

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council meeting held in November 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 **10th December 2019, 7.30pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall.**

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County Councillor Squires: A Net-Zero Task Force has been created with the aim of producing a Devon Carbon Policy and Devon residents are invited to submit ideas to DCC on reducing carbon emissions. On road matters, residents are reminded that issues can be reported on-line at www.devon.gov.uk or by 'phone on 0345 1551004.

Grant Funding: It was resolved to grant Thorverton Millennium Green Trusts £230 towards planning permission costs for the new mower storage, as the project was considered to be of benefit to the whole community.

Court Barton – Section 106 Funding: Due to complications in securing land to purchase for the Silver Street to Millennium Green walkway it was resolved to put an alternative plan for 'open space' to MDDC for consideration. The idea would be to create a small public park at the top end of the School field and, if agreed, the area would include access from The Glebe, picnic tables and benches, pathways, a community fruit orchard and, it is hoped, a basketball hoop or similar. A secure gate to the School could also be a possibility, so that children and parents living at the north of the village would not need to use School Lane to get to and from School. As the School currently leases this land discussions are taking place regarding any changes. A response from MDDC is awaited.

Defibrillator news: You may know that Parkers Insurance has moved from the village and so it has been agreed that the defibrillator can be moved across the road to the external wall of the Doctors Surgery.

The Recreation Ground: It has been agreed that the rope swing should be made good and put back in place. The costs of replacing the rotten wood will be in the region of £250.00 being much cheaper than a new piece of play equipment. The annual RoSPA report (safety report) has concluded that all Rec equipment is in good order.

Hulk Lane Bridleway: Discussions continue with DCC Highways regarding the Lane being officially designated a public bridleway, instead of the current permissive bridleway, in order that the facility can be kept open in perpetuity for public use. Currently the permissive bridleway may only be available for a minimum of 15 years.

Planning Applications and Decisions:

i) 19/01527/MARM Reserved matters for the erection of 16 dwellings – revised drawings and additional information – land south of Broadlands, Thorverton. It was resolved to submit the following comments: Residents in Broadlands would like more information on the planting to the northern boundary of the site adjoining their gardens as they do not want large trees to overshadow their gardens. The Soft Landscaping Scheme details have already been requested but still do not appear to be available. Plot 13, Butley, has a bedroom window facing/overlooking Broadlands (no.12 in particular). Given that this new bedroom has three windows can the one overlooking Broadlands be removed and the window overlooking the allotments be enlarged, if there is a need to compensate. Can MDDC ensure that the hedgerow on the western side of the road to Berrysbridge is to remain intact – the outline planning stage indicated that some of this would be removed which is great cause for concern. Can MDDC ensure that the electric charger points to each dwelling promised in the Design and Access statement be enforced. Can the road leading from Thorverton village to the site be widened where the new pavement is being constructed - there is currently a deep verge on both sides which would accommodate this. The area is currently a pinch point for traffic which will be made worse following further development.

ii) 19/01701/FULL Retention of a storage container – land west of the Millennium Green, Thorverton. It was resolved to support this application which suggested a practical solution to the immediate problem of storage space being required for the mower.

iii) 19/01465/FULL Change of use from agricultural land to formation of residential vehicular access and track – revised scheme – at Charolles, Thorverton. **Approved.**

iv) 19/01047/FULL Creation of a new field entrance – Thatchers Lane, Thorverton. **Approved.**

v) 19/01501/PNCOU Prior Notification – change of use from agricultural land to a dwelling at Thatchers Lane, Thorverton. **Approved.**

Your Parish Councillors and Clerk:

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.