

**MINUTES of the THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING held on
Tuesday 27th February 2018, 7.30pm, at the Thorverton Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllrs Bright, Crang, Spivey, Hodge, Lane, Sims and Lawson

In attendance: the Clerk

Standing Orders suspended

Open Session: no members of the public were present.

17/199 Reports: no reports received.

Standing Orders resumed

17/200 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Reygate and Waldron - holidays, and Cllrs Turner and C/Cllr Squires - previous appointments.

17/201 Declarations of Interest: none.

17/202 Confirmation of Minutes of Tuesday 13th February 2018. It was RESOLVED that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting (Cllrs Lawson and Hodge).

17/203 Planning Application ref: 17/01716/Full reinstatement access and farm track to agricultural land at School Lane, Thorverton –

a) It was RESOLVED that a PC (Parish Council) representative should attend the MDDC Planning Committee meeting on 28th February 2018 and Cllr Bright volunteered to attend (Cllrs Spivey and Lawson, 6 for and 1 against).

b) It was RESOLVED (Cllrs Lawson and Spivey, 6 for and 1 against) that Cllr Bright should cover the following matters at the abovementioned meeting on behalf of the PC:

i) safety of pedestrian access to and from the School where there is no pavement

ii) safety at the junction of Bullen Street and School Lane where a public house, shop, and bus stop are located meaning that pedestrians are often gathered around this area

iii) the busy cross roads/junction at School Lane/Bullen Street which will become even busier when the proposed 16 new homes at Broadlands are built

v) issues from the recent PC objection which do not appear to have been addressed – there would be a real benefit from having a proper plan in place

vi) the retention of the bank which appears to obstruct visibility.

Other areas to consider would be, as reported by Cllr Sims, that the stated visibility splays are 25m but that a long vehicle travelling at 30mph would take 27 metres to stop which poses safety issues. He also stated that a leak, thought to be from a sewer along School Lane, was causing water to run along the road highlighting further drainage and safety problems.

17/204 Communications received to the date of the meeting:

a) E-mail from MDDC regarding CIL and the Broadlands development S106 Agreement. Noted.

b) E-mail from MDDC planning regarding the PC's comments on application 18/00036/CAT. Noted.

c) Phone call from the Chairman of Templeton PC regarding planning application 17/01716/FULL. Noted.

d) Information regarding Playing field / Recreation Ground Inspections – see below.

17/205 Planning Applications:

a) 18/00069/FULL retention of change of use from garage to studio holiday accommodation at Dipfield, Thorverton. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application (Cllrs Crang and Spivey).

Planning Decisions:

a) 17/01779/FULL erection of a one bedroomed dwelling with garage following demolition of existing garages and workshop at Dark Lane, Thorverton. Approved.

17/206 Recreation Ground:

The Clerk reported that the annual Charity Commission Return had been completed.

Cllr Sims reported that there were currently no issues at the Recreation Ground and that the football pitch had recently been rolled. It was confirmed that Cllr Sims kindly inspects the play equipment weekly, on behalf of the PC, and that he had attended a play equipment inspection training course a few years ago. He declined the PC's offer of a further course as he felt that this would be of no benefit. Cllr Sims advised that next Monday the agreed Rec tree work would be completed. Cllr Hodge confirmed that the new shed base had been dug and is located beside the small swings.

17/207 Annual Parish Meeting:

It was RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 24th April 2018, at the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm (subject to availability) and that the main topic should be the spending of the £17,000. Section 106 monies from the Court Barton development. The Clerk would invite local organisations, with reference to Focus, and suggest that they have a table at the meeting in order that the public can browse what is on offer (Cllrs Hodge and Lane).

17/208 Allotments:

The Clerk reported that the annual rent for 4 allotments had been chased and that Allotments 11, 22 and 29 were now vacant and had been advertised in Focus, on the noticeboards and the website. After viewing pictures of plot 11 it was RESOLVED that the £25 refundable deposit should not be repaid but instead be used towards spraying and rotivation costs for the plot. It was also RESOLVED that the two other vacant plots should be sprayed and rotivated and the Clerk would arrange this (Cllrs Bright and Crang).

17/209 Business at the Chairman's discretion:

- 1) Cllr Crang enquired as to an update on the Broadlands S106 funding and it was confirmed that this matter would appear on the March meeting agenda for further discussion.
- 2) Cllr Crang referred to the Local Plan document received today and it was confirmed that this matter would appear on the March meeting agenda for PC consideration. The Clerk would put the document in the public domain by way of Focus, the noticeboards, website, Next Door and Facebook. Cllr Lane agreed to contact the School over the query of 'capacity' as mentioned within the document.
- 3) Cllr Lawson asked for the purchase of the Sheep Dip to be put on a future meeting agenda and it was agreed that this would be included within the suggestions for the S106 lump sum spending.
- 4) It was confirmed to Cllr Sims that there were no funds left from the Viridor grant funding for attending to the wicker work at the wild life garden in the Rec. The Clerk would enquire as to whether Mr & Mrs Parkinson could help with this matter. It was agreed to put the outstanding educational sign for the wild life garden on a future meeting agenda.
- 5) Cllr Hodge enquired as to whether the field next to Lynch Close could be built on and Cllr Sims suggested that it could not due to a long standing agreement.
- 6) Cllr Lane clarified the details for the poster inviting ideas for the spending of the Section 106 lump sum from the Court Barton development and confirmed that posters would be put up around the village shortly.

17/210 The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday March 13th 2018 at 7.30pm in the Thorverton Memorial Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday April 24th 2018, 7.30pm in the Thorverton Memorial Hall and all are welcome to attend.

Chairman: