

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

14th May 2019, 7.30pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall.

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Helicopter Night Landing Site: required planning permission, for the lighting pole, has now been granted and the project is moving towards completion. It is expected that the facility will be up and running by the summer. The Parish Council would like to thank, once again, all those who gave donations and who helped at the March 2nd fund raising event. This generosity has helped the project come to a conclusion much earlier than had been expected.

New Cemetery: I am pleased to be able to report that MDDC has agreed £2,500 in grant funding towards the community 'dig' bringing project donations and pledges to well over £6,000. The grant funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, for approximately £23,000., has been acknowledged and a response is expected in May. If successful the Parish Council will be able to move forward with the required Geophysical Survey, followed by the Community dig, for which over 65 members of the public have signed up to help. Watch this space for more news!

Dark Lane Wall: the Parish Council was in agreement that a plan for a proposed metal work fence, being a much less costly replacement for the fallen wall in Dark Lane than re-building it in stone, was acceptable. Planning permission would be required, together with an estimate for the cost of the work, prior to the Parish Council making any decision to move forward with this idea.

Planning Applications and Decisions

19/00371/FULL change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of replacement outbuilding for maintenance of cars and storage, Fordy Bridge, Raddon, Thorverton. 'No Comment'.

19/00287/LBC for the insertion of a cast iron downpipe to front at Brookside, 5 Silver Street, Thorverton. 'Supported'.

19/00162/TPO application to pollard one Lime tree at 16 The Glebe, Thorverton. Granted.

19/00289/NMA non material amendment to allow a change to the ridge height of storage building and gates to boundary wall to be amended to 2 leaf hinged gate, the Old Post Office, Thorverton. Granted.

19/00376/NMA non material amendment to allow a change to the size and position of the bungalow at Berrysbridge Lodge, Thorverton. Granted.

19/00068/FULL erection of a 10m height lighting column with LED floodlights to provide emergency lighting for Devon Air Ambulance, the Recreation Ground, Thorverton. Granted.

19/00074/PNCOU prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling under Class Q at Charolles, Thorverton. Prior approval not required.

19/00199/HOUSE erection of a first floor extension and external alterations at Lyndale, Dinneford Street, Thorverton. Granted.

19/00393/CAT notification of intention to remove one Ilex Aquifolium tree at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Thorverton. No objection.

Decisions on both the Ruffwell Inn and Exe Valley Farm Shop planning applications are pending at this time.

Highways matters:

a) Hulk Lane – dedication of Public Bridleway. Tom Vaughan, DCC Highways, has agreed to meet with the Parish Council in order to discuss further the requirement for a dedicated public Bridleway along Hulk Lane.

b) Clearing of the Brook at Stonebridge. DCC has agreed to the stream being dredged, and to pay for the required work, which is pending.

c) Clearing of the foot path along Silver Street. The work has been requested of DCC Highways and is pending.

d) Cobbles around the lamp post along Milford Lane. The Contractor has confirmed that the work would be completed shortly. The Clerk is to report the missing cobbles on the path outside Berry Dairy to DCC Highways.

e) Parking in Thorverton. Due to receiving complaints from members of the public regarding parking in the village Council members were reminded by the Chairman of its resolution not to get involved with village parking matters. Any complaints, therefore, should be referred directly to the Police or to DCC Highways.

Elections May 2nd 2019: local elections will take place on May 2nd to elect a District Councillor and also 10 members for the Parish Council. More news on this next month.