

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held in December 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

8th January 2019, 7.30pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall.

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Devon County Council (DCC) Highways matters:

a) Lamp post cobble work – the Contractor has accepted responsibility for the unacceptable cobble work around the bases of the new lamp posts in the village and so this work will be redone. If you know of any spare local cobbles please let me know as the Contractor would like to use original stone if possible.

b) Clearing of the brook at Stonebridge – DCC has agreed to pay for the stream to be dredged at Stonebridge, at the bottom of Jericho Street, which will take place as soon as possible.

c) Upgrading of the footpath between Dark Lane and Lynch Road – the PC has accepted an offer from DCC to upgrade this footpath, at no cost, and the work is expected to be completed by December end.

d) Footpath from The Glebe to School Lane – DCC has agreed to replace the broken pipe under the footpath, at the School Lane end, where water collects. No timescale has been given for this work.

e) Dark Lane – several ideas were put to C/Cllr Squires regarding how best to deter large vehicles from using this Lane, due to continued damage being caused to property, and it was agreed that the suggestion of kerb stones, to narrow the Lane half way along, would be put to DCC Highways.

f) Dark Lane Wall – although planning permission for the rebuilding of the wall has been granted it was resolved to hold a further meeting with the MDDC Conservation Officer to discuss specific re-build requirements.

Devon Air Ambulance Trust – a helicopter night landing site for Thorverton: MDDC grant funding of £1,459.00 has now been secured along with funding from C/Cllr Squires and anonymous donations. Local band 'Rude Awakening' kindly pledged a percentage of performance fees at the recent Holly Ball leaving a shortfall of £500. It is hoped that these funds will be raised at the 'Stay Lucky' event at the Memoria Hall on March 2nd 2019. Watch out for posters and get your tickets early!

New Cemetery: the Heritage Lottery Fund application will be submitted in January and securing funding from this source will enable the required archaeological dig to take place. Posters regarding the dig can be found around the village and on the website. If you are interested in being part of the dig please let me know. In response to enquiries it has been confirmed that a new Cemetery business plan will be completed when a more accurate picture of the finances involved are known and that the existing Graveyard, when closed, will take no further burials but will continue to take ashes.

Speedwatch: the PC agreed to support the meeting of the first anniversary of Speedwatch which is expected to take place on 30th January 2019. This meeting will be attended by the Police and will be open to the public.

Planning Applications and Decisions:

18/01904/FULL erection of a dwelling and associated parking at land off Jericho Street, Thorverton. The PC resolved to submit the comment 'the PC notes the comments of the Planning Inspector and DCC Highways and would make no further comment on the assumption that the plans meet the Conservation Officers requirements'.

18/01635/FULL re-instatement of part of existing stone wall at Dark Lane, Thorverton. Granted.

18/01554/PNHH approval of prior approval for building works at 35 Silver Street, Thorverton. Approved.

South West Water (SWW) – Installation of Event Date Monitoring at the Quarry Car Park: it was noted that the SWW works are due to take place between 18th and 22nd February 2019 when a diversion for vehicles will apply to the top of Bullen Street – more information can be found on the website and village notice boards. The work involves the digging of a trench from Bullen Street to the lamp post to the left of the Post Office Portacabin in order to lay a cable. Compensation from SWW regarding this work is being investigated.

Section 106 Funding – Court Barton Close: negotiations regarding the purchase of the Sheep Dip site from the Church Commissioners are moving forward. The possibility of purchasing a strip of land to form a public footpath from Silver Street to the Millennium Field is being investigated. The list of suggestions from the public, regarding the spending of these funds, continues to be under review and the list can be found on the website and School Lane notice board.

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.