



THURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Members of the Parish Council.

Notice is hereby given to Members of Thurnham Parish Council, that the next Meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 21st July 2025 at the Tudor Park Hotel, Ashford Road, Thurnham, commencing at 7.30pm.

Members are summoned to attend.

Agenda

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

2. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

To consider any applications for Co-option.

3. Declaration of Interests.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

4. Minutes from last Parish Council Meeting.

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

To consider any matters arising.

6. Public Participation.

To discuss any questions received by members of the public.

7. Clerks Report.

To receive the Clerks Report.

8. Devolution and MBC Community Governance Review.

To receive an update on Devolution and the MBC Community Governance Review.

Update outlining the key actions and correspondence undertaken by the Parish Council over the past month in relation to the Community Governance Review under Delegated Authority.

- *We submitted formal objections to the inclusion of Thurnham West in the current review, highlighting the potential impact on parish governance and representation.*
- *A written question has been submitted to the Full Council meeting on 16 July, requesting that consultation responses from Thurnham West be analysed separately from those of Grove Green to ensure fair and transparent representation.*
- *A supporting statement was circulated to all Maidstone Borough Councillors in advance of the meeting, outlining our concerns and rationale.*
- *We have liaised with our Ward Councillors and followed up on their positions regarding both the review and consultation arrangements.*
- *In anticipation of the consultation period, we are preparing a resident flyer to be distributed across Thurnham West, ensuring our community is well-informed and encouraged to participate.*

These actions have been taken to try to safeguard the interests of Thurnham residents and maintain the effectiveness of the Parish Council in serving our community.

9. External Reports:

- a) To receive the MBC Ward Councillor's Report.*
- b) To receive the KCC Councillor's Report.*
- c) To receive the Police Report.*
- d) To receive Parish Councillors Reports.*

10. Parish Council Policy Review.

To review and adopt the PC Policies, Internal Controls and Risk Register for 2025

11. St Marys Church.

To receive a report on St Marys Church.

12. Financial Matters:

- a) Financial Statement.*
To receive and approve the financial statement and payments.
- b) Highways Contribution.*
- c) Request for donation re Summer Playscheme.*
- d) Request for donation/grant.*

13. Planning Matters:

- a) Planning Application Received*
25/502765/FULL - Longton Manor Stockbury Valley Stockbury Kent
Change of use of land for the stationing of 9(No) static caravan pitches, to be occupied by Gypsy and Traveller families, with associated hard surfacing/parking (part retrospective. Resubmission of 25/500261/FULL)
- 25/502834/FULL - Thornham Friars Pilgrims Way Thurnham Kent ME14 3LN*
Erection of a car barn. Installation of cast iron railings to the perimeter wall; new perimeter wall with electrically operated sliding gates; conversion of a stable block into ancillary annexe accommodation; conversion of garden shed into a workshop, outdoor bar and log store; erection of a pavilion; retrospective permission for a greenhouse, replacement of existing grass tennis court with a new hard surface court. Dormer window repair to north elevation of main house (revised scheme 22/501954/FULL).

25/502835/LBC - Thornham Friars Pilgrims Way Thurnham Kent ME14 3LN

Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations comprising of: installation of cast iron railings to the perimeter wall; new perimeter wall with electrically operated sliding gates; conversion of a stable block into ancillary annexe accommodation; conversion of garden shed into a workshop, outdoor bar and log store; erection of a pavilion; permission for the retention of a greenhouse; erection of a standalone car barn; dormer window repair to north elevation of main house. (Amended scheme to listed building consent 22/501955/LBC).

b) MBC Planning Decisions

25/501837/FULL

60 Peverel Drive Thurnham Kent ME14 4PS

Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension. Conversion of garage to habitable space together with associated external alterations.
Application Permitted

25/502000/NMAMD

33 Barty Way Thurnham Kent ME14 4GB

Non-Material amendment of application 24/505134/FULL: to window positions and inclusion of WC within Garage.

Application Permitted

25/501660/ELEC

Coldblow Lane Adj to Ace High Close Thurnham Kent

Section 37 of Electricity Act 1989 consultation : Reinforcement of high voltage overhead lines involving reconductoring and addition of a third wire between poles 722681 and 722688 (7 existing spans).

No Objections

25/501115/FULL

3 Baron Close Bearsted Kent ME14 4PZ

Garage conversion into a habitable space and addition of access door.

Application Permitted

c) Other Planning Matters.

14. Highway & PROW Matters.

a) To consider general highway and PROW matters.

To receive an update on the Highways and PROW matters.

b) HIP (Highways Improvement Plan).

To receive an update on the Highways Improvement Plan.

15. Future Agenda Items.

To consider any future items.

16. Date next Meeting – Monday 15th September 2025

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