

Thorverton Parish Council

The information in this report has been extracted from the meeting minutes of March 9th 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 13th April 2021 by way of Zoom – see the agenda or contact the Clerk for more information: Clerk Alison Marshall thorvertonpc@gmail.com

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Annual Parish Meeting: The meeting will take place on-line, due to continued Covid restrictions, by way of Zoom on Wednesday 28th April 2021 at a time yet to be agreed. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

Co-option of a new Parish Councillor: Due to the resignation of Cllr Keeley Wells, who will be greatly missed, a vacancy has now arisen for a new Parish Councillor. Anyone interested in this post is invited to view the advert on the village notice boards, the website and local social media. Please contact the Clerk for further information and an application form. It is expected that a new Councillor will be co-opted at the May 11th meeting.

'20 is Plenty' project: Following positive public feedback it was resolved to take this matter forward and to get the signs made, agree the locations (on private land) and to liaise with local businesses with regards to sponsorship.

School Lane junction safety mirror/grass verges churned up by large vehicles: An on-line site meeting will take place with DCC Highways to discuss the above matters, along with other local highways issues, with the aim of finding some suitable solutions. To report matters such as potholes or blocked drains to DCC Highways the following link can be used: www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem

Recreation Ground mowers: There was a great deal of interest with regards to the sale of the old ride-on-mower which was eventually sold to the highest of twelve bidders. The new ride-on-mower, purchased with funding support from DCC and Viridor Credits, will be in situ by March end.

Defibrillators and funds: Following a request to transfer the ownership of the defibrillators and funds to an independent third party, it was resolved to take the matter forward once relevant Trust documentation had been presented. The request had come about following confirmation by the Council that in exceptional circumstances the ring-fenced funding could be used for other purposes.

New Cemetery: The planning application will be submitted to MDDC shortly and it is expected that planning permission will be granted. Details of the application will be available on the MDDC website in due course. If you, or anyone that you know, is interested in joining the new Cemetery working group please get in touch with the Clerk or a Parish Councillor to find out more.

Silver Street Footpath: The project is currently on hold pending the outcome of a public consultation by MDDC involving residents living along the proposed route.

Local Footpath Leaflet: Councillors were delighted to hear that Focus had granted sufficient funding to cover the cost of producing the leaflet which will be available in local outlets soon. The Parish Council resolved to submit a letter of support to DCC with regards to the refurbishment of the old Tray Mill Bridge. Any local footpath matters, such as a broken gate or fence, can be reported to DCC through its website.

Flowers in Thorverton village: It was resolved to brighten up the village with bulbs and wild flowers and to consider holding a 'Thorverton in Bloom' competition this year. Details can be found on local social media and the website and you are invited to have your say.

Planning Matters:

- i) 20/02083/HOUSE REFUSAL erection of a rear dormer and loft extension at Rydal Cottage, Thorverton.
- ii) 20/01413/FULL APPROVAL erection of agricultural storage and 2 stables at Heathfield, Thorverton.
- iii) 20/02014/FULL APPROVAL change of use from office to dwelling at Durneford Court, Thorverton.
- iv) 20/02000/HOUSE APPROVAL erection of a 3 bay garage at Orchard House, Thorverton.
- v) 20/02072/FULL APPROVAL erection of 2 dwellings/associated works at Lodge Farm, Brampford Speke.
- vi) 20/02053/FULL APPROVAL installation of 4 antennas externally within the castellation of the tower on each elevation etc. at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Thorverton.

vii) 21/00311/LBC for the erection of a rear porch at Raddon Gardens Cottage, Thorverton. It was resolved to submit 'no comment' with regards to this application.

viii) 20/01989/HOUSE APPROVAL erection of single storey side extension linking garage to house, raising of garage roof, insertion of dormer, enlargement of porch and first floor extension above at Northfields, Thorverton.

ix) 20/01788/LBC APPROVED formation of first floor en-suite shower room at 2 Silver Street, Thorverton.

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