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Thurston Parish Council – Open Space & Leisure Committee Meeting Summons

The Parish Councillors of THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACE & LEISURE COMMITTEE are summoned to attend a meeting on **Wednesday 25 November 2026** commencing at 8.00pm in THURSTON LIBRARY, NORTON ROAD, THURSTON, IP31 3PB.

Meetings and the Public

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any of the Council's Full Council or Committee meetings and listen to the debate. The meeting is held in accessible premises. All agendas, reports, minutes and background papers in relation to this meeting can be viewed on the parish council's website: Access to all council minutes and agendas for all meetings.

The agenda may be split into two parts. Most of the business will be dealt with in Part I which is open to the public. Part II (if applicable) includes items which may be discussed in the absence of the press or public, as they deal with information which is personal or sensitive for some other reason. The press and public will be asked to leave the meeting before Part II items are discussed.

Recording at meetings

Members of the Council, the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded. Those attending shall be informed that the meeting may be reported on (including recording, photographing and filming).

Agenda

1.	Chair to open the meeting with the statement at 8pm
2.	Apologies – a) Meeting to receive apologies for absence. b) Meeting to consent to accept apologies received.
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.
4.	To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of 29th April 2026, 24th June 2026 and 30th September 2026.
5.	Public Forum – to receive issues from members of the public present on the agenda as written.
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
7.	Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Deputy Clerk and in particular: a) Update on community event planning. b) Update on monitoring and maintenance of the Wildlife Garden. c) Update from Vistry Liaison meeting of 20th November 2026 and to note the Open Space and woodland transfer schedule. d) To receive a report on the Deputy Clerk's Forest School training day.
8.	To consider provision of a High Street Safari type event.
9.	To receive an update on Manor View Nature Reserve including any recommendations for public access and consider how this area will be utilised for open space and leisure.
10.	To consider and review 0 – 3-year goals for open space and leisure last done in March 2026
11.	To consider any enhancement of existing play areas taking into account the conclusions drawn from the recent Open Space Survey.
12.	Date of the next meeting: • 17 February 2027, 7.30pm, Thurston Library
13.	Close of the Meeting expected on or before 10pm

Laura Border
Proper Officer and Clerk to the Parish Council
19 November 2026