

**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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025** 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

**N.B. Note start time of 6.30pm**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for Absence –**
- 3. Declaration of interests**
- 4. Presentation by Wessex Water**
- 5. Minutes** of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- 6. Matters Arising –**
  - a. Blackberry Solar Farm
  - b. Nature Recovery Strategy Response
  - c. Beer Hackett Speed Survey

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

- 7. Finances –**
  - a) New Bank Account
  - b) Payments paid and falling due,
- 8. IT Policy –** Draft policy for adoption, required for Assertion 10 on AGAR 2025-26

**MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

- 9. Twinning Association Motion:** This Council recognises the social, cultural and educational benefits that can accrue from twinning arrangements between ourselves and comparable villages in other countries.

It was disturbing to hear from a Twinning Association representative at the Annual Parish Meeting held in April 2025 that apart from activity at the school that there has been no other twinning activity.

The Council therefore resolves to make contact with the Town Council in Hudimesnil to re-invigorate twinning activity and instruct the Clerk to attempt to make suitable arrangements.

Proposed by Cllr Stephen Hillier

- 10. Finger Post:** This council approves the expenditure of the necessary monies to replace the arms on the finger post at Post Box Corner.

Background: The Parish Council area has only two finger posts, one at Post Box corner at the junction of Yetminster Road and Beer Hackett, the other at the junction of Yetminster Road and Longford Road. The arms on the finger post at Post Box junction are made of wood and are in a bad state of repair such that replacement is the better option.

Monies might be made from the current revenue budget but if necessary funds could be vired from the General reserve or if permitted from the CIL reserve.

This paper seeks approval from Council for such necessary expenditure.

Cllr Stephen Hillier

## **11. Neighbourhood Planning Funding**

Thornhackett Parish Council acknowledges that:

- Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans requires significant time, expertise, and financial resources, often placing a burden on parish and town councils.
- Neighbourhood Plans contribute to more democratic, locally-informed planning decisions and support the delivery of sustainable development aligned with community needs and aspirations.
- Therefore it is Resolved to -
  1. Call upon His Majesty's Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review, and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.
  2. Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process.
  3. Write to Edward Morello M.P and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for enhanced support for neighbourhood planning

## **12. Motion to co-opt Claire Thompson to fill the casual vacancy on Thornhackett Parish Council**

Claire Thompson is known to Councillors and is a regular public attendee at Council meetings, as well as being a public member of the Council's Environment Working Group. She is aware of the casual vacancy that has arisen on the Council and she would like to be co-opted to serve as a Councillor.

Motion: In the event that no election has been called within the requisite period expiring 14 July 2025, it is proposed that Claire Thompson be co-opted as a Councillor to fill the casual vacancy in Thornford Parish on the Council.

Motion proposed by Cllr Nicholas Whitsun-Jones

- 13, Environment Champion Report – if applicable.
14. Councillors Reports - if applicable.
15. Planning Applications – new, in progress and finalised since last meeting,
16. Communications and Urgent Business notified to the Chairman in advance of the meeting.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held **on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm**  
In Thornford Village Hall