

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 12th September 2017. The latest meeting Minutes can be viewed on the notice board in School Lane or on the website. The next meeting will take place on **10th October** at Thorverton Memorial Hall at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. Alison Marshall – Clerk.
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Speedwatch

PCSO Anna Roberts reported that as a sufficient number of volunteers had now come forward to enable the village Speedwatch project to move forward she was now arranging the required training. More details on this next month but, in the meantime, you may wish to check your speed when driving through the village!

The new Cemetery

Information continues to be gathered regarding the viability of the Dark Lane Cemetery site and the associated costs of the further archaeological work required. Due to the complications ‘unearthed’ the PC resolved to ask local land owners whether they had any suitable land for sale as an alternative new Cemetery site for consideration. A further feasibility study is to be undertaken by the PC Working Party who will report back to full Council next month.

Village Handyman duties

During October Colin will be tidying up the village with focus on grass cutting, weather permitting, cutting back of overgrown bushes, clearing the drain from Leigh Gardens to the stream and clearing debris from the Quarry Car Park. It is hoped that the PC will be able to come to an agreement with DCC Highways to enable Dark Lane to be closed, temporarily, so that the required repairs to the wall can be carried out safely.

PC spending

It was resolved by the PC to allocate £120 towards Councillor training on the topics of Neighbourhood Planning and Employee Appraisals. Other resolved spending included a £25 grant to the Memorial Hall, to cover the annual Vodafone aerial electricity charges, £90 to Strutt & Parker, for the half yearly Allotment Field rent, and £120 to Grant Thornton, External Auditors, regarding the annual audit fees. The Audit can be viewed on the Website.

Secure storage

The PC is looking into the possibility of erecting secure storage on the Recreation Ground to house the ride-on-mower and a grant funding application to MDDC has been submitted in this connection.

Planning Applications noted:

- 1) **16/01075/FULL APPEAL** land and buildings at rear of The Old Bakery, Jericho Street, Thorverton.
- 2) **17/01239/HOUSE** Conversion of garage to additional living accommodation, rising of former garage roof to form first floor extension, and alternations to porch. Perles Hill, School Lane, Thorverton.
- 3) **17/01034/FULL** Change of use barn to dwelling incl. reinstatement of part of roof. Pitt Farm, Thorverton.
- 4) **17/01409/PNCOU** change of use - agricultural building to private dwelling at Higher Trey Mill, Thorverton.

Additional Planning Applications received after the issuing of the agenda:

- 1) **17/01410** - Notification of intention to remove 1 Copper Beech tree within a Conservation Area at The Lodge, School Lane, Thorverton. As the tree had been confirmed as dead the PC resolved to support the application.

Planning decisions noted:

- 1) **17/01016/PNCOU** change of use – agricultural building to 2 dwellings at Pitt Farm, Thorverton. Approved.
- 2) **17/01021/HOUSE** erection of first floor extension at 20 The Glebe, Thorverton. Approved.
- 3) **17/01055/FULL** erection of garage and change of use of land from agricultural to residential at Rosepark Cottage, Thorverton. Approved.

Councillors: N Bright, S Crang, J Hodge, N Lane, H Lawson, D Reygate, G sims, J Spivey, R Turner and D Waldron