

# Thorverton Parish Council

The following report is based on the draft Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on June 9<sup>th</sup> 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 July 14<sup>th</sup> 2020.

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**Jubilee Green:** The Parish Council was very pleased to accept the kind offer from the Thorverton Branch of the Royal British Legion to maintain the Jubilee Green during the summer months. The grass has been cut and the rose beds significantly tidied up already by members of the Legion.

**Village Tidy-Up Day:** The annual Tidy-up Day had been scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> June, however, Council felt that given the current restrictions and also taking into account the generally good appearance of Thorverton, it should be postponed until September.

**Business Cases:** Councillors have agreed that where a significant project is being considered by Council, a working group of councillors will be asked to prepare a business case, using a template, so that Council is better placed to take an informed decision and it will be clearer to parishioners how the decision was reached.

**Resignation of two parish councillors:** We are sorry to report that Rob Flatt and Bob Deed have both resigned as parish councillors. This does mean that there will be two vacancies, which are being advertised. The first step in the process for filling parish councillor vacancies is to give parishioners the opportunity to call for an election (which, given the rules in force due to the coronavirus pandemic, could not be held before May 2021), but should fewer than ten parishioners request an election, we can move to inviting people to apply for possible co-option and such co-option could go ahead this summer. If we do move to this stage, a notice will be posted on the Council's Notice Board and on the website, so please consider whether you might be interested in becoming a parish councillor.

**Allotments:** The allotments have remained open throughout the spring and summer for the use of allotment holders following the guidelines on the use of such sites which are on the allotment field gate. We do have an allotment available at present, so do contact the Clerk if you would be interested in taking one on.

**Handyman:** Our handyman, Neville Matthews, has been busy keeping Thorverton looking good over the past few months. If you know of any areas around the parish in need of Handyman attention please contact the Clerk, the Handyman or a Parish Councillor.

## **Planning applications:**

- i) 20/00553/FULL (revised drawings and additional information) - erection of an agricultural storage building with formation of access track land at rear of 9 Silver Street, Thorverton.
- ii) 20/00310/HOUSE (additional information) – removal of lean-to roof to courtyard outbuildings, erection of a single storey rear extension, and alterations to fenestration. Bridge House, Thorverton.
- iii) 20/00465/FULL (revised drawings) – erection of two-storey extension, alterations to existing dwelling following demolition of existing garage, creation of new access, erection of garage including store, sheep shelter and attic space. Landscaping. Higher Mill, Thorverton.

## **Your Parish Council members:**

Neville Lane (Chairman), Stuart Crang, Sam Fice, Andrew Foster, John Hodge, Graham Sims, David Waldron, Keely Wells.

Clerk - Alison Marshall. Handyman - Neville Matthews.