



**The Parish Councillors of THURSTON Open Space and Leisure Committee are summoned to attend a meeting in Thurston Library, Norton Road, IP31 3PB on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6.00pm.**

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**A G E N D A**

1.	Opening – welcome statement	18.00
2.	Apologies – a) Meeting to receive apologies for absence. b) Meeting to consent to accept apologies received.	18.02
3.	Declarations of pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests: a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct. b) To note the determination of requests for dispensations in accordance with council's Dispensation Policy.	18.03
4.	To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.	18.04
5.	To receive comments from the members of the public present: a) On the agenda under discussion. b) On any other recreational matters within the village of Thurston.	18.05
6.	To receive and consider matters relating to the monthly Risk Assessments Reports: a) To receive updates on previous works highlighted in the Monthly Risk Assessments for action. – Heath Road Play area – Thedwastre Play Park area – New Green Open Space – Recreation Ground Play area b) To consider matters on the Monthly Risk Assessment reports for the following and agree appropriate action arising: – Heath Road Play Area – Thedwastre Park Play Area – New Green Open Space – Recreation Ground Play area	18.20
7.	Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Deputy Clerk and in particular: a) Update on the installation of picnic benches at New Green b) Report from the recent Wildlife Garden Work Party	18.30
8.	To receive an update from Councillors on any visits undertaken to other local play facilities.	18.35
9.	To note the responses to the recent Village Open Space Survey and consider residents aspirations for leisure facilities.	18.45
10.	To note that the Biodiversity and Environment Committee are to consider the format, arrangements and establishment of a Working Group to progress a Biodiversity Open Day event to be held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2026.	18.55
11.	To consider the provision of totem pole type signage showing directions to the wildlife garden, play areas, and community facilities and to consider the design process, commissioning and funding.	19.05
12.	To consider a project to renew the dog control signage at public open spaces and playground sites, including a design competition and any funding required for a recommendation to Full Council.	19.15
13.	Date of the next Meeting: 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 commencing at tbc in the Thurston Community Library.	19.20
14.	Close of the Meeting	19.25

***Victoria S Waples***

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14.11.2025