

## **THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council meeting held in July 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 7.30pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall.**  
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**Community Emergency Plan:** Mr Martin Rich, from Devon Communities Together, attended the July meeting and spoke about the benefits of having a Community Emergency Plan in place. After discussion it was agreed that a draft plan should be drawn up and that such a plan should involve members of the public. If you are interested in being part of this project, or knowing more about it, please contact the Clerk.

**Climate Emergency Plan:** Following discussion it was resolved to look into this matter further and to make enquiries regarding plans already in place, or being considered, in the surrounding area.

**Helicopter Night Landing Site:** Arrangements for an 'Opening Ceremony' will be finalised at the September meeting. Watch out for posters advertising the event.

**Public Footpaths:** A report detailing the up to date position on our local public footpaths is now available and a copy can be obtained from the Clerk.

**New Cemetery/Geophysical Survey/Community Dig:** 50 members of the public attended the public open meeting, on 16<sup>th</sup> July, to receive feedback from the recently completed Geophysical Survey. The Survey had uncovered several areas of interest which would be investigated further. The 'Community Dig', on the proposed new Cemetery site off Dark Lane, is planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and anyone interested in being part of this who has yet to register with the Clerk is asked to do so as soon as possible. The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Vanita Eden will take on the role of Community Dig Project Evaluator.

**Job Vacancy – Handyperson:** Following the resignation of Colin, our village Handyman, the Parish Council has been advertising for someone else to take on this role. It is hoped that a new 'Handyperson' will be announced at the September meeting. Colin was thanked by the Parish Council for the hard work he has put in over the past three years in the role.

**Section 106 Funding and Church Commissioner business:** There is no further news, to date, to report regarding the purchase of the Sheep Dip or the purchase of land to create a pathway from Silver Street to the Millennium Field. Regarding the allotment field, however, the Church Commissioners had suggested that allotments will not now need to be dug up in order to lay underground electricity cables in connection with the proposed new housing development.

### **Planning Applications and decisions:**

**19/01064/FULL Revised.** Installation of metal railings and repair works to existing stone wall at Dark Lane. Due to this being the Parish Council's application it was resolved to make no comment.

**19/0104/FULL** Creation of new field entrance at Thatchers Lane, Thorverton. 'No comment' submitted.

**19/01135/FULL** Erection of a first floor side extension at Victoria Orchard, Thorverton. 'No comment' submitted.

**19/00371/FULL** Change agricultural land use to domestic garden and erection of replacement outbuildings for maintenance of cars and storage at Fordy Bridge, Thorverton. Granted.

**19/00543/HOUSE** Erection of extension following removal of existing and erection of replacement garage/store at Stable Cottage, Thorverton. Granted.

**18/01840/FULL Revised.** Change of use of land for the siting of permanent and touring pitches for tents and caravans at Ruffwell Inn, Thorverton. Granted.

**19/00755/HOUSE** Erection of a detached timber garage/garden store at Station House, Thorverton. Granted.

**Village Tidy Up Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019:** The event was a great success and the Parish Council would like to thank all 30 members of the public who turned up to help with weeding, sign cleaning, grass cutting and the general tidying up of the village centre. The visit to the pub afterwards was much enjoyed I understand!

**Your Parish Councillors:** Neville Lane (Chairman), Bob Deed (Vice Chairman), Stuart Crang, Andrew Foster, Rob Flatt, John Hodge, Hilary Lawson, Graham Sims, David Waldron, Keeley Wells.