

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Helicopter Night Landing Site for Thorverton – fund raising event on Saturday 2nd March 2019

Come and join in at the Thorverton Memorial Hall from 7.30pm. Dance to Stay Lucky, food available, Bar and Gin Bar, Grand Draw, Name the Bear and much more! Tickets £5 on the door or from Berry Dairy, Exeter Inn or Thorverton Arms. Support your village!

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 16th April 2019, 7.30pm, at the Thorverton Memorial Hall. Pop in for a catch up and a cuppa!

Local Elections on 2nd May 2019

Interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? Want to make a difference? Care about your Community? If so contact me, or MDDC, for a Nomination Form and to find out more.

Hulk Lane Bridleway

Further discussion took place on why Hulk Lane had not yet been dedicated a Public Bridleway, as expected, and it was agreed that a meeting with DCC should be arranged in order to progress this matter. In the meantime the Lane remains open to members of the public.

Welcome Pack for new residents

It was agreed to send a Welcome Letter, together with a copy of the latest Focus, PC meeting Minutes and Councillor contact details, to all new parish residents going forward.

Dark Lane Wall

Due to the high cost of replacing the wall with stone it was resolved that a sketch for a low stone plinth, on which to stand fencing or railings, would be put forward to MDDC for consideration.

New Cemetery

The Heritage Lottery Funding application outcome will be known by the end of May and, if successful, the archaeological dig will be arranged for September this year all being well. £4,100 has, so far, been donated towards this project from various sources and over 50 people have signed up to help with the 'dig'. Watch this space for more news!

Sheep Dip purchase

Due to popular demand the PC has entered into negotiations with the Church Commissioners to purchase the Sheep Dip site, at the end of Dinneford Street, with an initial offer of £1.00 and a response is awaited.

Planning Applications and Decisions received to the date of the meeting

a) 18/01840/FULL change of use of land for the siting of permanent and touring pitches for tents and caravans the Ruffwell Inn, Thorverton. The PC 'objected' on the following grounds - 'this site is inappropriate for the planned development, this site is not adjacent to a settlement limit, such a development should be limited to the edge of a town as the current situation does not respect the appearance and character of the countryside, permission for residential units on this site would be unacceptable especially as it is understood that the site operates on a septic tank system and not mains drainage, vehicles towing caravans / motorhomes pulling out of or turning into the car park onto/from the busy road would cause safety issues and the entrance to this site is on a cross road and has a bus stop opposite and next to it all of which restricts visibility'.

b) 18/02000/Full erection of extensions to the existing farm shop at Exe Valley Farm Shop, Thorverton. The PC submitted a comment of 'no comment regarding the application but questions about whether there is actually mains drainage have been raised'.

c) 19/00037/HOUSE formation of hardstanding at Stone Bungalow, Thorverton. No comment.

d) 19/00068/FULL erection of a 10m high lighting column with two 150 watt LED' floodlights to provide emergency lighting for Devon Air Ambulance, Recreation Ground, Thorverton. No comment.

e) 19/00162/TPO application to pollard one Lime Tree at 16 The Glebe, Thorverton. No comment.

f) 19/00199/HOUSE erection of a first floor extension and external alterations at Lyndale, Dinneford Street, Thorverton. Cllr Lawson left the room due to declaring a pecuniary interest. No Comment.

g) 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 including works to access. Laburnum Cottage, Bullen Street, Thorverton. Granted.

h) 18/02018/FULL conversion of barn to dwelling (revised scheme) at Pitt Farm, Thorverton. Granted.

Parish Councillors: Nick Bright, Stuart Crang, John Hodge, Neville Lane, Hilary Lawson, David Reygate, Graham Sims, John Spivey, Robert Turner and David Waldron. Your name here?