

Thorverton Parish Council's Aims are:

- To care for the wellbeing of our community.
- To Engage with the community and encourage community activities.
- To maintain the appearance, and environment in which we live; ensuring that these changes do not cause future harm.
- To be well managed; providing sound governance and financial management, and be an exemplar employer.

How are we going to achieve these Aims?

The Parish Council's Objectives are:

Aim 1: To care for the wellbeing of our community.

- Have an emergency plan.
- Support the C19 Group for Thorverton.
- To support the work of village and voluntary organisations; through access to our grant, providing practical support where appropriate.
- To promote a safer community through liaison with HCC Highways Department, local Police and the Neighbourhood Speed Watch.

Aim 2: To Engage with the community and encourage community activities.

- To communicate with our residents, relate their views, needs and aspirations to the appropriate statutory and non-governmental bodies. To work with these organisations to ensure services and future development are responsive to local needs.
- To increase public involvement through being open, transparent and accountable to our residents by:
 - providing a public forum at every Parish Council meeting,
 - facilitating the Annual Parish Meeting,
 - consulting those affected on planning applications and other matters,
 - reporting our activities, finances etc. through Noticeboards, the Thorverton Parish Council web site and the Thorverton village community Facebook page seeking feedback.
- To respond on time to all planning applications and other statutory consultations.

Aim 3: To maintain the appearance, and environment in which we live; ensuring that these changes do not cause future harm.

- Our Handyperson provides a service to maintain the appearance of our parish including the Quarry Car Park, Jubilee Green and Leigh Gardens.
- Annual community tidy-up days (subject to covid 19 restrictions)
- The Thorverton Arms is listed as a Community Asset.
- The Recreation Ground with its exercise and play equipment is kept in good condition with annual Safety checks on all play and exercise equipment.
- Provide allotments for use of the community

Aim 4: To be well managed; providing sound governance and financial management, and be an exemplar employer.

- To maintain up-to-date Governance documents e.g., Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Register, etc. that comply with latest guidance and are fit-for-purpose.
- To produce and circulate comprehensive and timely Council Agendas, Discussion Papers and Minutes to Cllrs and residents.
- To reach sound decisions; taking into account all the information necessary.
- To maintain detailed and accurate budget statements and financial records that comply with the Council's Financial Regulations, and to produce timely Final Accounts that are to the satisfaction of the internal and external auditors.
- To ensure that the Council complies with Government rules and regulations as to its management, e.g., risk management, insurance cover, 'open government and transparency'.