

**THORNTON in LONSDALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**

Ref/ TILPC 11052026

Present at the meeting: Kevin Savage (Chair), Sheila Hunter(Vice Chair),
Councillors Dave Holman and Frank Hasleden, Alan Barton parish clerk.

- **1/ Apologies for absence.** Councillor Graham Crombie.
- **2/ To receive any declaration of interest in the agenda items.** None
- **3/ Matters arising from the meeting held 16th March 2026.** It was asked at the meeting if there had been any response to the parish councils report to the Highways authority of excessive road water and speeding traffic adjacent to the Old Post House property on the A65. The meeting was informed that the property owner concerned also reported the matter to the Highways authority, however to date there had been no response received. The parish clerk will again report the issue to the Highways authority and request a response.
- **4/ Planning applications received,** None
- **5/ War Memorial cleaning.** The parish clerk reported to the meeting that there is over two thousand recorded war memorials in the UK. A grant could be applied for from The War Memorial Trust who are a charitable organisation however due to their limited funds and the number of applications a successful application being granted was not guaranteed. Kevin Savage (chairman) informed the meeting he had made some enquiries into this and had been in contact with a Mr Butterworth who has experience in war memorial cleaning and has given a provisional quote of approximately £450. The meeting agreed that it should proceed on this basis to enable the works required to go ahead.
- **6/ discussion on the setting up of Orienteering exercises.** The meeting was informed by Councillor Holman that Orientation activities were already in place in other parishes boundaries and is a popular and growing outdoor activity in the UK. Councillor Holman suggested to the meeting that the parish council support the orientation activity be available in the Thornton in Lonsdale area. The requirements for the activity are minimal in that individuals taking part involves navigating unfamiliar terrain using a map (either paper or downloaded) and a compass to find check points, which are usually wooden posts or plaques etc. The meeting were in favour of this proposal to go forward and asked if organisers of this activity in other areas could be approached to ask if the parish council would be required to have any measures in place e.g. insurance etc. Councillor Holman will make enquiries.
- **7/ A.O.B.** The parish Stocks were in need of some remedial works and the ground around the stocks cleared. Councillor Hasleden offered to source any material required and once the remedial repairs were completed Mr Huntley who undertakes to cut the grass around the parish will be asked to also cut the grass around the Stocks.
- **There being no further items the next meeting was set for 6th July 2026 which will be the Annual General Meeting and will include the Parish Council finances report for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.**

- A) The parish clerk informed the meeting that the end of the financial year parish council accounts are due for completion on 31st March 2026 followed by an audit. The parish clerk asked the councillors if they wished to again retain the services of Mr Allan McDougal who has undertaken the audit over recent years. It was unanimously agreed to ask Mr McDougal if he would undertake the audit.
- B) Public Indemnity Insurance. Although the insurance is not due until June 2026 the parish clerk informed the meeting that if the councillors were considering to look for an alternative provider this would need to be undertaken now before the next meeting in May 2026. It was unanimously agreed by the meeting to remain with the current provider.
- C) The meeting discussed the progress of implementing On-line banking in view of the imminent National Westminster (Nat West) bank closure. The meeting was informed that the process of on-line banking was near to completion once the banks requirements had been met.
- D) A resident at the Old Post Office Row on the A65 has raised an issues with the passing traffic speed and the additional nuisance of large passing vehicles throwing up surface rain water onto the property walls and windows which apparently is showing signs of damage to the property. It was felt that there is a 'dip' in the road directly outside the property which is resulting in it holding water rather than draining off. This matter has been directly reported to the Highways Authority by councillor D. Holden.
- E) The parish clerk asked the meeting if they wished to transfer money from the parish council current account (where the money is not generating any interest) and invest with one of their current investors. Following discussions it was decided unanimously not to reduce the current account until further information on the cost of replacement of new defibrillators was known.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed. The next meeting was set for 7p.m. on 11/05/2026.