

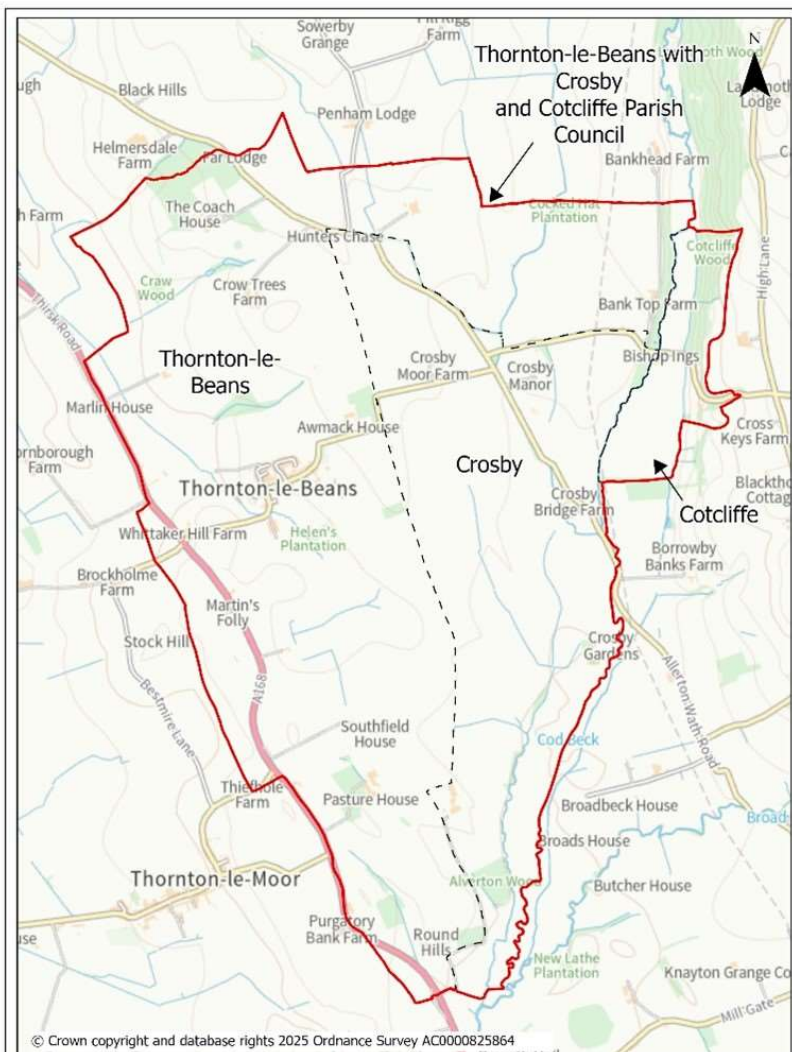
Community Governance Review for Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council

Thornton-le-Beans with Crosby and Cotcliffe Parish Council does not currently meet the requirements of parish governance arrangements as required under the Local Government Act. Each parish within a group forming a council must return at least one councillor and they cannot represent more than one parish.

Also, the parish council has become over time known as ‘Thornton-le-Beans with Crosby and Cotcliffe Parish Council’, and the 1973 Order which established the parish council states the name to be simply ‘Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council’.

The current arrangements are as follows:

Civil Parishes within Parish Council	Electors (June 2025)	Councillors
Thornton-le-Beans civil parish	202	4
Crosby civil parish	9	1
Cotcliffe civil parish	21	
TOTALS	232	5



This community governance review seeks to rectify the identified anomaly of having a single councillor representing multiple civil parishes within the group, and there are a range of options which could resolve this such as:

1. retaining each civil parish within the group and ensuring at least one councillor represents each, or
2. merging some or all civil parishes to create a different arrangement for councillor representation.

The parish council has suggested a potential solution, which will form the basis of this consultation, as follows:

Civil Parishes within Parish Council	Electors (June 2025)	Councillors
Thornton-le-Beans civil parish	202	4
New civil parish area (taking in Crosby civil parish and Cotcliffe civil parish)	30	1
TOTALS	232	5

Thornton-le-Beans civil parish remains unchanged and retains four councillors. The two civil parishes of Crosby and Cotcliffe would merge to form a new single civil parish represented by one councillor, and the total council size remains as five.

The changes suggested, albeit very subtle, take existing parish council arrangements as they have been known for over 30 years and formalises them to match how the council operates. It recognises that there are low elector numbers in two of the parishes which do not require to be represented by separate councillors. It maintains community identity and satisfies the requirement that each parish within a group of parishes forming council is represented by at least one councillor.

The review also seeks to review the parish council name based on the difference between the legal name of 'Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council' and the now commonly known extended name of 'Thornton-le-Beans with Crosby and Cotcliffe Parish Council'.

You are invited to have your say as part of this consultation.

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Closing date for all responses: Monday 22 December 2025

Please tick which best describes you:

- I live in Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council area
- I work in Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council area
- I own a business in Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council area
- I am a representative of a community organisation in Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council area
- I am a resident of a neighbouring parish, please state below
- Other, please describe below

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Please state the first part of your postcode:
(for example YO21)

What is your opinion with the following potential solution to rectify the issue at Thornton-le-Beans Parish Council?

Retain the civil parish of Thornton-le-Beans with four councillors, merge the civil parishes of Crosby and Cotcliffe to form a new single civil parish represented by one councillor, with both parishes forming a grouped parish council retaining a council size of five.

- I support the potential solution I do not support the potential solution I am unsure

Please give reasons for your response:

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Which name do you prefer for the group of parishes?

- 'Thornton-le-Beans' (the correct name as per the Order dated 1973)
- 'Thornton-le-Beans with Crosby and Cotcliffe' (as it has become informally known)
- Another name - please state below

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Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

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Any questions relating to the Community Governance Review can be forwarded to CGR@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you for sharing your views.

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