

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council (PC) meeting held in January 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 **12th February 2019, 7.30pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall.**

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Budget and Precept for the 2019/2020 tax year:

It was resolved to reduce the draft Budget figure by £5,000. and to submit a Precept demand of £16,650 gross / £15,602 net after deduction of anticipated income for the year. Any shortfall in outgoings would be taken from general reserves. As a result residents will see a reduction in local tax payable. It was noted that the MDDC grant is no longer available.

Highways:

- 1. Lamp post cobble work** – the Contractors are now sourcing local cobbles in order to redo the work.
- 2. Hulk Lane dedication of Public Bridleway** – due to ongoing concerns regarding the possible loss of public access to the Lane a representative from DCC was to be invited to the February meeting to discuss the matter further.
- 3. Raddon sign post** – it was resolved to obtain a quote for an official directional sign post at the top of Bullen Hill.
- 4. Clearing of the Brook at Stonebridge** – this work, to be paid for by DCC, was still pending.

New Cemetery:

To date 30 volunteers had shown interest in the pending archaeological 'dig' at the proposed new Cemetery site. Several letters of support for the project had been received together with pledges of grant funding. The application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, for grant funding to cover the cost of the 'dig', was nearing completion.

Grant Funding award – Mid Devon Mobility:

It was resolved to grant £200. to this cause due to ongoing support given to local residents.

Planning Applications and Decisions:

- 1. 18/01589/HOUSE** change of description and revised drawing – erection of a 2 storey side extension, single storey side and rear extensions and front porch after demolition of existing garage and conservatory, including works to access, at Laburnum Cottage, Thorverton. It was resolved to submit 'no further comment'.
- 2. 18/02018/FULL** revised scheme - conversion of barn to dwelling at Pitt Farm, Thorverton. It was resolved to submit 'no comment'.
- 3. 18/01620/PNCOU** prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to dwelling under Class Q at Thatchers Lane, Thorverton. Approved.
- 4. 18/01851/NMA & LBC** non material amendment for 17/00467/HOUSE to allow addition of railings and balustrade to outside stone steps at Court Barton, Thorverton. Granted.
- 5. 18/01647/CLP** certificate of lawful use for a proposed use or development - siting of a caravan to provide additional accommodation to the main house at Stone Bungalow, Thorverton. Approved.
- 6. 18/01654/HOUSE & LBC** erection of 2 storey side and rear extension after demolition of existing 2 storey side extension at Berrybridge House, Thorverton. Approved.

SWW – Installation of Event Date Monitoring:

The work, consisting of a trench from Bullen Street through the car park to the box to the left of the Post Office to lay a cable to monitor sewage flow, will take place between 18th – 22nd February 2019. Disruption to traffic flow at the top of Bullen Street and access to the car park is to be expected.

Memorial Hall notice board in the Quarry Car Park:

Permission was granted for a new notice board, at no cost to the PC, to be installed at the entrance to the car park.

Court Barton Deed of Variation:

Confirmation had been received advising that the document had now been engrossed, LiveWest had signed it, and that it was now with Westhaven Homes for execution. The process to ensure that local people can primarily benefit from the affordable homes at Court Barton Close is, therefore, now nearing completion.

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.