

THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Additional Information for the Meeting held 15th February 2022

Agenda Item 2

2.1 Cllr Margaret Squires – County Councillor Report

This time of the year Councils are preparing the budget for the coming financial year. This year it is not easy to get a balanced budget. Adult Social Services and Children's services have a shortage of carers and social workers - which is the case nationwide. Using agency workers cost more than those employed directly. Please see below to see a promotion drive.

Our rural areas always seem at a financial disadvantage. SPARSE a national organisation representing rural authorities have over many years been working to persuade government that we need Fairer funding. Services cost more to deliver in a rural area. Yet as many of you will know the funding that goes straight to schools from government leaves Devon schools at a disadvantage to the tune of approx. £250 per child.

Chance for people out of work in Devon to become keyworkers

Proud to Care Devon has launched a campaign to recruit 2,000 more Care Workers urgently in the county, particularly in domiciliary care and care homes. The campaign is encouraging those looking for training opportunities to consider if their skills and values are suitable for a career in care. Proud to Care is offering free one-to-one telephone support to find out if a job in care is right for you. You don't necessarily need qualifications or previous experience. What's important are your core skills, values and your attitudes towards working with people who need care.

Furthermore, thanks to the European Social Fund, there are free and flexible courses to support people to find the right role, or to take a step up, in health and social care. The courses are being offered by partners across Devon including Learn Devon, City College Plymouth, South Devon College, Exeter College and Petroc.

The Find Your Calling campaign aims to mobilise an army of new care workers in Devon, encouraging people with the right values and core skills to apply. The campaign calls for people to register their interest by completing a quick online form at www.proudtocaredevon.org.uk/findyourcalling/.

Applicants will get a call back and the offer of free one-to-one support to find out if a job in care and health is right for them.

Need some help or advice?

The Proud to Care Devon Team are happy to help or offer advice. Please contact us if you have any questions about how you can help promote the campaign: proudtocare@devon.gov.uk

As you will know there is a Parish Review launched in Mid Devon and this could affect parishes as we know them. Parishes will have been contacted and I would urge all to comment with their thoughts during the consultation period – consultation started on 16th December for eight weeks. Parish Councillors know their parishes and boundaries better than others and now is the chance to voice any concerns you have. Further info can be parishreview@www.middevon.gov.uk or write to Parish Review, Electoral Services, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane Tiverton EX16 6PP

I will be more than happy for you to copy your response to me. I will also be commenting during consultation.

2.2 Cllr Bob Deed - District Councillor Report

February is always the busiest month of the year at Mid Devon District Council as the Budget for the coming year 2022/2023 is discussed at Cabinet with recommendations going forward to Full Council on Wednesday 23rd February. Whilst Cabinet generally is the decision making body, major finance and some other decisions must be made at Full Council and on a recorded vote basis of the Councillors.

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At Cabinet, on 1st February, which was just under three hours in length, we considered and approved papers on:-

Budget Options for Climate Investment;
Bereavement Services Fees and Charges;
Waste and Recycling Options;
Litter Strategy;
The Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard Policy; and
Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road Project.

Also we received a verbal update from the Cabinet member for Continuous Improvement and from the S151 Officer on Financial Monitoring plus we noted reports on Performance and Risk and 3 Rivers Development Limited.

Additionally, Cabinet considered other papers and recommended the following papers to Full Council for approval:-

National Non Domestic Rates;
Capital Strategy;
Treasury Management Strategy 2022/2023;
Capital Programme;
Budget;
Policy Framework;
Pay Policy; and
Establishment

In terms of direct involvement with Members of the Public, the portion of the Council Tax increase to be applied to Band D properties is £5.00 representing a rise in MDDC Council Tax demand for 2022/2023. The portion of the Council Tax payment taken from householders for MDDC is around 10%-11% of the total. The remainder goes to Devon County Council, the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, Devon and Somerset Fire Service and your Parish precept."

In addition Cllr Crang asked about the Parish Review and Cllr Deed referred us to the Mid Devon District Council webpages - <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/your-council/consultation-involvement/current-consultations/parish-review-2021-2022/> which gives all the details.

2.3 Police statistics

Latest figures (December 2021) –

Two under 'other theft' in Silver street and Watery Lane.

Two under 'Violence and Sexual offence' at Watery Lane.

Agenda Item 7 Traffic Issues

7.1 Speedwatch

Email from Cllr Hodge - We had our first speedwatch under the new operational rules.
We ran a 45min session on 10 Jan 2022 and had about 35 vehicles pass through into the village and all bar 3 were under the limit .
Their numbers were recorded and sent forward.

Information from Group Co-ordinator –

Statistics to date:-

Date	Site	Total vehicles passing in 1 hour	Speeders at 35 to 39	Speeders at 40+	Max Speed
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10/1/22	KT12B	36	3	1	40
19/1/22	KT17	72	11	1	40
27/1/22	KT12B	61	5	1	42
4/2/22	KT12B	93	6	1	42

Sites

KT12B Silver St near Court Barton Close - traffic approaching from East (Ruffwell Inn)

KT17 Thorverton Cricket Club car park - traffic approaching from East (Ruffwell Inn)

7.2 20 is plenty

Offer from Seddons for free signs –

Email 1st Feb 2022 –

We have recently worked with Bradninch Town Council to create some '20 is plenty' boards to erect on the main roads in the Town.

The boards have been erected in gardens of residents that are keen to promote a lower speed limit, and I understand they have had a positive impact so far.

We would love to offer you the same opportunity, and would produce the boards for free – all you need to do is tell us how many you need!

I would be grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible the number of boards you require.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Email from 20splenty.org

Dear Clerk/Parish Council and supporters,

You are probably aware of the nationwide campaign "20's Plenty for Us", promoting a speed limit of 20mph to be normal on residential streets and in town and village centres. Across the UK there are now over 500 local groups campaigning to make cities, towns and villages better places to be.

We are now trying to develop a campaign across the whole of our county, "20's Plenty for Devon", as we believe that the vast majority of residents in our towns and villages are concerned about traffic travelling at speed in residential areas and on narrow, winding country lanes where people also live, work and play. It has been conclusively shown that more people walk and cycle, and use public transport, on roads where traffic is moving at lower and safer speeds.

We are encouraging town and parish councils to pass a resolution to petition Devon County Council (DCC) to implement 20mph speed limits in their residential communities and to join our county-wide campaign – the more of us who petition DCC the more they will have to respond, making it both cheaper and easier for the county council to implement.

We attach a copy of the resolution passed by Exminster Parish Council as an example and which you may find useful when preparing your own resolution. We also encourage you to dial in to the next 20's Plenty Zoom meeting at 1900 on 15th February, the pre-registration for which is at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89421031505?pwd=SWU0czBwR3VGZUNBOWJQdIFkT3VJQT09>

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We urge you to consider passing a resolution – local people know and understand how higher vehicle speeds blight communities and inhibit their ability to walk and cycle, and they know that lower vehicle speeds save lives and reduce pollution.

Great thanks to Brian Wood who has created a Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/678664559979607>

If you need any further information, or if there is anything else we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Best wishes. Charles Nuttall Robin Campbell Brian Rowe

Exminster Parish Council resolution

RESOLUTION BY EPC TO DCC TO NORMALISE THE 20MPH LIMIT THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

The Exminster community has clearly expressed in the past, and continues to express, its concerns about the impacts of speeding traffic on the residents of the village, particularly on vulnerable road-user activity (by children, the elderly, cyclists, mobility scooter users, parents with prams/buggies/etc, horse riders, and so on).

Exminster, particularly along Main Road through the centre of the village, is characterized by stretches of only single pavements on one side of the road. These often alternate at close intervals obliging pedestrians to cross the road to the pavement on the other side and there are no pedestrian crossings of any kind to enable them to do this safely. Exminster also has many stretches of lane, such as Days Pottles Lane, where there is no pavement at all where vehicles travelling at 30mph or more pose real dangers to pedestrians, cyclists, those on horseback or on mobility scooters.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) states: A large number of evaluation studies have demonstrated a link between the introduction of 20mph zones and a subsequent reduction in casualties. The size of the reductions and the consistency of results over a wide number of areas are further evidence for this link... As well as road safety benefits, it is important to highlight the contribution that 20mph zones can have in encouraging more physical activity such as walking and cycling, by contributing towards a safer environment.

Exminster Parish Council has adopted an environmental policy and is implementing a number of measures to help mitigate the effects of climate change and support opportunities for improved health and wellbeing. A 20mph limit would be consistent with, and would underpin, these measures through, for example, significantly reduced vehicle carbon emissions throughout the village.

Exminster Parish Council does not believe there is any advantage to be gained from yet another trial in a town (Newton Abbot) whose characteristics bear little relation to those in Exminster. As stated above, there is already a substantial body of evidence in the public domain which demonstrates that the listed advantages are real.

Many residential areas in the vicinity of Exminster, such as Alphington, Exwick, Kenn, Starcross, etc, have extensive areas covered by 20 mph zones/limits, in many cases with no substantive traffic calming measures having been introduced. RoSPA states: 20mph limits without traffic calming also reduce traffic speed... Their lower cost means that wider areas can be covered.

Therefore, in order to:

- ☑ Increase child and adult activity levels
- ☑ Promote healthy active travel options (walking and cycling)
- ☑ Address climate change challenges and opportunities
- ☑ Reduce accidents and casualties
- ☑ Reduce inequalities
- ☑ Lower vehicle emissions
- ☑ Reduce congestion
- ☑ Meet the wishes and expectations of the majority of residents

Exminster Parish Council resolves to request Devon County Council to normalize a 20mph limit/zone throughout all residential roads and areas in the village of Exminster with the utmost haste – the Council cannot understand why any public authority would stand in the way of practical

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and proven safety, environmental, health and wellbeing measures being implemented without further delay.

7.3 EV Charging Points

Email from the Chairman - I was told on Sat [12th] that, during the recent re-wiring of the Hall, provision has been made for three phase power into the Hall car park; three EV charging points could therefore be provided quite quickly, and probably with less cost than installing the same in the Quarry car park. I was not aware of this and therefore pass the info on in case other councillors were also not conscious of this.

An Upton Pyne resident told me that they are at the very early stages of considering installing EV points in their Hall car park.

Possibility of a guest speaker for April on this bringing (very) local knowledge.

Agenda Item 8 Satisfaction Survey

8.1 Thorverton Parish Council 2021 Satisfaction Survey Results

2021 Survey Results

Appendix 1

1. Do you know the names of three or more parish councillors?

Answer Choices Responses

Yes 58.62% 17

Maybe 6.90% 2

No 34.48% 10

Total: 29

2. Do you know what the parish council is responsible for?

Answer Choices Responses

Yes 41.38% 12

Maybe 31.03% 9

No 27.59% 8

Total: 29

3. Do you know what any of the council's priorities are?

Answer Choices Responses

Yes 20.69% 6

Maybe 27.59% 8

No 51.72% 15

Total: 29

4. If you wanted to ask the parish council about something would you know who to approach?

Answer Choices Responses

Yes 65.52% 19

Maybe 6.90% 2

No 27.59% 8

Total: 29

5. Have you had any contact with the parish council over the last year?

Answer Choices Responses

Yes 34.48% 10

No 65.52% 19

Total: 29

6. If you did have contact with the parish council, were you happy that the matter was dealt with well?

Answer Choices Responses

Yes 60.00% 6

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OK 30.00% 3

No 10.00% 1

Total: 10

7. How would you describe the service that the parish council has provided over the past year?

Answer Choices Responses

Very good 17.24% 5

Good 31.03% 9

Acceptable 34.48% 10

Poor 17.24% 5

Total: 29

8. How would you describe the quality and quantity of information from the parish council?

Answer Choices Responses

Very good 17.24% 5

Good 24.14% 7

Acceptable 31.03% 9

Poor 27.59% 8

Total: 29

Comments

1. I would like to see the PC become properly democratic. At the moment it seems to the uninitiated to have become a self-perpetuating clique. It doesn't seem to the eyes of the layman to represent the wishes of the majority. Its actions often appear arbitrary and not based on the common sense of the majority. The whole PC should resign and stand for re-election!

2. I don't feel the Parish council manages its stakeholders well, poorly communicates with them and is aligned with its own agenda rather than representing the views and the needs of the community.

3. I have been trying to have a sign erected at the top of our 'very narrow' lane near the recreation ground for several years now, because people drive too fast, and I have already had my car written off by a neighbour [who was going too fast, according to the Insurance Assessors]. Proposed sign should say "Concealed entrances ahead, please drive slowly". Historically, the lane was meant for horse and cart, and not suited to large modern vehicles, nor the speed that they do. As well as a sign at the top of the lane, they should be at intervals past Michael Ayre's farm, going out to Upton Pyne, and copied on the back for people coming the other way. Unfortunately the Parish Council do not seem to have the authority to carry out such a simple job, this should be addressed by the present committee, and taken up with the government officials concerned; there is too much 'red tape' and bureaucracy at all levels of government these days and the reason why nothing gets done, or quickly enough, to the frustration of the general public.

4. We need a footpath from the village to the cricket pitch but this still hasn't happened. Potholes on the local lanes are awful but nothing gets done.

5. More information on progress of matters such as signpost for Raddon and 20 is plenty signs.

6. I am new to Thorverton, within the last year and have met one of the councillors. The Focus magazine is our way to keep updated on most issues related to Thorverton. Helping with key facilities in the parish such as the Memorial Hall and church I see as some of the key priorities for the council. I have read finding a new site for a village cemetery is a project. It would be good for the council to look at faster broadband connections for the whole village and better mobile signal within the village, as telecommunications are necessary for so many functions in life and anyone running a small business. BT seem to be upgrading the copper cables to fibre in Raddon lane but this would seem to be as the result of repeated problems with the copper cables, not as the result of a planned normal upgrade. (Jurassic Fibre are also installing Fibre To The Premises in many areas of East Devon and Exeter. If BT can't help everyone, perhaps Jurassic could be encouraged to install fast fibre services. I would also encourage better road signage within the village.

7. It would be very helpful if the Parish Council could organise a Safety sign down Raddon Lane, with the words "Concealed Entrances, Please Drive Slowly", but although I have asked on several occasions over the years, it just does not happen and I am directed towards Devon County Councils Highways Department, and no Action is taken by them either. As I had my car written off a couple of years ago, outside Hazel Cottage, which has a semi-concealed entrance and am planning to buy another car fairly soon, it would be

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comforting to know that the next car is not going to be written off as well. In addition I know a neighbour who cleared all the drains and undergrowth from outside his property to the T-junction near Michael Ayre's Farm, and when finished rang Highways to advise that he had carried out the work, which he had been asking Highways to do for over two years, but no action had been taken. Upon hearing that the work was completed, Highways became very defensive, telling the pro-active resident that he was not allowed to carry out any more work like this because it is the responsibility of the Highways Department. You really couldn't make it up, as the resident had been waiting such a long time, he simply gave up and took the matter into his own hands. There are many simple jobs such as this that the Parish Council could be responsible for, if only they could receive agreement from the local authorities, by ditching all the red tape! Also I am sure that local people would be only too willing to 'pitch in' to do this work, myself included, and we wouldn't expect to be paid.

8. The cobbles around the Berry Dairy really need to be put in order. Either they are left in a mess or very badly repaired.

9. I would like the Parish Council to reconsider making use of the Sheep Dip. Wouldn't it be possible to fence off the dip itself, paint and repair the benches and replant the planters....nothing more...just a place to sit and admire the view. As it is, the area is open and being used. Can't it be better maintained?

10. Diversity is lacking among councillors, until recently no female representative was on the council. Decision making seems slow. I would like to see a greater effort being made to improve the village for others, youth and other parties and not just the rec ground and football.

8.2 Communications Leaflet

From Cllr Price

Just having post meeting thoughts about the satisfaction survey and wanted to run this past you all as a suggestion for an agenda item and small working group 1 or 2 people.

There are many methods we use to communicate with parishioners yet still the results say we are not communicating. This to me seems odd in a world where information is at our fingertips. With all the tools at our disposal communication shouldn't be an issue. We still use the old boards and Focus too so I can see any angle where we can add more methods of communication. We even have a representative at the Saturday markets.

So here are my thoughts. With a small amount of monetary input from the PC we could create an A5/A4 leaflet or a small pamphlet with summary information on it that we can post through every (as many as we can get to) door in the village. The information could be, but not limited to, the queries that we got from the survey.

1. Images, names and contact of the council members (like on the website)
2. Ways of obtaining information, website, Facebook pages, Focus, notice boards. We can use QR codes etc as well to help the tech savvy as well as the technology illiterate as my dad calls it.
3. List of things we do, what our remit covers, the interests of the PC (including reviewing planning matters)
4. List of objectives this year, cemetery completion, Queens jubilee, annual tidy up, rec ground. If this has enough space we can include handyman tasks, or even stretch to completed tasks last year.
5. Useful links: Highway's website (potholes, planning matters); Deed and Squires contacts maybe?
6. Maybe even reminding parishioners that they can attend each meeting and when and where and how to find the times out.

The aim of this is to provide a personal parishioners source of information, something people can stick on their fridges for example.

We could even get a business card sorted that we could put a few key websites and emails and Facebook on and put a few in the shop/pubs/farm shop/post-office

I'm just trying to think of all the new villagers who have moved in over the past couple of years who maybe have zero knowledge about the Parish Council.

I know there was a footpath leaflet done so costs would be similar. This looked great and a similar design/layout to this would be my suggestion.

Following on from a conversation with our good chairman he would generously pay for design costs if we utilised the same family member, which would limit the PC costs to the printing.

Subsequent ideas from Cllr Lane

Improving Communications Item for 8 February 2022 meeting of Thorverton Parish Council

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Purpose

1. To seek Council's views on how communications might be improved.

Background and Discussion

2. The Satisfaction Survey which we carried out in November showed a further deterioration in the perceptions of parishioners about the Council's communications: in 2019 75% felt that the information provision was very good or good; in 2020 this was 53%; and in 2021 it was just 41%. Half of respondents in 2021 said that they did not know what the Council's priorities are and one-third indicated that they did not even know the names of three or more councillors.
3. The change in clerks and the absence of a clerk clearly did not help matters, but it does seem as though there is some room for improvement if we want more parishioners to feel engaged. The following possibilities are suggested, aimed at improving matters:
 - a) Continue our presence at Saturday markets at the Memorial Hall and ensure that there is an agenda item each month for the person representing Council at those markets to bring up any points raised with them;
 - b) Consider having a presence at WI monthly markets/coffee mornings;
 - c) Continue producing monthly articles for Focus and consider issuing them on our website and on Facebook too;
 - d) Update and reissue our statement of aims, publishing in Focus and on the Notice Boards;
 - e) Hold two-monthly discussion forums focusing on particular issues such as doing things to counter climate change, improving the play equipment at the Rec, holding a discussion with our MP etc;
 - f) Update our councillor profiles on the website, reissue in Focus and post on our Facebook page;
 - g) Issue an explanation on the precept for publication in Focus and on Facebook;
 - h) Issue an explanation on our reserves and on the plans for the new cemetery for publication in Focus and on Facebook;
 - i) Consider issuing explanations in Focus and on Facebook on other items as they arise;
 - j) Issue a general information leaflet to all houses in the parish as well as advertising it on our website and on our Facebook page;
 - k) Continue asking any resigning councillors to complete a feedback form and ask the clerk to analyse these and pass on any suggestions to Council about what we might learn from them.

Action by Council

4. It is recommended that Council considers the points in paragraph 3 above and any additional ideas, and resolves on which to pursue, setting target dates for implementation where appropriate (points (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (j) need an implementation target date).

Agenda Item 9 Allotment Renewals

From Cllr Lane –

My recommendations would be:

Plot 18 - return the deposit (the plot is in good condition)

Plot 11 - do not return the deposit (this is one where we had to terminate the term for the plot holder and it will take some work to get it back into anything like a reasonable condition)

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Plot 20 - the tenant of this plot who no longer lives in the parish has been told that he must vacate if anyone else wants the plot, but at the moment there is no-one clamouring for a plot so we might let him retain it for one more year. If he does give it up, I would recommend returning the deposit as the plot is in reasonably good condition.

Plot 29 - do not return the deposit (the plot is in poor condition and has been covered in places by our handyman - at the council's expense - to try to bring it back into reasonable condition)

I hope that this is helpful.



Agenda Item 11.3 Consultations

Parish Review - <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/your-council/consultation-involvement/current-consultations/parish-review-2021-2022/>

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I joined the Zoom meeting held last week; there were about 8 other local Parish Councils there as well as 2-3 MDDC staff. The meeting was chaired by Tristan Peat, Forward Planning Team Leader at MDDC. Tristan Peat shared his screen with a PowerPoint display and ran through the main points of the plan. I took photos of the screen which I am happy to send to any of you separately.

If you want a quick look at this then I recommend you open the link below and watch the video – this is 90 second version of the hour long Zoom call and gives a good summary. I've added some more info in my notes below.

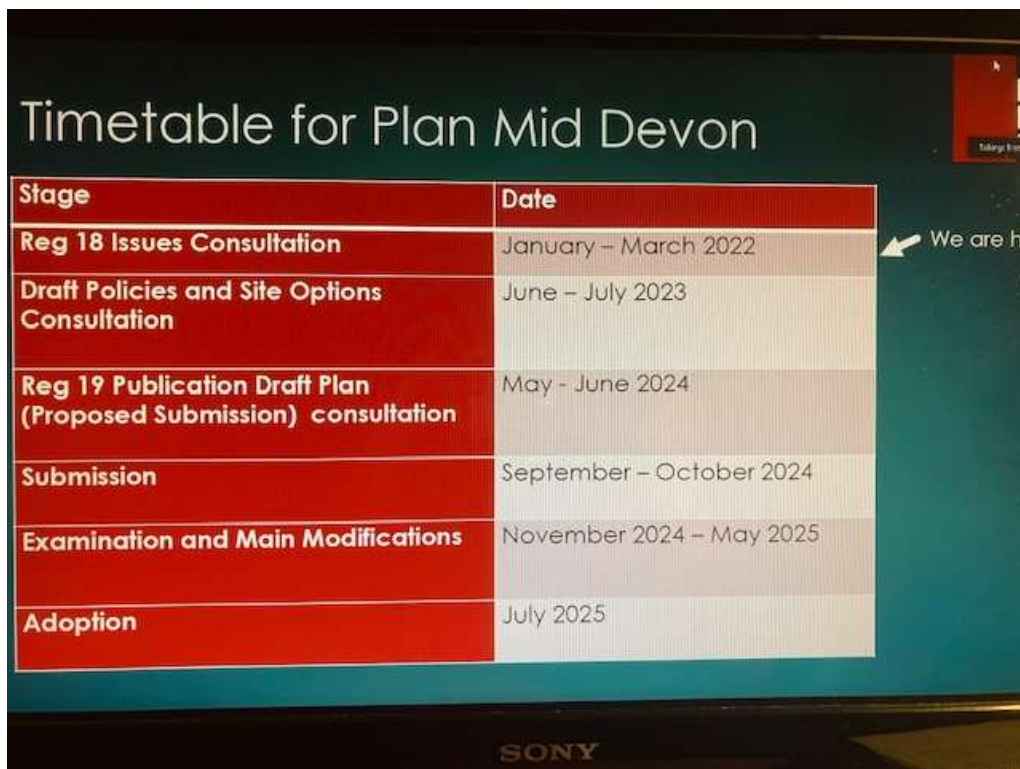
<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/plan-mid-devon/>

The current plan for Mid Devon was adopted in 2020 and will run to 2033; there is a legal requirement for the Local Plan to be reviewed every five years and it was said that recent issues such as Brexit and Covid have changed the context.

The first stage in the plan making is known as Regulation 18 issues and it's at this stage we have the chance to comment. The Issues paper highlights 6 priorities:

- 1 The Climate Emergency
- 2 Infrastructure and Regeneration
- 3 Affordable Housing
- 4 Protecting the Environment
- 5 Improving Health and Well-being
- 6 Supporting the Rural Economy

My screenshot of the timetable is attached.



Stage	Date
Reg 18 Issues Consultation	January – March 2022
Draft Policies and Site Options Consultation	June – July 2023
Reg 19 Publication Draft Plan (Proposed Submission) consultation	May - June 2024
Submission	September – October 2024
Examination and Main Modifications	November 2024 – May 2025
Adoption	July 2025

Other points of interest noted were that any Neighbourhood Plans will be part of this consultation process; Cullompton has a NP in place while Tiverton and Crediton are near to completion. Only three PC's are preparing a NP – Silverton, Newton St Cyres and Willand. (I wonder if we could gain anything by discussing this with our closest neighbours.)

We should allow space for discussion of this in the March meeting; it would also be something we could discuss with Bob Deed.

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From MDDC –

Date/Time	
Monday 7 th February 3.30 – 4.30pm	Introduction to Plan Mid Devon + Question and Answers
Thursday 10 th February 6.00 – 7.00pm	Climate Change and Plan Mid Devon + Question and Answers
Monday 14 th February 10.30 – 11.30am	Introduction to Plan Mid Devon + Question and Answers [1]
Wednesday 16 th February 6.00 – 7.00pm	Housing and Plan Mid Devon + Question and Answers

Cranbrook Plan

From the Cranbrook Planning Team at East Devon District Council

[Cranbrook Plan - Proposed Main Modification consultation](#)

Consultation period: 17 January 2022 to 28 February 2022 closing at 5pm

We are writing to you following your previous expression of interest/involvement in the production of Planning Policy documents at East Devon and specifically the Cranbrook Plan.

We are now pleased to report that the Cranbrook Plan has reached the proposed main modification stage of plan making. This means that in conjunction with the independent Planning Inspector, Janet Wilson BA (Hons) BTP MRTPI DMS, who is examining the Plan, and following a direction from her, a schedule of changes (more formally called Proposed Main Modifications) (PMMs) has been prepared. These represent potential changes to the submitted plan and follow lengthy public examination sessions where the Inspector has heard evidence from a range of local people and organisations.

In accordance with Regulation 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) the identified potential changes are now subject to a formal 6 week consultation. If you would like to make any comments on the potential changes, these should be submitted on the prepared forms which are available on the Council's website. A link to the website where both the consultation documents and response forms are available, is provided below.

[Cranbrook Plan - Proposed Main Modification consultation - East Devon](#)

The consultation documents comprise:

- a schedule of proposed main modifications (PMMs)
- a schedule of proposed modifications to the Policies Map and
- a Sustainability Appraisal

Updated/additional documents which support the plan making process have also been prepared. These comprise the following documents and can also be accessed from the above link

- A non-technical summary of the Sustainability Appraisal
- A policies map
- A full version of the Cranbrook plan incorporating the PMMs together with minor Council proposed modifications, set out as tracked changes

If you are unable to access the website, a paper copy of the above documents is available to view by prior arrangement at both the District Council Office in Honiton and the Town Council Office in Cranbrook. Please allow at least 2 clear working days' notice between your request and your preferred time to view the documents.

To arrange to view the document please email either:

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plancranbrook@eastdevon.gov.uk (to view in Honiton) or clerk@cranbrooktowncouncil.gov.uk (to view in Cranbrook).

How to make a representation?

Comments can be made on the consultation documents by completing the prepared form. Where comments relate to the Proposed Main Modifications they will be considered by the Inspector. Comments made should not introduce new concerns or repeat comments made at earlier stages of the examination. Comments made in respect of each of the PMMs, Policies map and schedule or other documents, should all be separately referenced and clearly distinguished from one another. **Please note that comments are only permitted in relation to the Main Modifications.**

Comments received on the proposed Main Modifications, will be collated and submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration as part of the examination by the Planning Inspector.

Please note that copies of all comments will be made available for the public to view (including your name, but will not include any personal contact details or signatures), and therefore cannot be treated as confidential. Data will be processed and held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and Data Protection Act 2018.

The consultation period will run from **Monday 17 January 2022 to Monday 28 February 2022 closing at 5pm**. Representations made must be received by this time.

Please email the completed form to: plancranbrook@eastdevon.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can post your completed form to: The Cranbrook Plan, Planning Policy, East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1EJ

If you need any assistance with this consultation or have any queries please contact the Council or email us directly at plancranbrook@eastdevon.gov.uk

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Ben Fitch Garden Maintenance & Handyman Service

INVOICE

To The Clerk
Thorverton Parish Council
Thorverton
Devon

Date Monday 31st January 2022

Invoice Number: BF20220011

Details	3 hours labour supplied, @ £15/hour, for removing ivy from wall between <u>quarry</u> car park & Dark Lane (20 January 2022)	£45.00
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Total due	£45.00
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All invoices to be paid in 30 days of issue

BACS payment to Mr B R N Fitch:
Triodos Bank
Sort Code: 16-58-10 Account Number: 20920873

Invoice Total = £45.00

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Cheque no. _____

Noted by Cheque Signatories

Signature
	Clr		Clr
Date	Date

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Invoice 20031631 from MDDC for the Play Area annual inspection



INVOICE

Phoenix House
Phoenix Lane
Tiverton
EX16 6PP
Tel: 01884 255255

DETAILS	
Invoice Number:	20031631
Invoice Date:	10-FEB-22
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TO
THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL C/O JIM ROBERTS 8 LITTLE SILVER EXETER EX4 4HU

DELIVERY/PROPERTY ADDRESS

PRODUCT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT	VAT %
MISCELLANEOUS ITEM Play Areas - 1 x Rospa Inspection @ £60.00	1.000	60.00	60.00	20.00



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SUB TOTAL	£	60.00
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TOTAL DUE	£	72.00



Invoice Total - £72.00

February Parish Council meeting - para 15.3.4		Cheque no. _____	
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	Cllr		Cllr
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Covid-19 Funding - email from Cllr Lane, Thorverton C19 Group Lead

I am writing in my capacity as Thorverton's C19 Group lead.

When you presented the precept calculation for Thorverton Parish Council at January's meeting I noticed that you had £995 in the reserves against "Covid funding".

I didn't immediately pick up on this, but on reflection I can see what has been done here: in March 2020 Council agreed to put aside £500 for the possibility of having to offer some support to people in the parish affected by the pandemic. On top of that, on 28th April 2020 the local C19 Group was awarded £495 from Devon's Prompt Action Fund (PAF). I have evidence of this award should you feel that you need to see it. The C19 Group had no bank account so the money was paid to the Parish Council to hold it on behalf of the Group. This amounts to the £495 shown in Council's reserves.

However, we have subsequently spent £175 of the award. That was in two installments to keep our village foodbank, Lucy's Larder, stocked up. I have the receipts for the expenditure.

This means that there should be £320 of the PAF award still in the Council's reserves. It may be that we will have other requests for that funding, so I would advise retaining it for a while at least. If the local C19 Group does decide that it doesn't need it, then that money would go back to the PAF. As for the other £500 that Council agreed in March 2020 to put in reserve for possible support, I feel that it is now unnecessary to have that tied up in reserve and it should be released for other purposes. This should be a Council decision, so may be worth including on the next agenda. Hopefully this background would be sufficient for all councillors to be in the picture sufficiently to be able to agree to move the £500 back to general reserves, or to some other budget heading. Do come back to me if you need more information.

Agenda Item 15.5

Previous Clerk's final timesheet

Email from A Wyer

Please find a record of my hours worked during September and October.

I have been advised that TPC have no grounds to withhold or delay my salary payment as it is part of my contract of employment, however I have attached the record. Although I worked significantly more hours than contracted this was largely a case of catching up the backlog of work following my two week holiday in August and I'm not looking for any over-time payment.

There are 2 weeks in October when I was available and willing to work, but unable to as Cllr. Foster had removed the TPC laptop and changed the passwords. He gave me my official 1 weeks notice on 20th October.

Thanks,

Minutes from October 2021

As far as the last month's salary is concerned the extract from the October minutes states -

21/86 Payments

Council RESOLVED that Mr Wyer should be asked for a record of hours worked in September and October before any payment be authorised.

Hours worked during September and October.

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W/C
30/08 12 hours

W/C
06/09 15 hours

W/C
13/09 15 hours

W/C
20/09 9 hours

W/C
27/09 9 hours

W/C
04/10 12 hours

W/C
11/10 available to work 9 hours but unable to due to removal of laptop by Cllr. Foster

W/C
18/10 available to work 9 hours during my 1 week notice but unable to due to removal of laptop by Cllr. Foster

W/C
25/10 employment ended 26/10/2021

Total hours claimed = 90

Agenda item 15.6 - Vision ICT increase in website costs

Extract from email of 27 Jan
Annual Charges

We as a company, have always tried to maintain the prices that we originally set out for our customers. However, over the last three years, the costs to provide those services has increased along with inflation. One of the areas where there has been an increase in cost is email, where our base cost has gone up by 15%.

In line with this, we are bringing all our mailboxes up to £18+VAT per mailbox per year from the 1st March. For most of you, this will not affect your billing, but some of you may find this presents a small rise in annual charges.

Also, for the first time in our company's history, we will also be increasing our annual hosting fees by 7.5% for current customers. If you have any questions about your annual charges, or your mailboxes, please send us an email at support@visionict.com.

Agenda Item 16.2 - Thorverton in Bloom

From January meeting for info
Floral Thorverton

Item for 11 January 2022 meeting of Thorverton Parish Council

Purpose

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1. To update Council on bulb planting and to seek agreement to announce details of a Thorverton in Bloom competition in 2022.

Background and Update

2. At its March 2021 meeting, Council agreed to a bulb planting plan as set out in a note circulated prior to that meeting. This covered planting daffodils just below the wall at the corner of the entrance to Raddon Road; between the road and stream near to the front of the Memorial Hall and closer to the ford and bridge; along the verge in Silver Street, opposite Court Barton Close; and just in front of wall to the Quarry Car Park. That planting of bulbs was carried out as part of the Village Tidy-Up Day, aided by a bulk purchase from Allies Mid Devon (agreed at Council's September meeting), who were encouraging villages to create beautiful areas and to remember lives lost to Covid19.
3. Council also agreed to a Thorverton in Bloom competition for 2021 and at its July meeting, Council agreed to put £50 towards a prize for the winning street (The Bury) and a shield has subsequently been purchased and was presented to representatives of The Bury in December, and is likely to be displayed in the Berry Dairy.
4. Thorverton in Bloom did encourage several people to make a greater effort than usual to brighten up the village and it is probable that there would be still greater effort if we confirmed in good time that there would be a competition in 2022. In 2021 we had just one judging period – at the end of June – and it has been suggested that there might be two judging periods (late-June and mid-August) to encourage people to make good displays throughout the summer. It is suggested that in announcing that Thorverton in Bloom will run in 2022, we should mention the areas that judging would focus on. This may help focus minds. Britain in Bloom focuses on three broad areas of horticulture (40% of marks), environment (30%) and community (30%). It is suggested that for Thorverton the following areas might be appropriate: colour/scent/appearance (40% of marks); extent of coverage, showing local community involvement (20%); originality (20%); and environmental-friendliness (20%).

Proposal

5. Council is requested to agree to announce that we will hold a Thorverton in Bloom competition in 2022, with the judging period and criteria as set out in paragraph 4 above.

Agenda item 17 - Jubilee Green and Barliabins

Update from Cllrs Marshall, Sanders & Uglow

Here is a summary of the Jubilee Green & Barliabins project.

Should you wish to see the details of the individual items we have reviewed please see below, whilst we have accumulated a number of estimations there are still some to come in which will be the more 'costly' items, such as the removal of the Larch trees, we have also looked at the potential to have one company do 'most of the work' at Barliabins, this would include, tree removal, laying of hedge, stump removal, laying of path etc. We have a meeting organised on the 11th of Feb with a company to provide us with a quotation and are seeking a second.

Many of the other items include minor costs and a working group, whilst we are all prepared to do our bit, it may be a way of engaging with the Village to request working parties to complete various tasks throughout the spring and summer. We also think it would be good to find out the ownership of 'Dorothy's triangle' and consider if this is something we could purchase? or at least seek permission to refurbish in some way.

Jubilee Green

Review of existing railings - Capricorn Engineering approached and work completed.

Request note of thanks from the Council.

Add an additional flower trough. - Decided to relocate existing troughs.

Working group required.

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Refurbishment of Jubilee stone - Estimation £20.00 (Quote received of £180)
Working group required.

Clean and treat existing benches add lead shoes - Estimation £50.00. Council still owns wood preserve.
Working group required.

Add flowerbed 15 to 20cm next to railings - Estimation of costs £50.00
Working group required.

Barliabins:

Removal of tree stumps - May need to be removed or can be used as seating.
Both options are being reviewed.

Reduction of hedge to view graveyard and beyond in conjunction with a seating area - We have reviewed plans for the new graveyard.
Gateway/wall to graveyard may be an issue. Still being reviewed.

Pollard Ash tree and remove ivy. - Can be done at the same time as tree removal.
Appointment of Tree surgeon on the 11th of Feb.

Lay hedge to open up the view to Thorverton (Post office side).
Quotation requested.

Meandering pathways with additional planting - Pathway laid in bark.
Quotation requested.

Purchase picnic table - Cost between £250/£540 recycled plastic. Softwood £600. Hardwood £800.
Final estimation to be recommended.

Require two benches - Hardwood £350 / Softwood £250, to match the existing on Jubilee green £375.
Consideration to move two older benches at Jubilee green to Barliabins.

Replacement/repair of gate and fence - Estimation £100. New posts and postcrete req. Gate can be repaired, wooden bars can be reused.
Working group required.

Removal of Larch trees - Professional advice is to have them removed.
Tree surgeon coming to estimate removal plus laying of hedge etc 11th of Feb.

Replanting of new trees - Considering planting the same trees as per the plan for the graveyard.

Leigh Gardens:

Crazy paving needs repair.
Working group required.

Bin store in need of repair - Cost of wood to repair £75.00
Working group required.

Dorothy's triangle?:

Should this be owned/bought by the Council? - Are we allowed to improve?
Expose further cobbles.
Working group required.

Notice boards:

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Public notice board needs repair - Estimation £105

Working group required.

Council notice board needs repair - Estimation £25.00. Waterproof and wood treatment.

Working group required.

Agenda item 18 - Correspondence

18.1 Letter from the Monitoring Officer to the Chairman

Dear Cllr Foster

Standards Complaint

You will be aware from Mr Wilson's introduction at the Public Speaking section of your meeting that I attended the early part of your last full Council. I had hoped to revert to you within a week of the meeting to explain why, but other issues unfortunately prevented me from doing so until now. Nevertheless, I do hope that you have chance to consider this letter before your next full Council meeting.

I attended the meeting in response to concerns raised with me by Mr Wilson about your council, particularly the conduct of one of your members in connection with the Parish Council's reporting of a possible breach of planning control. That report was seemingly done in the name of the council albeit apparently at the sole request of one member and without any due authority or approval by the council. Incidentally, I would add that Mr Wilson was not aware that I was going to attend your last meeting. Further I did phone your council office number twice before the meeting to speak to your clerk and did leave a message to say I had called, the purpose being to discuss the concerns raised with your clerk. In view of the exchange of words at the meeting between your clerk and Mr Wilson, I now consider it more appropriate to address the letter to you, although I do copy the letter to your clerk and Mr Wilson for their information.

Having undertaken a preliminary assessment of the case, I do not propose to investigate this alleged breach of your Code of Conduct as I consider it would be more constructive for all concerned to provide some guidance to the parish council. I am encouraged to hear from Mr Wilson that you are keen to improve the relationship between local parishioners and the council by discussing this case. This letter is also intended to help avoid further legitimate grounds for complaint against a member of your council in the future.

It is within this context that this letter does not make any determination on whether the conduct of any member of your council fell short of the high standards of conduct required under the Thorverton Code of Conduct. However, I must add that if I were to receive a similar, prima facie case of a possible misuse by a councillor of his position in the future, I would expect such matter to be referred for investigation and in turn, to the District Standards Committee for determination.

Role of the Parish Council in Planning Services

There appears to be some confusion as highlighted at the last meeting as to the council's role within the context of town and country planning. For the benefit of all concerned the following commentary is intended to avoid any further confusion.

The Parish Council is not of course the Local Planning Authority, but like many has a role to play in planning. The council's formal role in the planning system is primarily focused on acting as an important local voice for its parishioners on planning applications which have been submitted to the District Council as the LPA. Similarly, in terms of planning enforcement matters, the Parish Council can of course raise concerns with the LPA on behalf of the whole parish, following consideration and an appropriate resolution in committee or full council.

As with any member of the public, if an individual parish councillor has a concern about a planning application or a possible unauthorised development (including a change of use), they may also, easily raise it direct, albeit in a personal capacity, with the LPA. You will appreciate that a report to the LPA from a parish council as opposed to a single individual

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would indicate that the matter is of significant concern within a parish, rather than simply the concern of one parish councillor or parishioner.

Unfortunately, as you will understand from Mr Wilson's communications with your council, considerable angst can be caused to parishioners by the Parish Council's apparent involvement and even more so, when it might appear to have been the result of only one councillor's actions without proper consideration or discussion by a relevant committee or full council. It is therefore important to maintain integrity in communications from the Parish Council, that correspondence from it to third parties which concerns individuals, is the result of a resolution of committee or full council rather than something which is produced at the request of individual members of the council.

Standards of Conduct

Your council's Code of Conduct makes it clear that all councillors are prohibited from mis-using their position (i.e. seeking to improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any

person). This requirement applies when a member of your council acts or gives the impression that they are acting as a councillor. Similarly, your standing orders also provide that "no member will act in such a way that will bring the council into disrepute".

Both requirements have been the subject of recent national guidance from the Local Government Association as follows:

(a) Misuse of Position

A councillor should not:

☒ take advantage of their position to further their own or others' private interests or to disadvantage anyone unfairly; or

☒ use, or attempt to use, their position either for their own or anybody else's personal gain or loss.

Parish councillors who own land, or whose relatives or close associates own land, need to be particularly cautious when being consulted by the LPA on planning matters.

Most decisions will inevitably benefit some people and will be to the detriment of others. It's important when making those decisions, that they are made in the public interest and councillors are not influenced by private interests. For example, there can be no objection to the parish council voicing its opposition to the closure of a local public park when consulted by the owner. This conduct is clearly intended to secure an advantage for the users of the park. What is crucial is that councillors' attempts to secure this advantage are clearly part and parcel of their duties as a local representative. Therefore, these activities are not improper.

The term 'improperly' is not defined in the Code of Conduct. This ensures that the scope of the provision is not unnecessarily limited. The underlying principle is that councillors are elected or appointed to public office to serve the public interest.

An example of a case where this provision was breached by a parish councillor was where the councillor asked the parish clerk to make a payment which had not been approved by the Parish Council in breach of the Code of Conduct. The payment in that case was for repairs to a private road used by the councillor to get to his allotment.

(b) Disrepute Provision

In general terms, disrepute can be defined as a lack of good reputation or respectability. In the context of the Code of Conduct, a councillor's behaviour may bring their council into disrepute if his / her conduct could reasonably be regarded as adversely affecting the reputation of the council as a whole or other members of the council in being able to fulfil their role.

Certain kinds of conduct may damage the reputation of the councillor as an individual rather than the reputation of the council. However, examples which might tip the balance in favour of disrepute to the authority in particular cases include:

☒ Situations where councillors have put their private interests above the public interest, which they are expected to promote as councillors and therefore

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reduced the standing of their role. For example, councillors using their position to secure a secret personal profit.

☒ Situations where a councillor defies important and well-established rules of the authority for private gain.

☒ Where a councillor engages in conduct which directly and significantly undermines the authority's reputation as a good employer or responsible service provider.

In summary, as indicated above, I would encourage all members of the Parish Council to remember that:

☒ They all have a role in decision making and helping ensure that no individual member inadvertently or otherwise, determines what actions are taken in the name of the Council;

☒ Unfortunately, an individual member's actions can inadvertently undermine public confidence in the Council as a whole;

☒ If an individual councillor rather than the Council (e.g. as evidenced by its consideration of the matter in a meeting) has concerns about a matter, they should not seek to use their position as a parish councillor to address those personal views in the name of the council.

Should you or your Council need any clarification on any points arising from this email, you are welcome to contact me.

Yours sincerely

District Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

18.2 Small Trees in Rec Hedge – Carried forward from January

Email received 15 Dec 2021

Good evening

I am unsure who has responsibility for the trees in the attached pictures!

I think they all need sorting sometime in the future.

(One is on the rec hedge & the others are nearly opposite)



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Agenda item 18.3

Email 14th January from a parishioner –

On Fri, 14 Jan 2022 at 10:02> wrote:

PLEASE do not secure the gates to this important and relaxed space. I have been visiting my whole life and manages to resist eating the soil, many people have worked over the years to make this a nice space and it would be devastating for it to be shut off.

There are no other places in the village which springs to mind where you can go and have a quiet time with no dogs and few if any people.

Mental health is a big thing right now and this place helps many of us.

Agenda item 18.4 Affordable Housing

Email from a parishioner –

Following my last mail to you regarding the new development RoseBank Thorverton. In relation to the planning permission granted by MDDC the dwellings were permitted with a 106 that there is to be 2 dwellings for local housing Authority Corner Stone also 2 dwellings for part ownership.

All 4 properties with a 106 for priority to people with local connection live in or work in village.

After making enquires several times of my interest in one of the part ownership dwellings. Many phone calls to Heritage Homes who changed the story of what was available many times saying first there was 2 plots available then saying there was only 1.

The planning department at Heritage did confirm that the planning approval is for 2 local authority and 2 part ownership.

Subsequently I have now been informed by Jackson Stopp and Heritage there is only one part ownership available at 80% ownership 1st time buyers only and price charged 3 times in 3 wks from 252 272 but now of this week 275 .. open market value £330,000 . No garage smaller than others. Hence price.

However the other plot which was for part ownership has been sold to a private builder to build himself.. so basically they are not keeping to the planning approval of 2 part ownership dwellings.

Instead apparently I have been told during my timeless investigation this happens a lot on big developments that Heritage will pay a fine to MDDC for not staying within the planning agreement ..

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Astonished to say the least that the council except this as they then get a substantial amount of money from the fine !

What is the point in planning approval wasting time and expenses when they except a monetary pay out ..

The Planning approval was agreed to support the local community to have the opportunity for local people to buy in the village and keep our heritage of people in the village also.

However now priced out of being able to stay and buy in the village.

Other than the opportunity to buy a shared ownership property, which is now down to 1 opportunity for someone and not 2.

Looking forward to your findings.

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Rosebanks, Thorverton

Schedule of Accommodation

Open Market Homes

No. Type Style Beds Size sq.m. Tenure

4 Kinnersley Det Hs. 4 176.6 Open Market

1 Bromley Det Hs. 4 155.3 Open Market

7 Petworth Det Hs. 3 111.8 Open Market

12 TOTAL Plots

Affordable Homes

No. Type Style Beds Size sq.m. Persons Tenure

2 Appley Semi Det Hs. 3 87.5 4 Intermediate Sh.Eq.

1 Appley Semi Det Hs. 3 87.5 4 Affordable Rent

1 Butley Semi Det Hs. 3 70.1 2 Affordable Rent

Advice received and comments from MDDC

The Heritage Homes development

I explained my puzzle about the 2 'shared-ownership' homes which, as I set out in my previous email, appeared to have undergone some significant changes compared to the requirements set out in the original (2018) s106 - for which thanks. You can see from below that he has come back quickly to say that there has been a formal deed of variation, which wasn't visible on the MDDC website. I'm guessing that the PC wasn't sighted about these? (but maybe it was).

The changes are a mixture of large ones and fiddly ones. In my view the large changes have taken the 2 properties out of the conventional shared-ownership market, much closer to the open market. I haven't got my head around the fiddly ones.

Entirely up to the PC as to whether it wants to pursue this matter with MDDC.

From MDDC Planning 14th Feb 2022

I've just spoken with the case officer. There was a Deed of Variation to the Section 106. This was completed on 18th January 2022. Apologies this should have been published on the case file although for some reason it isn't currently visible. We have requested that this is rectified so it should be available to view shortly. Although I've attached it for your information – hopefully this provides clarity.

Agenda item 18.5

Dear Jim and all members of Thorverton Parish Council

As promised , please find attached a copy of the short speech I made at last night's meeting for your record.. Please ensure that the attachment and this covering email are minuted and circulated to all councillors and confirm action by return email.

I am openly copying this correspondence to my Ward Councillor Bob Deed and to Karen Trickey MDDC Monitoring Officer, who I now understand also attended last night's meeting

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The **only** reason I attended and spoke last night was because I read the minutes on Monday and realised that Karl Wilson appears to have suffered what can only be called yet another example of TPC correspondence abuse in precisely the manner that I (and other residents) have suffered on more than one occasion in the past. The list of recently resigned councillors mentioned was merely an attempt to highlight that this type of behaviour has had a huge negative impact on both community engagement as well as council business. This behaviour has been going on for many years now and unfortunately the main perpetrator(s) remain on the council and continue to wield undue influence.

While I was appalled at the manner in which last night's meeting was conducted, I would like to make it clear to you, Chair Foster, and the new members of the council that this correspondence does not reflect on them personally in any way.

My contact details are at the bottom of this email. I am happy for **any** recipient of this correspondence to contact me for a further discussion (under Chatham House rules) when I am more than happy to name names and reveal what I know.

If either, no obvious public action is taken to address this subject, or, no one contacts me **before the next council meeting**, then I can only conclude that Thorverton Parish Council is not really interested in improving its service to the residents of Thorverton Community and **unless this subject of ongoing correspondence abuse is to be addressed directly by members of Thorverton Parish Council** that they are content for these and similar abuses of local government regulations and norms to continue

Agenda Item 18.6 - History Society Report on Archaeological Dig

Last contact with Vanita Eden regarding her final evaluation of the dig on 9th March 2021. No report received to date

Agenda item 18.7 - Love is ... Made in Devon

Email from Devon County Council -

Dear Sir / Madam,

I run a buy-local business support scheme from Devon County Council called Made in Devon. I am writing to ask if you could please share information about our new consumer campaign.

It's called Love is...Made in Devon and will be running throughout February and into Spring to promote products and services from scheme members. All Made in Devon members have been fully audited and approved by Trading Standards and have shown a commitment to supporting local.

Attached and below is information and imagery for the promotion – if you could share this to any communications channels that you may have, including newsletters and social media that would be much appreciated.

Love is...Made in Devon

If you love the idea of shopping locally then check out these great gift ideas from Made in Devon members www.madeindevon.org.uk/valentines-day-gifts.

From chocs, melts and vanilla to heart-shaped cheese; locally made tipples and tea tours to cosy clothing and pottery throw-downs for couples.

Made in Devon is the new buy-local scheme that is here to support Devon business and help spread the love.

Because love is...not just for Valentine's www.madeindevon.org.uk/valentines-day-gifts

#MadeInDevon #LoveDevon

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Many thanks in advance for your help

Agenda item 18.8 - Dinneford St Water Outlet

Possible signs

150mm x 200mm

£8.93

Dibond / Composite Aluminium, PVC Center with a laminated metal layer either side.



Agenda item 19 - Representative Reports

Report from Cllr Lane 30th Jan 2022 -

On Wednesday I attended (by Zoom) the meeting of the Raddon Hills Group. The theme of the meeting was on climate change issues, although a couple of other points arose which might be of interest to you.

1. Ros Davies (DCC Footpaths Officer) said that she was awaiting expert opinion on the work needed to repair/replace the bridge over the River Exe at Burn Holt (I think of this as the suspension bridge near Tray Mill). Margaret Squires expressed her strong interest in having a footbridge there again.
2. I asked whether any parish had seen road condition scores or priority schemes of work from their Neighbourhood Highways Officer. None had. (We agreed at our January meeting that we should ask our Highways Officer.)
3. Harry Bonnell of Devon Communities Together led discussion on climate issues. He noted that to date most actions at county or district level had been environmental in nature (eg tree planting, plastic reduction) rather than focused on energy or transport reduction. He recommended that we should look at carbon baselining to help guide us as to where to best target any effort and expenditure. We can see data for each parish in the Devon Carbon Plan. For example, the following link will take you to a chart showing the estimated carbon footprint for Thorverton:
<https://impact-tool.org.uk/footprint/footprint?regionId=E04003054&geography=parish&footprintType=consumption&scale=per-household>. You may also like to look at other charts available there.

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4. On installation of electric vehicle charging points it soon became apparent that no Raddon Group parish had ventured very far down this route. Harry Bonnell did say that he would give me contacts in DCC who could give us some advice, although he has not yet followed that up and I am still awaiting further advice from ChargeWorks, who had promised John Hodge and I a couple of months ago that she would give us more information.

5. The next meeting is on 26th April. No theme for this was settled upon, so if you have any ideas please let me know.