

The Aims of Thorverton Parish Council

The Parish Council aims to serve the local community so that:

- We care for the wellbeing of the community:
 - We are careful with our spending of money so that the precept can be kept to a reasonable level
 - We are developing an Emergency Plan which will include a checklist for all residents to use
 - We have annual safety checks on the play and exercise equipment at the Recreation Ground and act on the results
 - We support the local Speedwatch team monitoring vehicle speeds
 - We have a Snow Warden and salt bins for use in icy conditions
 - We have installed a floodlight at the Recreation Ground so that it can be used as a night landing site for the air ambulance
 - We have installed a defibrillator in The Bury, which is regularly checked to ensure that it is in working order

- Community activities are promoted:
 - We have a grant giving policy under which we may make grants to village organisations
 - We have been running the Thorverton Community Archaeology Project, which we hope will pave the way for a new cemetery on that land

- There is engagement with the community:
 - We have an open communications channel through the clerk, including a published policy on handling correspondence
 - We have several policies, all of which are openly published on our website, along with other information, all regularly updated
 - Our councillors' contact details are widely available for parishioners to contact
 - We have open sessions for the public immediately before each Council meeting
 - We try to ensure that Council decisions are well explained in an open manner
 - We have a Council table with a councillor on duty at every Saturday Market
 - We intend to have annual satisfaction surveys for parishioners, with the results being published and acted upon
 - We are developing a climate emergency plan which will give opportunities for parishioners to share ideas on carbon reduction

- The parish is regarded as a lovely place to live:
 - We have a Handyperson to cut grass and carry out other tasks to keep the parish looking tidy
 - We hold annual tidy-up days
 - We are seeking to use funds from planning applications (section 106 funds) to available improve open space and recreational facilities
 - We have the Thorverton Arms listed as an Asset of Community Value
 - We ensure that the Recreation Ground with its exercise and play equipment is kept in good condition
 - We promote the use of the allotments by parishioners
 - We ensure that the Quarry Car Park, Jubilee Green and Leigh Gardens are well maintained
 - We comment on planning applications to ensure that they are sensitive to the parish environment
 - We monitor local footpaths to ensure that they are kept accessible for people to enjoy