Thorverton Parish Council – additional meeting document information for 11th April 2017

COURT BARTON CLOSE - update

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From: Simon Green Mar 16, 2017 at 12:02 PM
Subject: RE: Court Barton Close, Thorverton
To: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Hi Alison,

We have now completed the contract with Devon and Cornwall Housing for the affordable homes. To apply for the majority of affordable homes in Devon, people will need to be registered with Home Choice in the area where they want to live. They will then assess each applicant's needs. You can register online or by filling in a paper application form, which you can get from your local authority or from the DCH office in Exeter.
Once people have registered they can use the Home Choice scheme to search properties available where they want to live, and apply (or bid) for a suitable home. In the first instance I would suggest you inform the local community that they need to register with Home Choice or contact DCH direct.

There was not a condition within the S106 that the affordable homes are offered to the people living, or with connections in the local community. I have strongly requested that DCH do this, and they have agreed they will prioritise to suitable applicants within the community first.

The first affordable plots will be ready for occupation in June and July this year. These will be plots 1 - 4 and are 1 bedroom rental properties. Plots 15 - 18 will then be soon after and comprise of two shared ownership 2 bed properties (15&16) a 2 bed rental property (Plot 17) and a 3 bed rental property (Plot 18)

The first open market property (Plot 6) will be occupied in June. Of the open market properties we have 6 remaining as set out below.

Plot 5 - 3 bed semi-detached with single garage.
Plot 7 - 4 bed detached with single garage
Plot 8 - 4 bed detached with double garage
Plots 10 - 12 4 bed detached with double garage

I have heard about the other development that the Church Commissioners have, but know nothing about it unfortunately. It would be one that we were interested in though.

Please let me know if you have any other queries.

Best regards,

Simon Green

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FOOTPATHS

Re Footpath number 10 Mr Parr has marked the line of the path across the field with his tractor and my contractor has installed a new gate, so all good here, see photos taken today.

Re FP3 I'm afraid the line of the footpath is also a vehicle access to the field(s), hence the existence of the vehicle/ field gates both from the road and into the field. We have been lucky that for many years now the landowner has

not driven along here, leaving us with a nice green headland to walk along, but that does not mean that he cannot now use it if it suits him. DCC cannot take action on this.

If budget permits I'll stone up the gateways at some point, but I will wait for the summer to avoid making a mess.

Thanks again

Sam MDDC

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Forwarded message ----------
From: Julia Stuckey MDDC Mar 9, 2017 at 2:02 PM
Subject: Town and Parish Charter - Consultation

Dear Town and Parish Clerks

CHARTER BETWEEN MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS IN MID DEVON

Partnership working between town and parish councils and the district council will only be successfully achieved if both partners recognise, understand and respect the role that the other plays and work to promote those roles. The Charter was agreed following consultation between Mid Devon District Council and the local councils and set out a framework to enable this to happen. The Charter is now due for review.

The revised Charter is attached for your council to review and comment. The closing date for comments will be Thursday 4th May 2017. Following this consultation the Charter will be reviewed by the Community PDG before going before Cabinet for approval.

Any comments from your Town or Parish Council will be gratefully received.

Julia Stuckey

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GRASS CUTTING

MDDC will be cutting the grass in Thorverton 6 times through the growing season (should be 7 so I have queried this) on the following dates:

week commencing:
16th April
14th May
25th June
6th August
17th September
22nd October

Further to this I have checked the DCC website for their schedule of grass cutting and it states that the grass verges at junctions - for visibility - will take place in 'rural' areas between mid May - mid June and again between Mid August - mid September. 'Other' areas such as narrow lanes will be cut between June and July.

The Parish Council can now work with these dates and can request that the Handyman cuts any areas needing additional focus.

Alison – Clerk TPC

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STREET LIGHTING AT BROADLANDS

Dear Alison

As this item is on the Agenda, I assume the reason is for the Parish Council to consider funding the request for additional lighting for the flats in Broadlands.

As things stand, it is unlikely that MDDC would have any funds available to satisfy this request for an area which is not immediately adjacent to the footpath or the road in Broadlands.

Best regards

D/Cllr Bob Deed

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