

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 7th November 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 **12th December 2017** at Thorverton Memorial Hall at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. Alison Marshall – Clerk.
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The new Cemetery

This matter is moving forward and an application for full planning permission, for a new Cemetery on the Dark Lane site, will be submitted to MDDC shortly. Local landowners have been written to, regarding any land that may be appropriate and available as an alternative Cemetery site, to ensure that all options can be considered. John Valentin, AC Archaeology, has been asked to make initial enquiries regarding the possibility of receiving a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to cover the required additional work on the Dark Lane area should this site be taken forward.

Planning Applications

17/01716/FULL Reinstatement of access and farm track to agricultural land at School Lane, Thorverton. After discussion the PC resolved to object to this application on the grounds of road safety primarily.

Planning Decisions

17/01034/FULL Change of use, barn to dwelling, Pitt Farm, Thorverton. Refused.

17/01409/PNCOU Prior notification for the change of use, agricultural building to dwelling under Class Q, Higher Trey Mill, Thorverton. Accepted.

17/01456/PNAG Prior notification - reinstatement of farm access track at School Lane. Not permitted Development.

17/01541/PNHH Prior notification for the erection of an extension at 18 Court Barton Close, Thorverton. Accepted.

17/01545/PNHH Prior notification for the erection of an extension at 4 Cleaves Close, Thorverton. Approved.

17/01270/HRN Hedgerow removal notice – junction of Hulk Lane/School Lane – withdrawn.

Secure Storage to house the ride on mower on the Recreation Ground

The PC was pleased to hear that it had been awarded £600, from the MDDC Town and Parish Fund, towards the purchase of a secure store on the Recreation Ground to house the mower. The PC will now go ahead with plans to purchase and erect the storage as soon as possible.

Handyman/Road Warden

No further duties were allocated to Colin this month and it was noted that the outstanding duties include i) cutting back the growth behind the Quarry Car Park garages ii) clearing the debris in the Quarry Car Park iii) strimming along the road at the Rec iv) cutting back the Holly bush at the Rec entrance and v) re-corking two PC owned village noticeboards. If you know of any village maintenance requirements please do not hesitate to let me know.

Snow Warden

Cllr Graham Sims, our Snow Warden, reported that all parish grit bins are full and that plenty of salt is stored around the village in case we ever get any cold weather! A working party will be organised, as and when required, to clear any snow and to spread any grit/salt on village roads and should you wish to be part of this group please call Graham on tel. 860381.

Recreation Ground play equipment annual inspection and tree work

The annual play equipment inspection has taken place and, as a result, the PC are looking into replacing three rotting posts on the multi-play item although it currently remains safe for children to use. A quote is being obtained to remove three dead Elm trees and to remove several low branches from other various trees in the Rec.

Your Parish Councillors:

Nick Bright (Chairman), Stuart Crang (Vice Chairman), John Hodge, Neville Lane, Hilary Lawson, David Reygate, Graham Sims, John Spivey, Robert Turner and David Waldron. Clerk Alison Marshall thorvertonpc@gmail.com

It is lovely to receive so many positive comments from residents, regarding the continued good work of the Parish Council, so thank you and keep your comments coming!