parishioners families that have passed away in the village.
- Electricity saving on behalf o the council – chair has a poster – post on the website proposed, seconded and RESOLVED
- Chair wanted to extend a thank you to the North Thoresby Community Events Association the planters are excellent
- The community hub is up and running and will be a great please for information for the village

- WI – written in the council to ask if we would consider opening the toilets on a full-time basis and without the need of a radar key
- Manhole cover Chair has written to Anglian Water
- Dog mess poster has been designed and on the noticeboard which highlights that there is a £100 fine
- Poster providing the details for fix my street on noticeboard

Item 0726/56 Clerk's Report

- Clerk has had an application to join the council – clerk to interview with councillors and then proposes that we have an extraordinary meeting coopt onto the council. Clerk will coordinate.

Item 0726/57 Training: Training available to all Staff and elected Members and clerk recommends councillors to view training schedule. Training level one safeguarding Cllr Bakes

Item 0726/58 Parish Matters To receive updates from in respect of: moved item d

d) Public toilets Locks fitted and electrics tested; electrical testing cost exceeded original allowance (tested at £300, Council approved an additional £500 for signage, PIR sensors and lighting upgrades - proposed, seconded and RESOLVED WI submitted a strong letter opposing the RADAR-key arrangement; residents raised concerns about accessibility and being discouraged from visiting the village. Council reminded that previous vote binds the current arrangement; council will run the RADAR-key trial for 3 months from opening and then review usage/statistics. Toilets will open under the RADAR-key scheme; council will monitor uptake and revisit options after the trial period.

Cllr left room 19.27

Return 19.28

Further discussion regarding the letter and safeguarding issues around opening of the toilet for residents and council wants to keep to the plan of having radar key and review in 3 months

a) Village Hall –
   i. Heating Oil needed and quotes need to be obtained proposed for 1200 litres seconded and RESOVLED

Two parishioners left

   ii. Remembrance Sunday – proposed Village Hall open on 8 November seconded and RESOLVED
   iii. Christmas Tree – proposed spend £250 council to buy tree seconded and RESOLVED
   iv. Sarmatians event this month propose that the village hall for free for event, seconded and RESOLVED
   v. Lock on the door, windows and blinds at £72.00 proposed, seconded and RESOLVED
   vi. Village Hall –Kitchen – proposed kitchen alterations –defer to next meeting
   vii. Tree survey booked and report back next meeting

b) Football goal post – ordered, delivered and installed
c) Project 29 – Village Hall will be 100 years and briefing document sent to council. Propose new floor, windows, doors, roof and ceiling for the village hall and have an uplift for the centenary year. Set up a working party to lead on this project. Briefing doc to supplied with minutes.
d) Already minuted
e) Mirror for Community room - accept and arrange installation of the donated interactive exercise mirror (one-year subscription included), plan a leaflet drop to gauge community uptake, and monitor utilisation during the first year to decide on continued subscription.
f) Speed Camera – Elan speed camera extended warranty tied in for another two years contact the provider to explore options for an early buyout, pre-payment discount or other arrangement to reduce the remaining contract cost.
g) Noticeboards – need to purchase a lock proposed £25 seconded and RESOLVED

h) Portable defib – the defib will need pads replaced cost £170 which will take us to 2028 Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED Look out for a heated defib box circ. £550
i) Bridge Update – no update from the landowner. Discussion about Culverting the bridge or simply putting it back would need to apply to the drainage board and who owns the footpath and do we need permission from the landowner – defer to next meeting
j) Youth Club – Due to start in September 24 September and are in hand
k) Grant application updates – £17.000 grant applied for the VAR googles and look into the village hall kitchen and playground
l) Community Neighbourhood scheme and emergency plan –clerk to move forward
m) North Ray Solar Farm update – objections have been circulated
n) Cyden homes – Chair has been over to the development and things are progressing
o) Named beneficiary will – no other update
p) Highways – nothing to report

Item 0726/59 Planning Applications: none

Item 0726/60 Correspondence: To receive and dispose of correspondence received since the last meeting:

- Precept letter received by district council
- Letter from WI
- History society update
- Donation from the Rotary Clun for the youth club
- Webmaster minutes 7 hours and 22 mins
- Talk about saving needs to be rearranged for the new year

Item 0726/61 Dates of next meeting: To note the date of the next meeting: clerk to check availability 22 October 2026 or nearest date

Item 0726/62 Financial matters:

a) To note bank balances on bank statements as of September 2026 £42,0004.62
b) To note income – Village Hall Hire £657 and Precept £19,950 total £20,607
c) To authorise the signing of orders for payment for previous months

Date	Invoice	Amount
30-Sep-26	Service Charge	£ 7.00
29-Sep-26	Employees Salary	£ 4,766.87
25-Sep-26	R1 Electrical	£ 1,021.44
15-Sep-26	SMARTESTENERGY BUS)	£ 90.76
09-Sep-26	Caretaker expenses Aug 2026	£ 68.13
INCOME		
29-Sep-26	EAST LINDSEY DC: Precept	£ 19,950.00
Sep	Village Hall Hire	£ 657.00

Closed 20.33