

TORKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 17th November 2025, beginning at 7.30 pm.

At the White Swan Torksey Lock

187 **Those Present**

Cllr Scawthon. Chairman.
Cllr Large.
Cllr Pearson.
Cllr Burke.
Cllr Ford.
Cllr Levitt.
Cllr R. Pilgrim. Parish Clerk. District Councillor.
Members of the public. None attended.

188 **Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr K. Connelley. Having been informed of the reason for his absence, Council approved his apologies for absence.

189 **The Chairman will now suspend the meeting for a period of 15 Minutes** to allow for a public forum.

No members of the public or press attended.

190 **Declarations of Interest.**

None received.

191 **Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2025.**

Resolved. That the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Ford Seconded Cllr Scawthon. Carried unanimously.

192 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

(Not included in this Agenda)

None received.

193 **Amendments to the Agenda by Resolution.**

None received.

194 **Assertion 10. Initial requirements.**

Change of Email addresses to Gov.UK.

Resolved. That Council signs up to the Parish Online scheme.

Proposed Cllr Burke Seconded Cllr Levitt. Carried unanimously.

195 **Planning. Application WL/2025/01097.** Final comments deadline 8th December 25.

The Council would support this application.

Planning Application WL/2025/01114. Fairways. Solar Panels. Ground Mounted.

Council supports this application.

196 **Hume Arms. Future of. For Discussion.**

The Clerk to write to enforcement at WLDC to see if they would consider imposing a Community Protection Notice on grounds of ASB.

Proposed Cllr Scawthon Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.

197 **Current Projects. Progress Reports.**

Identify projects which could be completed during the next 12 months.

Remove poppies at the end of November 25.

The new information board has been delivered and installed on the village green.

A donation to LIVES will be made at the Annual Parish Council Meeting. May 2026.

The seat for the play area has been delivered and is in the surgery waiting for installation.

Cllr Ford will inspect for any fixings which might be needed.

198 **Information Kiosk. Future of. For Discussion. (LL)**

Cllr Scawthon to see electors who want to work on the kiosk and run it as a community asset, asking them to give some idea of what they have in mind for the kiosk.

199 **Christmas Tree. Purchase/Hire and Location. Report. (MB).**

5th December 25 Pallets are delivered.

7th December 25 Tree is to be delivered, and lights will be added.

- 200 **Torksey Viaduct Report.**
Nothing received.
- 201 **Village Green.**
a. **Monthly Inspection.** No change.
b. **Repair to fencing** on the eastern side of the play area.
The fence will be repaired once the new seat is in situ.
c. **New information board.** In situ.
d. **Pond Water Level and third-party management.**
The elector will be contacted and asked to produce details of what he would like to do over and above the general maintenance of the pond. Management and Membership of fees will remain the responsibility of the Parish Council.
e. **New bench for the play area.**
Resolved. That two bags of Post Crete be purchased. Maximum spend £50.00.
Proposed Cllr Scawthon Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.
f. **Classic Car Rally 2026.** Possible Funding request.
Cllr Pearson has informed the committee that any funds would have to be given in the form of a loan for the next show.
Also, the funds should be paid into a Clubs and Societies account, as is normal for all groups of this nature.
- 202 **Highways Issues.**
Road repair outside the Church will be done as a nighttime closure. No date is available at the moment.
- 203 **Traffic Calming.**
Data downloaded from SIDs.
The resident making a complaint about the speed of traffic through the village has been sent the latest information downloaded from the cameras.
A report on the general effect of the cameras on speeding, will be published in due course.
- 204 **Health and Safety.**
a. **Village Green.** No issues.
b. **Play Park.** No issues.
c. **Cemetery.**
Moles are active once more in the Cemetery.
Ask Queen Bee if she is able to recommend a mole man.
- 205 **Facebook.**
Suggestion for content.
In future all material for Facebook will be uploaded to The Elms Residents page and Torksey Village page.
- 206 **Finance.**
a. **Financial Statement for October 2025.**
Resolved. That the financial statement be approved as a true record.
Proposed Cllr Ford Seconded Cllr Pearson. Carried unanimously.
b. **Clerk's Salary and Expenses** October 2025. £327.08
Resolved. That the Clerk's salary and expenses be approved for payment.
Proposed Cllr Burke Seconded Cllr Large. Carried unanimously.
c. **Invoices for Payment.** (Schedule of Expenditure).
HMRC PAYE £70.00
Cllr L. Levitt £169.83
Cllr M. Burke £25.00
Cllr K. Connelley £158.00
Mr A. Green £28.54
WAVE £117.83
Resolved. That the above expenditure at 206.c. be approved for payment.
Proposed Cllr Pearson. Seconded Cllr Ford. Carried unanimously.
d. **Final Figure requested for Precept 2025-2026.**
The final figure remains at £17,500.00

- 207 **Correspondence.**
For Discussion. Emailed Surveys. Council/Councillor Responses.
Deferred to the December meeting.
- 208 **Future Agenda Items.**
Silhouette soldiers. Cllr Levitt to research for December meeting.
- 209 **Dates of Future Meetings.**
a Monday 15th December 2025.
b Monday 16th February 2025.
c Monday 16th March 2026.
- 210 **Closure of the Meeting.**
There being no more business the meeting was closed at 2110 hrs (9.10 pm)

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman.....Date.....