

THORNTON IN LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL A.G.M. MEETING
6th July 2026
Minutes from the A.G.M. Parish Council Meeting
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The meeting formally opened at 19.00 hrs.

1) Apologies and Attendance:

All Councillors were in attendance, present: Chair Kevin Savage, Sheila Hunter Vice Chair, Councillor Holman, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Hasleden, Alan Barton Parish Clerk, no members of the public attended.

2) Chairman's opening remarks. The Chairman read his report to the meeting for 2025/2026, the report covered:

This year has been quiet with very few planning applications.

Cliff Rawstrone has handed over the inspections of the Defis after a number of years. Whilst not run directly from the Parish Council we appreciate his time and effort.

The pockets of land we consider to belong to the Parish (village green, the pinfold, and the land at Hunts Cross) have been identified and we are in the process of registering these with the Land Registry.

We are investigating what the process is for repair works to the Stocks

We are in the process of opening a higher rate account with the Skipton Building Society.

1) Financial Report:

A financial summary prepared by Allan McDougal (auditor) for the year 2024/2025 was presented to the meeting and copies of the accounts shared with the meeting. The auditor stated that the accounts were in order and the financial balance to be healthy. The meeting accepted the accounts and thanked the parish clerk.

Once the audited accounts have been received back from Mr McDougal they will be signed by the Chairman and clerk and subsequently published on the parish website.

All documentation will then be passed onto PKF Littlejohn to meet the year-end declaration deadline by 30th July 2026.

The A.G.M. concluded and the Ordinary parish council meeting followed.

3) Treasurers report: A financial summary prepared by Allan McDougal (external auditor) for the year 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026 was presented to the meeting and copies of the accounts shared with the meeting. The auditor stated that the accounts were in order and the financial balance was better than the budget prediction for the year. The meeting accepted the accounts and thanked the parish clerk. The audited accounts have now been signed by the Chairman and clerk and subsequently published on the parish website (copies of the accounts have been made available for all to see and can be found on the parish website).

The AGAR has been completed and all relevant documentation sent onto PKF Littlejohn to meet the year-end declaration deadline by 30th June 2026.

4/ Report on Parish Defibrillators. The meeting was informed that the defibrillators sited within the parish (Westhouse, Thornton and Mason Gill) were now reaching the end of their 'lifespan' and replacements would need to be sourced and bought. Councillor Hasleden has been liaising with the recently appointed new Defibrillator Co-Ordinator Leanne Renic on this matter. The parish clerk informed the meeting that there were very limited monies left in the funds raised by the defibrillator initiative group that originally purchased and maintained the defibrillators. The meeting discussed the feasibility of new defibrillators being paid for from the parish accounts, but before a final decision could be reached the PC would need to have details as to the cost and any on-going costs by way of maintenance and repairs. Councillor Hasleden has agreed to continue liaising with Leanne and provide any support needed.

5/ Election of Officers: The Officers to be elected were for the Chair and Vice Chair. All councillors were in agreement for the position of Chairman (Kevin Savage) and Vice Chairman (Sheila Hunter) to remain unchanged.

6/ Objectives for 2026/2027.

The Auditor (Allan McDougall) has suggested that the PC should look at moving a proportion of money held in the Nat West current account and be placed in a savings account that would yield a better return. After discussions the meeting were in agreement that the Skipton Building Society were to be approached with a view to this being arranged. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and parish clerk agreed to go the Skipton Building Society on Wednesday morning of 8th July 2026 to undertake this.

7/ Any other business. The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any ideas as to any good causes/initiatives that the parish council could support that would benefit the parish in addition to the Defibrillator Scheme as discussed in agenda item number 4.

The old stocks located by St Oswalds church are in need of renovation. As the stocks are of historical interest the parish clerk was asked to make contact with Historic England for information and guidance on this matter.

There being no further matters for the A.G.M. this meeting concluded and the Ordinary parish council meeting followed.