



THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Public Participation Guidance

Thornborough Parish Council warmly welcomes members of the public to its meetings.

Members of the public have a legal right to attend and observe Parish Council meetings under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Our meetings are run in accordance with Thornborough Parish Council's Standing Orders, which are available in full on our website: [TPC Standing Orders 20253d Published Version.pdf](#) – specifically SO3d – SO3m.

Taking Part

We encourage residents to raise matters of interest or concern relating to the Parish. Please note that a Parish Council Meeting is not a public meeting, but it is open for the public to attend. Each meeting includes a short Public Participation session, held after the initial formalities. This session normally lasts up to 10 minutes, unless the Chair agrees to extend it. Members of the public may speak during this time only.

If you wish to speak, please raise your hand. All comments and questions should be directed to the Chair, who may ask for clarification or invite a councillor to respond.

Agenda Items

The Council can only make decisions on items listed on the published agenda. If you raise an issue that is not on the agenda, it cannot be decided at this meeting. With the Council's agreement, it may be added to the agenda for a future meeting.

After the Public Participation Session

Once the public session has ended, you are very welcome to stay and observe the remainder of the meeting. However, you may not take part in the discussion or ask further questions.

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