

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

### Thornborough Annual Parish Assembly Report – held on 8 April 2026

#### 1 **Arrival and Welcome**

Cllr Mary Taylor, Chair of TPC, warmly welcomed everyone and explained the purpose and structure of the Annual Parish Assembly (APA).

#### 2 **Annual Parish Meeting Report 2025**

There were no outstanding matters arising from the 2025 APA Report.

#### 3 **Community Group/Organisation Reports**

The following groups were thanked for their reports:

- St Mary the Virgin Church
- Thornborough Cricket Club
- Thornborough Fun Run
- Thornborough and Thornton Fundraisers
- Thornborough and Thornton Gardening Society
- Thornborough Methodist Chapel
- Thornborough News
- Thornborough and Thornton WI
- Thornborough Village Hall Trust.

The President of the WI explained the WI was an education and campaigning organisation; the Thornborough and Thornton WI had about 34 members and met on the first Wednesday of the month. She then summarised the highlights of the past year:

- 1 Fabulous speakers programme
- 2 Regular members' trips
- 3 Wonderful and welcoming community of women.

The Secretary to Thornborough Village Hall Trust thanked Thornborough Parish Council for its ongoing financial support. The Village Hall Committee had a strong membership which met two/three times a year. She then summarised the highlights of the past year:

- 1 Holding the hire rates for residents at £12 per hour.
- 2 The huge variety of regular activities for all to enjoy at the Village Hall.
- 3 The ongoing maintenance programme to keep the Village Hall a great place to meet.

The Secretary to the St Mary's Parochial Church Council said in addition to the new initiatives such as the Christmas Tree Festiva and the new Bell Ringing Team, there had been challenges. The urgent and unexpected repair required to the Lych Gate and the replacement of the tower ladder had exhausted the reserve funds. She concluded by paying tribute to Rev Dove who had recently moved to Kent with her husband.

The Community Reports are published as part of the Assembly outputs – please see the link at the end of this report.

#### 4 **Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report 2026**

Cllr Taylor as Chair of TPC gave the report. She highlighted the work undertaken in the past year; thanked and paid tribute to the councillors who had stood down since the previous APA. She also thanked the Clerk who was retiring on 31 May and introduced her replacement. Cllr Taylor explained parish councils were the first tier of local government and outlined the ways in which TPC provided and maintained the parish assets for the community. She stressed the importance of recruiting two new councillors.

The TPC written report is published with the other reports prepared for the Assembly.

**5 Flooding**

Cllr Morgan gave a presentation on behalf of the Thornborough Flood Action Group. She outlined its phase 1 achievements; explained why Thornborough floods and the ways in which flooding affected the community, before talking about how the increased rainfall could be managed to prevent excess water causing flooding.

On behalf of Yui Khatti, Senior Flood Mitigation Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, Cllr Morgan then gave a presentation 'Bucks Great Ouse Natural Flood Management.

The PowerPoint presentations are published with the other APA outputs.

**6 Community Resilience**

Vince Grey, Head of Buckinghamshire Council's Community Resilience Service, gave a presentation about the role of his department and local community emergency resilience plans. He outlined the kind of support available to help communities develop their plans.

The PowerPoint presentation will be published with the other APA outputs once received.

**7 Meeting Close**

Cllr Taylor thanked the speakers and those who attended before checking again that there were no questions. She encouraged residents to talk to the councillors who were present should they wish to do so.

**Published Output:**

[Annual Parish Assembly - Thornborough Parish Council](#)