

Thorverton Parish Council

Additional Information for Tuesday 5th April 2025

1 Declarations of Interest

2 Co-option of Councillor

3 Apologies for absence

4 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on [11th March 2025](#)

5 Public Open Session

15 minutes for members of the public to raise any issue of concern, 5 minutes maximum per speaker

6 Reports To receive reports from:

6.1 County Cllr Squires

6.2 District Cllr Roberts

6.3 Saturday Market

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7 Projects

7.1 Affordable Housing & MDDC Call for Sites

Letter received from the Church Commissioners

Re: Land at Thorverton

As you may be aware, every Council has to prepare a Local Plan which sets out a long term vision for their area, including identifying new development sites and Devon County Council recently ran a call for sites exercise.

The Church Commissioners support the delivery of new homes and employment opportunities on our landholdings. We aim to create high-quality communities that can support new and existing residents.

Land within the village has been identified as potentially suitable for residential development. Therefore, our planning consultants, have responded to the call for sites on our behalf to promote this land through the Local Plan process.

Please see a snippy overleaf showing the area being submitted. This includes the area currently being used as allotments. If development did ever coming forward on the existing allotment site, the Church Commissioners would seek to provide an alternative allotment area and would look to work with the PC to do so. We will send a similar letter to the tenants of the other areas.

Our engagement in the Local Plan process is in the early stages and we will endeavour to keep you up to date. If you have any questions, please liaise with Savills.

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7.2 Secure Cycle racks at Leigh Gardens

Email from Cllr Price:

Today I received 2 verbal communications from school parents who would like us to investigate the possibility of adding secure bike racks for children taking the bus that meets outside the Arms allowing them to cycle to the bus rather than being dropped off.

Location suggestions would be

- 1) leigh gardens
- 2) the village hall
- 3) the thorverton Arms car park

I like the idea of this but implementing it may be an issue.

I would suggest approaching the Arms and then village hall in that order before we think about leigh gardens. If we approach the local businesses it may be that we offer to pay for the equipment and fitting and then there isn't a financial burden on them.

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7.3 New Cemetery

Update on purchase

7.4 Rooks

Update from the school regarding nuisance

8 Recreation Ground

8.1 Financial Report for March

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8.2 Signage

THORVERTON RECREATION GROUND

Young children should always be supervised

No dogs except assistance dogs

Please report any accidents or maintenance issues to the
Thorverton Parish Council: thorvertonpc@gmail.com

In case of an emergency:

Nearest A and E:

Royal Devon and Exeter, Barrack Road, EXETER EX2 5DW

Park location:

What3words:

~~///cargo.glosses.cosmic~~ (main gate)

~~///rewriting.consults.crass~~ (Little Silver gate)

~~///deriving.pets.highlight~~ (Broadlands gate)

Address:

The Recreation Field,

Thorverton,

EX5 5PT (5NN – not sure which)

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8.3 Damage from footballs & grant for nets

8.4 Basketball Hoop

Notes from the Rec Working Group meeting:

Consideration of three quotes :

Quote 1 £10,490 + VAT

Quote 2. £ 8,797 + VAT

Quote 3 £12,806 + VAT(minus the hoop, £10,494)

We discussed the three quotes we had for comparison (even though some were old)

And came to the conclusion that the one from *[Quote 2]* we would recommend to the council.

We were also very appreciate of the member of the parish who enabled this. Should the council approve we will ask for a formal quote.

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We understand that the contractor cannot start until the ground is firm enough without using matting so this is likely to be in the summer months.

The group was informed that the hoop had been agreed to be purchase without padding and that the short fall for the base was agreed to be met by the council up to £750 extra.

8.5 Lottery Bid

8.6 Dogs

9 Grounds Maintenance

9.1 Contractor Work for the month

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10 Finance

10.1 Bank balance as at 28 February 2025 £58,364.27

10.2 Payments:

10.2.1	Information Commissioner's Office Annual Fee (direct debit)	£	52.00
10.2.2	GX Accountancy Payroll services Jan-Mch 2025 invoice 6252	£	63.00
10.2.3	DALC Annual subs incl NALC Affiliation invoice 6642	£	418.58
10.2.4	Force Cancer Charity Donation	£	100.00
10.2.5	J P Roberts - clerk pay (March)	£	462.96
	Reimbursement MDDC Green Bin Renewal	£	70.00
		£	686.26
10.2.6	HMRC Clerk PAYE for January – March 2025	£	400.77

11 Meetings

11.1 Next Monthly Meeting

Annual Council Meeting, Tuesday 13th May 2025