

# Thorverton Parish Council

## **Additional Information for the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

- 1 Public Open Session** - 5 minutes maximum per speaker
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Apologies** To consider any apologies for absence
- 4 Minutes** To approve the meeting minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- 5 External Reports** To receive reports from:
  - 5.1 County Cllr Squires**
  - 5.2 District Cllr Roberts**
  - 5.3 Saturday Market**

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## **6 Projects**

### **6.1 Affordable Housing**

CLT Network membership renewal

£ 90

CLT Website Hosting

Hosting costs 12.99/month and the site has been live since November.

Invoice received for 6 months hosting in arrears and 6 months hosting in advance.

### **6.2 Thorverton Library**

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## 6.3 Prosperity Fund for Open Spaces

### Email from MDDC

Following our discussion yesterday, please see the link to the guidance for the Prosperity Programme: <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/business/business-grants-and-financial-support/mid-devon-prosperity-programme/>

As discussed, creation of green space is not one of the Programme's priority objectives. However, as it is one of the potential objectives in the wider scheme under the Supporting Rural Communities pillar, we can accept applications for this in the final round under the Social Economy theme. I recommend you look at the list of indicative outputs and outcomes under 2.3 of the Defra guidance here: [Rural England Prosperity Fund: interventions, objectives, outputs and outcomes summary - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-england-prosperity-fund-interventions-objectives-outputs-and-outcomes-summary)

To request an EOI form, contact the programme team via [mddcgrants@drcompany.co.uk](mailto:mddcgrants@drcompany.co.uk).

I checked the S106 on the [website](#) and can see that there is some funding allocated to Barliabins

THORVERTON (includes Thorverton and Cadbury)		£	37,512.03	£	7,580.86	£	29,931.17
General Fund Thorverton (Pre 2015)	00/00025/PROJEC	£	22,723.88	£	7,580.86	£	15,143.02
Creation of recreational public open space at Barliabins	20/00134/PROJEC	£	3,242.00	£	-	£	3,242.00
Towards improving sporting facilities at Thorverton Football Club	20/00136/PROJEC	£	11,546.15	£	-	£	11,546.15

This was last updated in 2023, so I would advise them to contact the S106 team via [S106@middevon.gov.uk](mailto:S106@middevon.gov.uk) to check if this is still correct.

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## **7 Recreation Ground**

### **7.1 Financial Report for February**

## **8 Grounds Maintenance**

### **8.1 Contractor work for the Month**

### **8.2 Village Tidy-Up Day**

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## 9 Planning & Consultations

### 9.1 Town & Parish Charter Review

**Council is invited to approve the following comment:**

TPC opposes the proposed deletion of 'Conservation Area Consent' in paragraph 1. of the Planning Charter for Town and Parish Councils. We and our residents value, and are emotionally invested in, the conservation of the village and have received no explanation as to why we should not continue to be consulted on matters of such importance locally.

### 9.2 [24/00380/LBC](#) Perry Farm

Listed Building Consent for 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Barn Conversion

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## 10 Correspondence

### 10.1 Facebook Post

#### Flooding and Potholes

hi Any chance the potholes and flooding issues locally can be looked at its been years without anything been done and I've already had 2 cars I've had to repair because of the issues many thanks

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## 10.2 Leonard Square Lighting Fault

Email received from the Street Lighting Team at DCC

Fault Report 63705: Thank you for your report concerning the streetlighting ... near Leonard Square, Thorverton.

Our inventory shows the lights beyond light 25 have not yet been adopted by Devon County Council. Our records show they are still under ... the developer, and they would be responsible for any repairs.

## 10.3 Thorverton PO Agreement Renewal

Email from a resident

We have all seen the continuing injustice with the postmasters.

The post office brand is in the mud.

I suggest that the parish council , who I assume rents/leases, the location where the post office is placed,

do not renew the agreement. This will make things more difficult for many villagers but it is the right thing to do. Think of the innocent sent to prison or who committed suicide. A little price to pay.

## **11 Clerk Pension Arrangements**

### **Option 1 - Local Government Pension Scheme**

Operated by Peninsula Pensions for Devon County Council, Somerset County Council, D&S Fire Brigade and many others.

**Employee's contribution 5.5%      Employer's contribution 21.9%**

Backdating is possible – see email of 14 Feb 2024 'New Employer'

### **Option 2 - Nest Pension Scheme**

Operated by Nest for one of clerk's other employers.

**Employee's & Employer's contribution both discretionary.**

Will back date for 6 weeks only.



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## **12 Parish Council Meetings**

### **12.1 NALC Civility & Respect Project**

**NALC has responded to the BBC about intimidation and Harassment of Cllrs & Staff**

### **12.2 Review of Streamlined Meeting Procedures**

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## 12.3 Annual Parish Meeting

### DALC Newsletter #10



### When's your Annual Parish Meeting?

Around now you might be starting to plan your Annual Parish Meetings, or you might have already got it in the diary. This is not a parish council meeting, but is instead a meeting of the electors of the parish. Don't get confused with the annual meeting of the council which takes place in May when the council elects a chair.

Each parish must have an annual parish meeting each year, between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive); it is NALC's view that the parish or town council has a duty to call this meeting to ensure it happens.

There is very little formal guidance on what must happen at the meeting, although they are intended as a place for the community to discuss parish affairs. The meeting is normally called by the chair of the parish or town council (who will need to sign the agenda accordingly), and the meeting needs 7 clear days notice.

We do have some more [guidance on our website](#) to help you call the annual parish meeting, and to provide some inspiration for ideas on what you can do and how to increase attendance. If you do have any more questions about the annual parish meeting then please do contact our [Advice Service](#) at any time by emailing [enquiries@devonalc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@devonalc.org.uk).

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## 13 Finance

13.1 Bank balance Not received

### 13.2 Payments

13.2.1 Information Commissioner's Office	Annual fee (Direct Debit)	£	35.00
13.2.2 Vision ICT Ltd	Website hosting for TPC (annual)	£	161.26
13.2.3 G Foster	Website hosting for CLT site November 2023 – April 2024	£	77.94
13.2.4 G Foster	Website hosting for CLT site May - October 2024	£	77.94
13.2.5 BRN Fitch	Grounds Maintenance to 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 24	£	180.00
13.2.6 J P Roberts - clerk pay, (Feb, incl. backpay)		£	755.19
	Reimbursement for Green Waste Bin Permit	£	65.00
	Reimbursement for Timber for play item repairs	£	16.42
	Reimbursement for Printer Cartridges	£	27.00
		£	<b>863.61</b>

## 14 Business at the Chairman's Discretion

**Items for Information Only** No decision making during this item.

15 Next Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024