

## **THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council meeting held in October 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 **12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7.30pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall.**  
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### **Community Archaeological Dig (new Cemetery)**

I am very pleased to be able to report that the two week 'dig' was a great success and that over 300 members of the public managed to take part. Some interesting artefacts were found, including some very old pottery, and a full report on the event will be available in due course. The next step, regarding the new Cemetery, is to investigate planning permission which is now being addressed.

### **Climate Emergency**

An electric car charging point for the Quarry Car Park, together with a disabled space, would be looked into further and more information on these points will be reported in a future edition of Focus. Following a review of ideas from the recent climate change public meeting it was agreed that the Climate Emergency Group should be asked to investigate a community 'share shop' and a 'communal compost bin' further.

### **New Parish Handyman**

Neville Matthews, our new Parish Handyman, has been given a list of duties to see to which includes investigating how to weatherproof the communal notice board in School Lane, replacing the drain pipe from the garages into the water butts at the allotments, cutting back the overhanging tree along The Glebe footpath and repairing the stone wall mortar work in the stream by Jubilee Green. Colin will continue to spray the village cobbles until further notice. If you know of anything around the parish that needs Handyman attention please let me know.

### **Satisfaction Survey**

The Parish Council has adopted a Satisfaction Survey, called 'Help Us To Help You', with the aim of enabling parishioners to very easily provide valuable feedback to the Council on how it is doing against expectations. You can find a copy of this document, together with 'The Aims of Thorverton Parish Council' on the website at [www.thorvertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.thorvertonparishcouncil.org.uk) or, alternatively, you can contact me for a copy on [thorvetonpc@gmail.com](mailto:thorvetonpc@gmail.com) or 01392 861228.

### **Christmas trees**

I am delighted to be report that the Parish Council will be purchasing trees for both the Memorial Hall field and the Jubilee Green again this year. A working party to collect, erect, decorate and dismantle the trees will be arranged at the November Parish Council meeting. If you are able to help please let me know.

### **Planning Applications and Decisions:**

**19/01527/MARM Revised. Reserved matters for the erection of 16 dwellings following Outline approval 17/00878/MOUT land south of Broadlands, Thorverton.** Following a review of the plans it was resolved to submit the following 'neutral' response: Thorverton Parish Council requests that 1) sight sections are provided to show any impact on neighbouring properties at Broadlands, and in particular for plots 15 and 16, as documents are currently not available. 2) The parking spaces be numbered on the site plan for clarity, and to evidence the 30 spaces indicated. 3) The soft landscape scheme be submitted as no documents are currently available. 4) All those applicable are made aware that the road at the entrance of the site, towards The Glebe, is prone to flooding and so no additional water should be allowed to run off from the site to exacerbate the current situation. 5) Details of external property and street lighting be provided as none is currently available. 6) Greater detail of how the properties will be sustainable is provided. 7) Building materials suggested be reviewed as they do not appear to reflect the local vernacular, which should be addressed.

**19/01047/FULL Revised.** Creation of a new field entrance at Thatchers Lane, Thorverton. 'No comment'.

**19/01336/CAT** Reduce the crowns of 1 Ash and 1 Holly tree at 2 Silver Street, Thorverton. No objection. Noted.

### **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. Clerk, Alison Marshall.