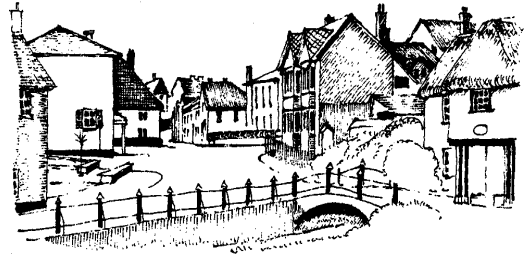


## Thorverton Parish Council

The information in this report has been extracted from the meeting minutes of December 2020 and January 2021. The full minutes can be found on the Parish Council's Website or on the noticeboard in School Lane. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 by way of Zoom.

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**Devon County Council Highways:** To report a problem to DCC Highways, such as a blocked drain or pothole, you can use this on-line link: [www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem)

**Budget and Precept:** Following slight amendment the budget document was approved and the precept figure for the financial year 01/04/2021–31/03/2022 was set at £17,912. Full details can be found on the website or within the January meeting minutes.

**School Lane/Bullen Street junction:** A request for a safety mirror to be fitted at the junction had met with a negative response from DCC Highways. Further correspondence has now been submitted with focus on safety concerns and asking again for a mirror to be installed, or for alternative solutions to be put forward.

**Blocked dam/village leats:** The dam providing water to the village leats that run alongside the pavements is in need of substantial repair. The Parish Council is in support of restoring the dam but work cannot commence until the spring, when the ground has dried out.

**Silver Street footpath project:** MDDC is looking into road ownership matters along the Silver Street slip road, the route of the proposed new footpath, and an update is awaited.

### Planning:

- i) 20/01890/FULL** erection of an agricultural store and retention of access track and vehicle hardstanding at the rear of 9, Silver Street, Thorverton. Comment submitted 'objection, MDDC is requested to ask the applicant to scale down the size of the building to something more appropriate to house the type of garden machinery required for the orchard site or, alternatively, to reject the application'. MDDC has since 'refused' the application.
- ii) 20/00168/FULL** retention of a garden room at Thorverton School, Thorverton. Application supported. MDDC has since 'granted' the application.
- iii) 20/02000/HOUSE** erection of a 3 bay garage following removal of existing garage at Orchard House, Thorverton. Comment submitted 'objection due to the large size of the proposed building, its visibility from the road and as the materials suggested do not appear to fit with the character of the surrounding residential buildings'.
- iv) 20/02014/FULL** change of use from office to dwelling at Durneford Court, The Bury, Thorverton. No comment.
- v) 20/01989/HOUSE** erection of single storey side extension linking garage to house, raising of garage roof to create room and insertion of dormer in front and enlargement of front porch and first floor extension above at Northfields, Jericho Street, Thorverton. No comment.
- vi) 20/02053/FULL** installation of four antennas within the castellation of the tower on each elevation, a GPS antenna behind the parapet and an electrical meter cabinet next to the north elevation at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Thorverton. Comment submitted 'supported as the works should improve mobile 'phone reception in the area'.
- vii) 20/02083/HOUSE** erection of a rear dormer and loft extension at Rydal Cottage, Thorverton. Comment submitted 'objection due to the large size and as the style is not in keeping with the character of the area'.
- viii) 20/02072/FULL** erection of two dwellings with access and associated works following demolition of agricultural buildings at Lodge Farm, Thorverton. Comment submitted 'neutral, it would set an important precedent should MDDC approve this application'.

**Grant Funding:** £400 granted to Citizens Advice following a review of the help and support it had given to local people over the past year. £100 granted to the Royal British Legion in recognition of the work put in by its members during 2020 to keep the Jubilee Green looking so tidy. £200 granted to Devon Mobility due to its continued support to Thorverton residents.

**New defibrillator:** The required funding for the second machine, to be installed on the external wall of the WI Hut, has been raised and it is expected that the machine will be in place by February end. Thanks go to Maggie Dunlop for organising the fund raising and to all who have very kindly contributed funds.

**Snow Plan:** A Snow Plan has been adopted and can be found on the website. If you are willing to help grit local roads in icy and snowy conditions please contact the Clerk or the Handyman, Neville Matthews, for more information.

**New Cemetery:** Negotiations to purchase a plot of land off Dark Lane for the proposed new Cemetery have been successful. The planning application process has now begun.

**Dark Lane Community Archaeology Dig:** The completed project report is available on the Parish Council's website.

**Your Parish Council Members:** Cllr Neville Lane (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Foster (Vice Chairman), Cllr Stuart Crang, Cllr Sam Fice, Cllr John Hodge, Cllr Adam McKee, Cllr Graham Sims, Cllr Trevor Sanders, Cllr David Waldron, Cllr Keeley Wells. Clerk, Alison Marshall. Handyman, Neville Matthews.