

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 9th January 2018. 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 **13th February 2018** at Thorverton Memorial Hall at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. Alison Marshall – Clerk.
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Budget review and setting of the Precept for the 2018/2019 tax year

Following a review of the budget and precept documents (see website) the PC resolved not to increase the precept for the coming year and to keep it level with last year's demand at £19,518.00 net after the deduction of the available MDDC grant funding.

Section 106 funding – local development

Funding is now available to spend on 'open spaces and recreational facilities' within the parish, as a result of the Court Barton development, and the PC wants to know how you feel these funds, approximately £17,000, should be spent. Look out for the poster on the website, noticeboards, in Focus and on Next Door and get your suggestions into me as soon as possible. You can drop a note through my door at Dinneford House, e-mail me on thorvertonpc@gmail.com or talk to a Parish Councillor.

Planning Applications: none received to the date of the meeting.

Planning Decisions:

- a) **17/01734/FULL** erection of a general purpose agricultural building at Raddon Barton, Thorverton. **Granted.**
- b) **18/00012/NMA** non material amendment for 13/00989/FULL to allow alterations to windows and change of roof materials from tiles to slate at land to the rear of the Exeter Inn, Bullen Street, Thorverton. **Granted.**

Grant Funding

The PC resolved to give Tiverton & District Community Transport Association/Ring and Ride (TDCTA) grant funding to the value of £200.00 due to its continued support to local residents. Grant funding to Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice (CAB) was, however, not granted due to it not being a local organisation and following feedback from parishioners. If you belong to, or know of, a local organisation in need of grant funding please get in touch.

Dark Lane

Following a review of three Structural Engineers quotes it was resolved to appoint StructureHaus to carry out the investigatory work on the Dark Lane. This work is required to enable the best way forward, regarding the rebuilding of the wall, to be ascertained. Once this initial work has been completed costings can be assessed, and grant funding can be sought, with the view of getting the wall rebuilt as soon as possible. DCC Highways has advised that Dark Lane will remain closed, for safety reasons, until the work on Crossways Cottage has been completed.

The new Cemetery

The PC are currently liaising with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and DCC regarding the acquiring of funding to cover the required archaeological dig on the preferred Dark Lane site. It is hoped that funding can be secured for a 'community based dig' which will allow members of the public to 'have a go' and help get the work completed under the Supervision of an expert. The Planning Application has temporarily been delayed until a response has been received from the HLF.

Court Barton S106 Agreement Deed of Variation – keeping affordable homes 'local'

Devon and Cornwall Housing (DCH) has agreed to the suggested wording submitted by the PC regarding the S106 Agreement amendment, in order to keep the Court Barton affordable homes for people with local ties primarily, and the document has now been escalated to MDDC for processing. The PC has requested the support of D/Cllr Deed to help move this matter forward as it is important that the document is finalised prior to the development being completed.

Village Tidy Up Day - coming to your village soon! See next month's Focus for more information.

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