

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held in November 2018. The latest meeting Minutes can be viewed on the notice board in School Lane and on the website. The next meeting will take place on

11th December 2018 at Thorverton Memorial Hall.

All are welcome to attend. Alison Marshall – Clerk.

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Devon Air Ambulance Trust – a helicopter night landing site for Thorverton: focus is currently on raising funds for this project and a response from MDDC is awaited in this regard. Local band 'Stay Lucky' will play at the Memorial Hall early next year, at no cost, and the Memorial Hall Committee has offered the Hall free for this event and will also donate profits towards the cause. Thanks go out, in advance, to 'Stay Lucky' and the Hall Committee for this support. Look out for posters around the village and be sure to get your tickets early!

New Cemetery: things are moving forward with the Heritage Lottery Fund application approaching completion. It is hoped that this will be submitted to HLF in December and that a response will be received early in the New Year. Once funding for the required archaeological 'dig' is in place the event can be arranged. A letter is to be sent to local organisations highlighting the project and asking for support. Leaflets will be available locally to raise project awareness and to attract volunteers. If you are interested please let me know if you haven't already.

S106 Court Barton funding: having been unable to identify any available land for purchase around the village, for use as 'open space', focus has turned towards the potential purchase and regeneration of the Sheep Dip - this being a site of local historical interest. At the public meeting in May this year many residents requested that the Parish Council look into the purchase of this site and consideration is now being given to a valuation and maintenance costs. It is expected that an initial 'token' offer will be put to the Church Commissioners in December. Other things being considered are pic-nic tables and benches for both Leigh Gardens and Jubilee Green and a public footpath from Silver Street to the Millennium Green.

Recreation Ground: those of you who use the Rec will know that the hand rail on the Body Twister is showing signs of rust and so the manufacturers, Wicksteed, will be replacing the item by November end. The annual play/gym equipment inspection has been completed and the report evidenced no great concerns. It was noted, however, that some of the wooden play equipment is approaching 12 years old and is showing signs of rot. This means that consideration will need to be given to replacing some equipment in the next few years and so funding will need to be sourced for this. There have been reports of the Rec litter bin not being emptied regularly and this matter has been taken up by the MDDC Chairman who was present at the November Parish Council meeting.

Planning Applications and decisions:

- i) 18/01589/HOUSE** erection of two storey side extension, single storey side and rear extensions and front porch after demolition of existing garage and conservatory at Laburnum Cottage, Bullen Street, Thorverton. It was resolved to **object** to this application 'the Parish Council is concerned about the loss of the stone wall at the Bullen Street entrance and also the widening of the driveway in a Conservation Area. It has, however, no comment to make regarding the extensions'.
- ii) 18/01635/FULL** re-instatement of part of existing stone boundary wall and engineering works at the Quarry Car Park, Dark Lane, Thorverton. No comment was submitted due to the applicant being the Parish Council.
- iii) 18/01654/HOUSE and LBC** erection of two storey side and rear extension after demolition of existing two storey side extension at Berrysbridge House, Thorverton. It was resolved to submit 'no comment'.
- iv) 18/01291/FULL** erection of replacement bungalow, garage and workshop, following demolition of existing bungalow at Berrysbridge Lodge, Thorverton. Permission granted.
- v) 18/01510/LBC** replacement of UPVC double glazed window frames and supports to kitchen and conservatory with timber at Raddon Cottage, Thorverton. Permission granted.
- vi) EDDC 18/1661/FUL** change of use of 2 barns to class B1 at Fortescue Farm, Netherexe. Permission granted.

Grant Funding: following a request for funding and a review of the number of local people supported in the past twelve months by Citizens Advice it was resolved to give £200 to this cause. It was also resolved to give £750 to the Parochial Church Council towards Churchyard maintenance.

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.