

Thimbleby Parish Council
DRAFT MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 8TH JULY 2026
AT 7.05PM AT THIMBLEBY VILLAGE HALL.

Present

Councillors Cllrs C.Bachrati (Chair), A.Doody, E.Buckley

Not Present: All Present

In attendance: The Clerk, A. Everard.

Members of public present: Fourteen

Public Participation: Residents raised issues about Poolham planning application 00314/26/FUL.

74/26. Apologies for absence to be approved if appropriate.

None.

75/26. Declarations of interest and consideration of any requested dispensations.

None

76/26. To receive any written or verbal reports from District and County Councillors.

ELDC Cllr F.Martin reported on Local Government Reorganisation; Poolham planning application 00314/26/FUL; ELDC Community Grants for replacement noticeboard.

77/26. To consider the request for comments in respect of the Thimbleby Conservation Area Review from YourView@irvingpatrick.co.uk taking place during 2026.

RESOLVED to seek a walk with the consultants through the Thimbleby Conservation Area.

Action Clerk.

78/26. Correspondence Received

Noted LALC E-News (two-weekly); LALC Training Bulletin (monthly); ELDC and LCC Town and Parish News; Deers Cottage resident's correspondence regarding the Poolham planning application 00314/26/FUL. Parish Council noted the LCC Consultation on Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Proposed Submission Version www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mwplan-2026 by 31/7/2026. Councillors undertook to look through the consultation document to see if there is anything local and provide comments to the Clerk to submit if necessary. Thimbleby Grapevine correspondence regarding flower area by the bench was considered and no further action was to be taken.

79/26. Planning

03438/25/OUT Planning Permission - Outline erection of up to 200 dwellings, with demolition of existing farm buildings, associated access, play area, public open space, landscaping and biodiversity enhancement (with means of access to be considered).

Thimbleby PC: Objection with comments

ELDC Decision: Decision Awaited.

03239/25/OUT - Outline erection of up to 9no. dwellings. Land To The South Of Thimbleby Hill and to the West Of Russell Danby Drive Main Road Thimbleby Lincolnshire.

Thimbleby PC: Objection

ELDC Decision: Refused

Planning Inspector Decision: Latest refusal noted.

00314/26/FUL Planning Permission - Erection of 8no. poultry units, agricultural workers dwelling, construction of a vehicular access road, excavation of land to provide an attenuation basin and associated infrastructure. Land South of Poolham Lane, Poolham.

Thimbleby PC: Objection

RESOLVED for parish councillors to collate an addendum to their original comments to send to Clerk to submit to ELDC.

Action: Parish Councillors

ELDC Decision: Awaited

80/26. To consider any highways, footpath and related issues and agree actions to be taken.
None.

81/26. Finance

a) To approve the payment of bills paid between meetings and bills to pay on the payment schedule.
RESOLVED to pay Salary £255.17; Clerk's expenses £95.37; Chattertons solicitors £672.00.
Action: Clerk.

b) To note the bank reconciliation and account balance.
Noted £14082.10 as at 14th May 2026.

82/26. To consider the following draft policies for adoption:

a) Grievance policy

The Clerk advised that the PC needed to consider adopting the NALC model template.
RESOLVED to adopt the alternative to NALC model policy.

b) Workload monitoring and additional hours procedure and authorisation form

The Clerk advised that consultation had not taken place on this and other new and revised policies b to f and the impact on existing workload and the role review had not been considered.

RESOLVED to adopt.

c) Monthly work record procedure and recording form

RESOLVED to adopt.

d) Annual leave procedure and request form

RESOLVED to adopt.

e) Allowances and expenses policy and claim forms

RESOLVED to adopt.

f) To consider changes to the communications policy and review social media presence and Council communication via social media channels.

RESOLVED to adopt.

83/26. That Standing Order 15(a) be amended to read as follows:

"15a The Proper Officer shall be either (i) the clerk, (ii) other staff member(s), or (iii) an unpaid Council Member nominated by the Council to undertake the work of the Proper Officer when the Proper Officer is absent.

The Clerk advised that no other local councils in the area had a similar Standing Order and while lawful it could lead to allegations of councillors marking their own homework and affect governance.

RESOLVED to adopt.

84/26. To consider options for the replacement noticeboard.

RESOLVED to seek a wooden replacement with expected cost of £2,250 and seek ELDC Community Grant for up to 50%

85/26. To receive an update on Community Speedwatch.

Cllr Doody had nothing to update.

86/26. A) To receive an update on the Village Pump and Wall contracted works.

Noted works may be undertaken by end of July 2026.

86/26. B) To consider the draft copy and distribution of the Parish Council newsletter and consider the quotations for the printing of the newsletter.

RESOLVED to order with Doxdirect anticipated at £0.29 per copy.

Action: Chair

87/26. To approve any bookings for training.

None.

88/26. To consider the placing of public participation period on the agenda for future meetings.

RESOLVED to place at the end of meetings and PC meetings to start at 6.45pm.

Action: Clerk.

89/26. To consider items for the next meeting on Wednesday 9th September 2026.

None proposed. The Chair indicated an extraordinary meeting may be called.

The meeting ended 8.38pm.