

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Listed below are some points raised at the Parish Council meetings held on March 10th and 20th 2020. Meeting Minutes can be viewed on the notice board in School Lane and on the website. **The next meeting, planned for**

14th April 2020, has been cancelled due Coronavirus.

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Coronavirus: The Parish Council (PC) is actively involved with the local Covid 19 Support Group. The latest updates and advice can be found on the PC's website and notice boards in School Lane and at the Quarry Car Park.

A New Parish Councillor: Mr Sam Fice has been co-opted onto the Parish Council which now brings Councillor numbers up to the 10 required.

Sheep Dip purchase: The contamination testing results have been received and the report, a copy of which can be obtained from the Clerk, indicates arsenic levels seven times higher than would be considered safe for public open space, and also high residual pesticide levels. Due to this it is recommended that the public avoid the area. The current owners, being the Church Commissioners, have been advised of the situation and have been asked to decontaminate the site, or close it to the public. The PC has, therefore, withdrawn the offer to purchase the site.

New Cemetery: A letter has been sent to Thorverton Parochial Church Council requesting an update on several matters last discussed some years ago. A response is now awaited prior to the new Cemetery project moving forward. Documents detailing a best estimate of the minimum and maximum costs of providing a new Cemetery and showing the possible income stream that a new Cemetery might produce, have been produced and considered.

Planning applications and decisions:

i) **20/00265/FULL** erection of a conservatory at 33, Broadlands, Thorverton. No comment from the PC.

ii) **20/00310/HOUSE** demolition to courtyard outbuildings, lean-to's and boundary walls. Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration at Bridge House, Thorverton. No comment from the PC.

iii) **19/01917/FULL** erection of a dwelling with associated works and demolition of existing buildings at 13-17 Silver Street, Thorverton. Granted.

iv) **19/01527/MARM** reserved matters for the erection of 16 dwellings following outline approval reference 17/00878/MOUT land south of Broadlands, Thorverton. Granted.

Parish Council Facebook page: A PC Facebook page is to be set up – more information to follow.

Annual Parish Meeting: It was resolved to hold this event on Wednesday 20th May, 7.30pm, at the Thorverton Memorial Hall, subject to Coronavirus restrictions. Updates on the event will be posted on the PC's website and notice boards.

Vodafone mobile 'phone reception in Thorverton: Due to the current unsatisfactory mobile phone reception in parts of the parish, it was resolved to look into this matter and to investigate how a better signal might be achieved.

Dark Lane wall repairs: It was reported that the repairs should take place during April and that Dark Lane would need to be closed to facilitate the works.

Allotment for hire: If you are looking for some additional space to grow your own fruit and veg, or somewhere to get away from it all, an allotment could be just the thing. Residents can hire a plot for £10 per annum, plus a refundable deposit of £25.00. If you are interested, contact the Clerk on thorvertonpc@gmail.com or 01392 861228.

A second Defibrillator for Thorverton village: The Women's Institute has kindly agreed to a second machine being sited on the external wall of the WI Hut. The machine will be purchased and installed as soon as possible.

How to 'Report a Pothole' or any Highways issue: All residents are encouraged to report potholes, or any Highways issues, to Devon County Council by way of the on-line 'report a problem' page which can be found by using this link https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/map/map_src/poth/. The instructions are easy to follow and a photo can be uploaded if felt appropriate. As priority is given to potholes that have been reported a number of times please take a few minutes to report any that you find, size restrictions apply. You can also report issues by phone on 0345 155 1004. The flooding issue along Lynch Road has been reported, several times, and C/Clr Margaret Squires has also been informed.

Your Parish Council members:

Neville Lane (Chairman), Bob Deed (Vice Chairman), Stuart Crang, Sam Fice, Andrew Foster, Rob Flatt, John Hodge, Graham Sims, David Waldron and Keely Wells. Clerk - Alison Marshall. Handyman - Neville Matthews.