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Gmail - Re: MDDC Chairman

Oct 2018

Communications



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## Re: MDDC Chairman

1 message

alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 10:18 AM

To: Sarah Lees <slees@middevon.gov.uk>

Dear Sarah,

The Parish Council would be delighted to receive Cllr Heal at its meeting on November 13th, at 7.30pm, at the Thorverton Memorial Hall.

I will e-mail a copy of the agenda, details of the venue and any questions a week in advance.

Kind regards,

Alison

**Alison Marshall**

**Clerk to Thorverton Parish Council**

[thorvertonpc@gmail.com](mailto:thorvertonpc@gmail.com)

10/10/2018

Gmail - Grant



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## Grant

1 message

Shobrooke PC Clerk <ShobrookePC@outlook.com>

Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 11:01 AM

To: Alison Marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Hi Alison

Hope all is well with you.

Please could you ask Thorverton PC if they would support Shobrooke to apply for a Communities Together grant for a grit bin to be located at the Raddon Cross junction. This junction is close to Thorverton's boundary and now we have a towable salt gritter this would make a good place for it fill up. We may be able to salt some of Thorvertons areas as well if required.

I think the grant deadline is next year but I'd like to get the application done as soon as poss



October 2018

Dear Mrs Alison Marshall,

Ref: **Thorverton Parish Council Donations to Citizens Advice 2019/20**

Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon offers a free service to members of the public across the Mid Devon area, providing advice and information for the benefit of the individual and the community. Many members of the public come to us in difficult circumstances when they have no one else to turn to, often in life changing situations. So far this year we are experiencing a dramatic increase in the demand for our services.

We pride ourselves on our credible reputation for giving high quality advice. To ensure our volunteers are providing this standard, we continually update and support our volunteers with training on complex enquiry areas. Training is a large expense for our organisation along with the need for experienced paid supervisors to support our volunteer advisers. We receive no financial help from our National Body, operating as an independent charity. We have experienced a reduction in Local Authority funding as cuts are made, and we are aware that this may have an impact on our service within the local community.

Over the past year we have noticed a continued increase in clients choosing to access our service through digital means, including web chats, email and telephone advice to meet the demands of the public and ensure that people do not suffer due to their inability to access face-to-face support. Since its launch our volunteers have been part of a Devon wide telephone service (Adviceline), which enables more people in the community to access our advice who may not be able to make it into their local office.

Despite this, our face-to-face advice remains a vital part of our service and last year (2017/18), 16 clients from your Ward came to our offices for advice and information on 24 individual issues. The top three enquiry issues in the Ward of Cadbury were benefits, debt and housing. Last year in Mid Devon we helped clients to receive over £719k of income gain to which they did not know they were entitled. This financial support was then brought back into the local economy.

For every £1 of Local Authority funding we receive, we generate £2.96 in fiscal benefit. We would be extremely grateful if Thorverton Parish Council would consider making a donation to our valuable service to enable the residents of your Parish to continue to access free, independent, confidential and impartial advice. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

**Vicki Rowe**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

**SECTION 14**

**THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION) (NORTH FROM CHAPEL CROSS,  
THORVERTON) NOTICE 2018**

**TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING**

**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL** hereby give **NOTICE** that:

From **MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018**  
for a maximum of 5 days

Until **WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2018** (both dates inclusive)

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads.

Roads affected -  
**NORTH FROM CHAPEL CROSS, THORVERTON**  
THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable -  
**DEVON HIGHWAYS - GENERAL PATCHING WORKS**

For additional information contact:  
**SKANSKA UK**  
Telephone: **0330 105 2807**

Dated: MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018

Meg Booth  
Chief Officer of Highways, Infrastructure  
Development & Waste  
Devon Highways  
Devon County Council  
Lucombe House  
County Hall  
Exeter  
EX2 4QD

Ref: TTRO1828250



**THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL – HALF YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 01/09/2018**

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>PREDICTED PAYMENTS 2018/2019</b>	<b>PAYMENTS MADE TO 01/09/2018</b>	<b>PREDICTED SPEND AS AT YEAR END 31/03/2019</b>	<b>PREDICTED OUTCOME AS AT YEAR END 31/03/2019</b>
Clerks salary	£4,200	1753	4100.	Surplus £100.
Clerks expenses & Administration	£1,500	669	1100.	Surplus £400.
Handyman salary	£2,000	656	1480.	Surplus £520.
Handyman expenses	£250	0	0	Surplus £250.
Handyman equipment	£300	0	300.	Even
Parish Maintenance	£1,500	236	1500.	Even
Recreation Ground	£1,000	400	1000.	Even
Equipment Sink Fund	£2,000	n/a	n/a	Even (£2,000. to reserves)
Allotments	£200	75	200.	Even
Grant Funding	£2,500	400	1000.	Surplus £1,500.
Training	£150	40	150.	Even
Elections	£0	0	0	Even
General PC Insurance	£500	456	456.	Surplus £44.
Tractor maintenance	£450	560	560	Deficit £110.
Tractor insurance	£180	168	140	Surplus £40.
Memberships	£250	223	223	Surplus £27.
Solicitors	£500	443	500	Even
Shed for Tractor	£0	1995	1995	Deficit £1,995.
New Noticeboards	£0	0	80	Deficit £80.
Miscellaneous	£3,650	0	£3,650.	Even
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£21,130</b>	<b>£8,074</b>	<b>£18,434</b>	<b>£696 surplus</b>

**NOTES:**

1. The above figures do NOT include specific funds for the Dark Lane Wall but DO include funds towards the DAAT project, within the miscellaneous row, should the PC wish to use these funds for this purpose.
2. All figures are net of (excluding) VAT as this can be re-claimed.
3. No viring has taken place between budget lines this year to date but is allowed by resolution.
4. **The overall half year position is that the PC is showing as having £696 surplus to its budget predictions as expected at year end. These funds could, therefore, be spent elsewhere.**



### **Charles Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration - 11th Edition out now!**

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### **CLEARING OF THE BROOK**

It has been suggested that we write to the Parish Council regarding the condition of the Brook.

As some of you are aware we live at 2 Stonebridge Cottage and are liable to flooding should the Brook rise and come out on the road. We are very worried at present that should we get a thunderstorm, a downpour or consistent rain this would happen. It would be a great help to stop our worrying if the Brook could be cleared of all the debris, stones and the weeds growing in it. This would enable more water to flow on before it would flood.

We would also like to mention that the bed of the Brook is several inches higher than it was a few years ago. We previously had six steps at the front of our cottage leading down into the Brook, now there are only five on view - the result of the bed of the Brook being higher.

There are other properties which are liable to flooding should the Brook rise and come out on the road, so we know these other occupants would appreciate it if it could be arranged for the Brook to be cleared out.

As you can see for yourselves it is at present spoiling the appearance of this area of the village. We have been in our cottage since 1968 and in the past it has always been cleared to prevent flooding where possible and enhance its appearance.

Yours sincerely,





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**Re: Dark Lane**

1 message

alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>  
To: Amyas Crump <amyascrump@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 24, 2018 at 8:53 AM

Dear Amyas,

Thank you for the update which I will pass onto the Parish Council. The matter is on the November meeting agenda for further discussion.

I have passed on your previous comments to DCC Highways and have again asked for the road to be closed. I have copied in C/Cllr Margaret Squires which I hope will help.

Kind regards,

Alison  
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On Tue, Oct 23, 2018 at 10:38 PM Amyas Crump <amyascrump@gmail.com> wrote:

Now it is getting boring!

Today I stopped a large van getting past, as I was working in Dark Lane. Also, I note that a chunk has been knocked off one of the side wall capping tiles. In other words, every time I visit, there has been another incident. However, just to take this one example and the repercussions, had the damage been only slightly greater: The tiles were used at the behest of the then Conservation Officer, eventually we sourced suitable old tiles from Bovey Tracey and Stockland - therefore getting any to match would be a major issue.

The lime used had to be fetched from Bideford, or Petrockstowe - both being somewhat time consuming.

Suitably skilled men had to be brought in to work with the lime.

The paint used to seal the lime, was specially made (and has a limited shelf life of only approx six weeks) and had to be obtained via the supplier in Bideford. It is a three coat process, has to be applied in certain weather conditions and is very expensive.

That equates to considerable, time, expense and inconvenience - just to deal with something that should not be happening.

Regards

Amyas

On Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 10:19 AM alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for your e-mail Amyas which I will share with the Parish Council. Do I have your authority to make public your comments and to pass them onto DCC Highways and D/Cllr Bob Deed and C/Cllr Margaret Squires?

Alison  
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On Sun, Oct 21, 2018 at 9:01 PM Amyas Crump <amyascrump@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Alison,

At risk of sounding a bore, but actually, just trying to give a reality check to the situation in Dark Lane, there have been two further incidents since I last wrote.

Most recently, an LGV belonging to Bensons Beds and on deliveries from Crediton got stuck in Dark Lane on the morning of Weds 17th. It approached as most problem vehicles do, from the sheep dip end, blocking the road for 1 1/4 hours before reversing out, in the course of which considerable damage was done to the roadside bank (it encroached up to 36" beyond where it should have been) also damaging the bollards, the barn at Castle Orchard and the safety barrier by where the car park wall has been taken down. Thankfully, on this occasion the vehicle stopped before hitting Crossways, but it does underline the fact that the current concrete bollards are insufficient to stop the problem, and that replacement of those previously broken off, would have prevented the lorry from getting as far as it did.