



The Parish Councillors of THURSTON Leisure and Environment Committee are summoned to attend a meeting in Thurston Library, Norton Road, IP31 3PB on 28th February 2024 at 7.00pm.
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A G E N D A

1.	Opening – welcome statement	19.00
2.	Apologies – a) Meeting to receive apologies for absence. b) Meeting to consent to accept apologies received.	19.01
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.	19.02
4.	To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of 18 th October 2023	19.03
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.	19.05
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 c) To consider any recommendations resulting from the recent Annual Playground Inspections.	19.20
7.	Clerks Report – to receive and consider information from the Deputy Clerk and in particular: a) Update on the Thurston Walking Leaflet b) Update on Thermal Imaging Scheme. c) To confirm councillors attendance for online event “Bringing back nature – Biodiversity net gain for councils” d) Update on the vacant position for Tree Warden. e) Update on the 2021 and 2022 tree surveys	19.35
8.	Wildlife Garden – a) To receive an update on the work schedule and to consider the next steps including consideration of a quote to lift the crown of a tree and remove two small dead trees. b) To consider the provision of a lectern and gate signage.	19.40

	c) To consider the provision of seating.	
9.	Biodiversity Policy & Action Plan a) To consider carrying out a biodiversity audit of council landholdings, other parish areas and to review any biodiversity plans already in place in the parish. b) To review the Biodiversity Action Plan and consider any actions/strategies needed to ensure compliance with the council's duty to maintain, improve and enhance biodiversity.	19.50
10.	To note BMSDC's The Great Big Green Week - 8th to 16th June 2024 and consider holding an event.	20.03
11.	Date of the next Meeting: 20 th March 2024 commencing at 6.30pm in the Thurston Community Library.	20.04
12.	Close of the Meeting	20.05

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