

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council meeting held in September 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

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

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Archaeological Dig (new Cemetery):

By the time you read this article the long awaited Community Dig will have taken place (16th – 28th September) and the findings will be reported in the next edition of Focus. All 160 members of the public who had expressed an interest in getting involved were contacted prior to the commencement of the 'dig', in order that arrangements could be made to accommodate as many volunteers as possible one way or another. More news on what happens next, regarding the new Cemetery, to follow.

Climate Emergency Plan:

The Parish Council resolved to adopt a Climate Emergency Plan and a copy of this can be found on the website at www.thorvertonparishcouncil.org.uk

Community Emergency Plan:

The Parish Council resolved to take the draft Community Emergency Plan forward and a copy of this 'template' plan can be found on the website at www.thorvertonparishcouncil.org.uk and at the WI Hut, Saturday Markets and at the Post Office. The idea of the plan is to ensure that should a local emergency occur a structure is in place to deal with it as efficiently as possible and to ensure that the public, and especially those vulnerable members of the community, receive help and support as required. The content of the plan will be added to with input from the community. If you, as a member of the community, would like to be involved with the building of the plan please let me, or any member of the Parish Council, know.

Quarry Car Park:

If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding the maximising of parking spaces at the Quarry Car Park, painting of parking bays, an electric car charging point, disabled spaces or anything else that may be relevant please let me or a parish councillor know. It was noted that a textile/clothing bank is situated at the School, in School Lane, and so this will not be discussed further.

Devon Digital Lives:

It was resolved to support Cllr Wells with this project to provide IT (information technology) help to the community. The overall aim is to make it easier for people to keep in touch with family and friends and to aid communication in general. If you are interested in attending such training then please let me, Cllr Wells, or any parish councillor know. Watch out for posters providing more information.

New Parish Handyman:

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to advise that local resident Mr Neville Matthews will take on the position of Parish Handyman with effect from 1st October 2019.

Planning Applications and Decisions:

- i) 19/01336/CAT** to reduce the crown of 1 Ash tree and 1 Holly tree at Brook Lodge, Thorverton. No comment was submitted from the Parish Council.
- ii) 19/01465/FULL** (revised) change of use of agricultural land for the formation of a residential vehicular access and track. It was resolved to make no further comment on this application.
- iii) 19/00748/HOUSE** two storey extension and replacement garage at Lodge Farm, Thorverton. Granted.
- iv) 19/00621/FULL** change of use from agricultural land to form a residential vehicular access and track at Charolles, Thorverton. Refused.
- v) 19/00690/FULL** (revised) retention of shed and decking at Dinneford Spring, Thorverton. Granted.
- vi) 19/00836/TPO** application to pollard 2 protected Ash trees, Thorverton School. Granted.
- vii) 19/01135/HOUSE** (revised) erection of a first floor side extension at Victoria Orchard, Thorverton. Granted.

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.