

## **THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council meetings held in December and January. Meeting Minutes can be viewed on the notice board in School Lane and on the website. The next meeting will take place on **11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7.30pm, Thorverton Memorial Hall.**  
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### **Planning Applications and Decisions:**

- 1) 19/01886/FULL** erection of 2 dwellings following demolition of 2 existing agricultural buildings at Lodge Farm, Brampford Speke.
- 2) 19/01527/MARM** revised reserved matters for the erection of 16 dwellings south of Broadlands, Thorverton.
- 3) 19/01917/FULL** erection of a dwelling with associated works and demolition of existing buildings between 13 and 17 Silver Street, Thorverton.
- 4) 19/02103/FULL** erection of an agricultural grain store (972sqm) at Middle Chitterley, Silverton.
- 5) 19/02137/FULL** change of use of land from agricultural to residential at Thatchers Barn, Thorverton.
- 6) 19/01987/CAT** notification of intention to fell 1 Fir tree within the Conservation Area at Ivy Cottage, Lynch Road, Thorverton. No objection.
- 7) 19/01936/HOUSE** erection of first floor side extension (revised) at Victoria Orchard, Dinneford Street, Thorverton. Granted.
- 8) 19/01701/FULL** retention of a storage container – land west of the Millennium Green, Thorverton. Granted.

**Recreation Ground:** The rope swing has been repaired and is, once again, in full working order. The wildlife garden is in need of attention – if you are interested in volunteering to be part of a team tasked with keeping this garden neat and tidy please contact the Clerk.

**New Cemetery:** The working group is putting together a business plan, feasibility report and planning application for full Council consideration, in order to move this project forward.

**Precept for 2020/2021:** Following a full review of the draft Budget and Precept documentation at the January meeting it was resolved to set the Precept figure at £15,739. Whilst this figure has increased slightly on the previous year the overall result will be a decrease in Council tax paid to the Parish Council on Council Tax bills. This is due to the increased number of households at 'Band D' within the parish.

**Dark Lane wall repairs:** The repairs have been agreed and the Contractor is expected to start work in early April. It is anticipated that 50% of the cost of the repairs will be claimed back through grant funding from Devon County Council Highways. A plan showing what the new wall will look like can be found on the website and noticeboard.

**Sheep Dip purchase:** The Church Commissioners have accepted the Parish Councils offer of £1 to purchase the site. Contamination testing is now taking place prior to taking the purchase forward.

**Village leats and waterways:** You may have noticed a lack of water in the leats along Dinneford Street and Bullen Street. This is due to extensive repairs needing to be made to the dam supplying the water and, as heavy machinery is needed to do this, the repairs will not take place until the summer when the ground should be drier.

**Parish Council projects:** Current projects under consideration are the purchase of the allotment field from the Church Commissioners, a possible footpath along Silver Street to the Cricket Club, a secure store in the Quarry Car Park for Handyman tools and equipment, a new mower for the Recreation Ground and a new Defibrillator for the top end of the village. If you have any thoughts or comments on any of these ideas, or any not listed, please let the Clerk or a Parish Councillor know. All feedback is very welcome.

### **Your Parish Council members:**

Neville Lane (Chairman), Bob Deed (Vice Chairman), Stuart Crang, Andrew Foster, Rob Flatt, John Hodge, Graham Sims, David Waldron and Keely Wells. Clerk - Alison Marshall. Handyman - Neville Matthews. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk for more information.