THORNHACKETT PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to an Ordinary Council Meeting of Thornhackett Parish Council to be held at Thornford Village Hall on **Wednesday 18th March 2026** at **7.00pm.** The Meetings are open to any resident to attend. They are meetings of the Council in public not public meetings.

The Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities, Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. The Council has signed up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

Thornhackett Council associates itself with Dorset Council in declaring a Climate and Ecological Emergency

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declaration of Interests**
4. **Presentation by Wessex Internet**
5. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 18th February 2026 for agreement and approval.
6. **Matters Arising** – a) Blackberry Solar Farm

7. **Public Forum** – A period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to raise questions or concerns for discussion by the Council at a later date.

8. **Finances –** a) Income and Expenditure since the meeting in February
   b) Invoices for approval. c) Thornford Clock d) Playground Inspection contract e) Playground grass cutting contract. f) Annual appraisal.
9. **DAPTC Statement of Reasonable Expectations**
10. **Petition:** The petition calls upon Thornhackett Parish Council to: Recognise the growing public concern regarding untreated sewage discharges affecting the River Wriggle and local roads. Formally raise these concerns with Wessex Water, the Environment Agency and the local Member of Parliament. Support calls for urgent investigation and infrastructure improvements to prevent sewage discharges into the river system and onto public highways. Support independent monitoring and transparency of water quality within the River Wriggle catchment. The River Wriggle forms part of a wider catchment system flowing into the River Yeo, then the River Parrett and ultimately Bridgwater Bay. Pollution at source therefore affects communities well beyond the immediate parish area. Received from Paul Hollick, Yetminster resident
11. **Reports from Councillors with Special Responsibility**
12. **Planning Applications** New, in progress and finalised since last meeting
14. **Environment Champion Report**
13. **Communications and Urgent Business communicated to the Chairman in advance.**

Date of next Meeting **Wednesday 15th April 2026**, 7.00pm Thornford Village Hall. This meeting is the **Thornford Annual Parish Meeting.** The next **Council Meeting** will be the **Annual Meeting to be held on 20th May 2026** at 7.00pm in the Thornford Village Hall **followed by an Ordinary Council** meeting on the rising of the Annual Meeting.