

Throwley Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at St Michael & All Angels Church, Throwley Following the APCM

Present:

Adam Jastrzebski	(TPC Chairman)
Di Lintott	(TPC Councillor)
Paul Furneaux	(TPC Councillor)
Francess Wilson	(TPC Councillor)
Sarah Jane Tormey	(TPC Councillor)
Terry Thompson	(SBC Councillor)

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.
2. The Chairman presented his annual report for the previous 12 months which included the following,
 - Retirement of Sian Lewis and the Co-option of Emma Brown
 - The new website with a gov .uk domain name.
 - The publication of a guide What the Parish Council Does – this guide was written to inform residents of the role and responsibilities of what the parish council.
 - Finance- The precept for Throwley is £4123.00 an increase of 10% on the previous year. The year end balance for FY 24/25 was - £1,315.00. This deficit was primarily due to tree works on Throwley Forstal Green, and increased staff salary of the clerk due to new employment rules.
 - Broadband

The chairman will make a copy of his report available to the clerk for inclusion on the website.

3. Cllr. Terry Thompson gave a brief overview of the Government White Paper on Devolution, issued in December 2024. He explained that no decisions had yet been made by Swale Borough Council. Kent County Council (KCC) had applied in January to be included in the priority devolution programme (a fast-track route), but this was not granted. The 14 council units have now been asked to produce a joint proposal on how they wish to proceed. The Parish Council will continue to keep residents updated as further information becomes available.

4. Residents' Forum

A resident raised concerns regarding erosion of roadside verges caused by traffic. The Parish Council advised that such issues should be reported to KCC Highways and explained the process for doing so.