

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Below is a synopsis of the draft Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on May 12th 2020.

The full meeting minutes can be found on the notice board in School Lane and on the Website.

The next meeting will take place on June 9th 2020.

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Covid 19 pandemic: It was reported that £495. had been received from Devon County Council, as a result of a grant funding request, to be used for local emergencies linked to Covid 19. These funds, together with the £500. already set aside by the Parish Council, would be distributed, as and if required, in conjunction with requests from the local Covid 19 Support Group. If you are aware of any funding requirements in this regard please contact the Clerk, a Parish Councillor or a member of the local Covid 19 Support Group.

Allotments: The allotments, as at 19th May, remain open for the use of allotment holders. The latest Government guidelines on the use of such sites can be found attached to the field gate. It was reported that the Parish Council had been invited by the current owners of the allotment field, being the Church Commissioners, to consider purchasing the field. This would mean that the land would be held in perpetuity for the parish and would ensure ongoing availability of allotments for those residents requesting them. As a Parish Council has a statutory duty to provide allotments, if requested, it was resolved to put forward an interest in purchasing the land, and to establish the purchase price. Once more information is known, and should the Parish Council then consider taking the purchase forward, the public would be consulted for their views on the matter. There was no further news regarding the laying of surface water pipes along the boundary of the allotment field, in connection with proposed new housing development.

Handyman: The following duties have been added to the Handyman's list; strimming of the Barliabins area, cutting the grass no more than every three weeks, drawing up a list of tasks for the village tidy up day to include concreting of the beach area of the stream at Jubilee Green, re-pointing the crazy paving at Leigh Gardens, tidying up the 'well' area opposite the car park entrance and tidying up the small garden area between the shop and bridge at Jericho Street. Continuing to fill potholes, spraying the village footpaths, repairing the stones/mortar on the road side of the stream at Jubilee Green and removing the debris from the car park. Several residents and Councillors had commented on how lovely the village was currently looking and thanks were passed onto the Handyman accordingly. If you know of any areas around the parish in need of Handyman attention please contact the Clerk, the Handyman or a Parish Councillor.

Internal Audit: The Parish Council was pleased to learn that no actions were required as a result of the recent internal audit and that the documentation and processes checked were in good order. The Clerk was thanked for her on-going work in this connection.

Planning:

i) 20/00563/HOUSE erection of first floor extension to rear of 18 Silver Street, Thorverton. It was resolved to submit 'no comment' regarding this application.

ii) 20/00553/FULL erection of an agricultural storage building with formation of access track land at rear of 9 Silver Street, Thorverton. It was resolved to submit the comment 'the Parish Council has concerns around the purpose and description of the building as the plans are for an 'agricultural' building not in an agricultural area'.

- iii) 20/00374/NMA Proposed non-material amendment for 19/01917/FULL to allow alterations to the timber weatherboarding, window positions and the addition of a brick plinth at land between 13 and 17 Silver Street, Thorverton. Granted - split decision.
- iv) 20/00244/PNCOU prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 2 dwellings under Class Q at Lodge Farm, Bramford Speke. Approved.
- v) 20/00113/LBC listed building consent for erection of a single storey extension following removal of a conservatory at Wee Cottage, Bullen Street, Thorverton. Granted.
- vi) 20/00265/FULL erection of a conservatory at 33 Broadlands, Thorverton. Granted.

Your Parish Council members:

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