

Sept 2019



TPC COMMUNICATIONS &

MEETING DOCUMENTS

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FOR 03/09/2019

Thorverton Millennium Green Trust (TMGT) Monthly Report

1 message

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Tue, Aug 20, 2019 at 6:56 PM

To: "sims.g1" <SIMS.G1@sky.com>, andrew foster <andrew.foster@ctc-consultants.com>, david waldron <waldron_david@msn.com>, Hilary Lawson <hil.lawson@gmail.com>, John Hodge <johnhodgethorverton@gmail.com>, keeley wells <keeleyat@btinternet.com>, Neville Lane <nevilleslane@gmail.com>, Robert Deed <robertraddon@waitrose.com>, robert flatt <Robert.Flatt@eu.jll.com>, Stuart Crang <stuart.crang@btopenworld.com>

From John Spivey -

A shipping container will shortly be delivered and put in place to store the mowing machine in the Millennium Field. It will be mostly hidden behind trees, at the west end of the Green.

Volunteers to help with maintenance are still in short supply and lots of volunteers will be needed in November when the free trees from the Woodland Trust arrive ready for planting.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact me on jfspivey@yahoo.com for more information.

John

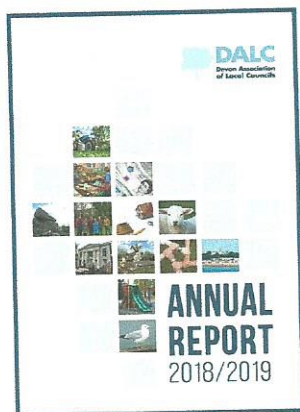
Alison Marshall

Clerk to Thorverton Parish Council

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Hours of work: Monday AM, Tuesday PM, Wednesday AM.

DALC Sept 2019



Our Annual Report is out now

I am delighted to present our annual report for 2018/2019.

Our latest report highlights our work over the last year and also shares a range of projects which our members have been getting up to. All member councils have a copy in the post, but you can also [download your copy](#) here.

DEVON ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Responding to the Climate Emergency

In response to the latest report from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which warns that global carbon emissions must reduce by 45% by 2030 and reach 'net zero' by 2050, various local authorities and organisations in Devon have declared climate emergencies that aim to decarbonise Devon.

We are aware that many parish and town councils also wish to, or have, made declarations of their own but are unsure what to do next, and although resources exist in multiple places, there doesn't seem to be a central resource for local councils. We are making contact with various organisation to try and assist with this. In the meantime, perhaps DALC can assist in gathering information on council projects and sharing them on our website. So I have two requests:

1. If you have made a Declaration of Climate Emergency, please can you let us know
2. If you have any projects (completed, ongoing or otherwise) please can you summarise into a few paragraphs what your project(s) is and send it to us.

Please send to enquiries@devonalc.org.uk and we will collate all information on our website.



Sign up to the Tree Charter

NALC is urging councils to sign up to the [Tree Charter](#) and become charter branches. The Woodland Trust can give [free trees to local councils](#) for planting. You can also nominate special trees for [Tree of the Year 2019](#). Find out more on the [NALC website](#).

Consultations | Have your say

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service are consulting on changes to the service. They are looking to move underused resources and invest more into reaching vulnerable members of society. This includes proposed closure of fire stations where risk and activity is low, and the removal of underused fire engines.

7/08/2019

Communication
Gmail - FW: The Children's air ambulance service - textile bank possible locations



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FW: The Children's air ambulance service - textile bank possible locations

1 message

Fri, Aug 16, 2019 at 12:28 PM

Michael Baldwin <sjjml@hotmail.com>
To: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Alison,
I attach an email from Devon Communities Together regarding a Textile Bank for recycling clothing. I would think that the ideal location would be the Quarry Car Park and wondered if it might be raised at the next Parish Council?

Regards,
Mike Baldwin

From: Huw Edwards <hedwards@devoncommunities.org.uk>
Sent: 16 August 2019 11:29
Subject: The Children's air ambulance service - textile bank possible locations

Dear Devon Communities Together members

Please see attached information concerning the possibility of having a textile bank in your community whilst also being able to raise funds for the Children's air ambulance. Feel free to share this information with any people or organisations you feel would benefit from this email.

Thank you

Huw

Huw Edwards
Customer & Support Services Officer

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Exeter EX2 8LB



From: TextileBanks <textilebanks@theairambulanceservice.org.uk>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 4:19:17 PM
To: TextileBanks <textilebanks@theairambulanceservice.org.uk>
Subject: The Children's air ambulance service

Good afternoon,

I am contacting you from the Children's air ambulance service which is the only emergency helicopter transfer service which ensures children and babies can receive the urgent medical attention needed 3 times faster than by road. We fly nationally to

patients, but unfortunately to fund this we need the support from communities as we receive no government funding.

I am contacting you to see if you can help me in finding locations to place clothing donations points for the community to donate into. These banks ensure our shops have a constant supply of clothing for us to keep generating income.

Not only does having a donation point help our charity, it also helps to stay green and divert clothing from landfill. It also educates on the importance of charity & recycling.

We will send our certificates to any sites willing to host a donation point at the end of each year, which will inform them of the contributions made to our charity. This can then also be publicised as you see fit which our PR team are more than happy to support with.

I am hoping you may have some influence within community centre's/ village halls in which this proposal could be considered.

Please see the attached documents,

Kindest regards,

Amy

The children's air ambulance website : <https://www.childrensairambulance.org.uk/>

The children's air ambulance featuring on "This Morning -ITV" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuFRyWhonLg>

TextileBanks Bank & Relationships Manager

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2 attachments



Green Bank.jpg
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Childrens air ambulance Proposal - August.docx
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ASH DIEBACK

Ash dieback is a problem over the foreseeable future, in Devon we have an abundance of native trees which will need to be felled - this is of course the responsibility of the landowner. DCC are urging landowners with trees near the road to take responsibility, to minimise the risk to the public and are suggesting that any trees that are felled are replaced on a 3-2-1 principal. Three new trees for each large tree felled, two for each medium tree and one for each small tree.

Over 90% of the ash trees are likely to be affected and with 448 thousand within falling distance of the road it is a real problem. Find out more - get help and advice from; - devonashdieback.org.uk. There are obviously many more trees not adjoining the road. As I travel around Devon I am aware that most of our trees are mature. I would like to encourage all landowners to plant more trees. There are often patches of waste ground or hedgerows where they will thrive. All of this will also help with the ambition to become carbon neutral.

You will see below one of the functions I have been involved in recently - I applaud the work of the volunteers in our community who do so much to help those less able.

It's incredible to think that these Community Transport Awards have been going for 20 years now. Congratulations must go to everyone who has played a part in these awards and to all of the winners over the years. Community Transport plays an important role in Devon to keep people connected to vital services that many of us take for granted, such as local shops and GP appointments. The staff and volunteers are the lifeblood of these organisations and their effort and commitment deserves the recognition of these awards.



Devon County Council Vice Chair Margaret Squires with the 2019 Community Transport Award winners

We have celebrated the 20th anniversary of our [Community Transport Awards](#) at a special ceremony. Two special awards were introduced to mark the occasion, and a total of 12 awards were handed out in recognition of outstanding contributions by staff and volunteers who deliver vital community transport services in Devon. [Steve Manchip, of the Coleridge Bus](#), was named Devon's Community Transport Volunteer of the Year.



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28/08/2019

Forwarded to
Thorverton History Group**Visit Mid Devon and parish information**

1 message

Amy Dugard <adugard@middevon.gov.uk>

Mon, Aug 19, 2019 at 3:33 PM

Cc: Zoë Lentell <zlentell@middevon.gov.uk>, Carole Oliphant <coliphant@middevon.gov.uk>

Dear Clerk

I'm currently working on a tourism project - Visit Mid Devon - with the Tiverton Tourist Information Service. We are creating a destination website that will highlight / list the attractions, accommodation, history, walks, food and drink, events etc in the area. The site allows us to collate and co-ordinate Mid Devon's offer in one place.

We are also having a section dedicated to towns and villages and we would like to promote your parish please. Therefore, I am hoping you can help.....?

I would be grateful if you could you send me a description of the village. This may include some history, a few interesting facts about the area, any good eateries, walks or viewpoints (anything that would interest a visitor and promotes the parish identity)? This will give the Visit Mid Devon team the information we need to promote the area and create a feature post in the future.

We also have a walking and cycling section of the website (where users can search by difficulty level and length (as well as dog friendly, family friendly, facilities such as café, toilets, view points etc). If you have any established walks or cycle routes that you would like us to promote please could you send me the information or links to any literature please?

If you have any images we can use to promote the village or any of the walks please feel free to send them to me as well (and let me know any acknowledgements needed if required).

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

If you could get back to me before Friday 6 September (and copy in my colleague Zoë Lentell) this will ensure the information goes on the site before it goes live. Any information we receive after this date will be placed on the site as we update it.

Once the website goes live next month, I will send you a link so you can become familiar with it and hopefully see how it can work for your parish (and businesses) in the future.

Kind regards

Amy

On behalf of the Visit Mid Devon team

CLEARING OF THE STREAM CORRESPONDANCE

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On Wed, Aug 7, 2019 at 11:33 AM Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Alison,
I would like to bring the following open letter to your attention and request an acknowledgement of receipt by return email.

I find it slightly ironic that while inviting a speaker to the last Thorverton Parish Council (TPC) meeting to learn about setting up a Community Emergency Plan the council appears to exacerbate the flood risk by illegally dumping garden waste into the brook. This waste is now growing in the stream bed. (see attached photo (theoretically also contributing to the risk of spreading of ragwort, hogweed and Japanese knotweed))
As any riparian landowner, I believe that TPC has certain responsibilities regarding the maintenance of the brook in our village. (fyi from UK.gov)

*"You must let water flow naturally. You may have to remove blockages, fallen trees or overhanging branches from your watercourse, or cut back trees and shrubs on the bank, if they could reduce the flow or cause flooding to other landowners' property – you may have to pay damages if they do. You should also remove litter from the banks **and not put garden waste, including grass cuttings, on the banks or into the water.** You must get permission to do work in or around a watercourse. You must find out which permissions and licences you need to maintain, repair, build or remove anything in or around a watercourse. This includes: creating or changing a mooring, mill, fence, dam, weir, bridge or culvert, changing the banks, removing material from the bed
You're responsible for getting the permissions and licences you need. You may get a fine or go to prison if you don't do this."*

The TPC sponsored Tidy Up was over a month ago on the 6th July, I do not understand who from the council was responsible for its supervision and who thought it was a good idea to dump the waste into the brook. However I do understand the following:-

- a) It is now over a month of no action (do we have to wait for your next meeting in September?) and
- b) I am concerned that TPC may have committed an offence and therefore may make themselves liable to a prosecution.
- c) the current unstable weather could make the problem worse.

I also attach a 2nd picture, upstream from the green. It clearly shows that other landowners should also take action to clear the stream

I would have thought that this would be an ideal project on which the council may take a proactive lead.

Please advise by return what action (if any) the council intends to take.

I hope to hear from your promptly..

Yours sincerely
Roger Cashmore

Oak House, 27 The Glebe, Thorverton, Devon EX5 5LS Tel: 01392 860 053 Mob: 07904 625 321



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----- Forwarded message -----

From: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Aug 12, 2019 at 10:59 AM
Subject: Re: Rubbish in Brook URGENT
To: Roger Cashmore <cashmore1@gmail.com>
Cc: Neville Lane <nevillelane@gmail.com>

Dear Roger,

Thank you for your e-mail.

I can confirm that, following permission from DCC Highways, the Parish Council has engaged a Contractor to clear the debris from the stream. It had been hoped that this work would have been completed by now and, due to this, the Contractor has been chased and has advised that the work will be done as soon as possible. The Contractor has inspected the debris and is fully aware of the concerns of the Parish Council, and local residents, regarding any flood risk.

The matter will again appear on the September Parish Council meeting agenda when, it is hoped, the work will have been completed.

In order that I can circulate and publish your e-mail, and due to data protection rules and regulations, please can you confirm by return e-mail that I have your permission to do so.

Kind regards,

Alison
Alison Marshall
Clerk to Thorverton Parish Council
thorvertonpc@gmail.com



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Re: Rubbish in Brook URGENT

1 message

Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com>
 To: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>
 Cc: Neville Lane <nevilleslane@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 13, 2019 at 1:54 PM

Alison, (Neville)

Very happy for you to associate my name on this communication on the understanding that you confirm by return that you are also happy for me to share your correspondence with third parties? Please also answer and publish the questions below .(including attachments and communications from the council.)

1. Who on TPC is responsible person for this subject?
2. Please provide a copy of the quote provided by the successful contractor and the letter of instruction issued by TPC showing the agreed price
3. The details of the alternative suppliers and copies of their quotations.
4. You do not appear to address the important issue of responsibility or the fact that TPC has clearly broken EA regs. **NO ONE, (let alone a responsibly run council) should dump rubbish in a stream.**
5. Please confirm by return that TPC accepts liability for any costs arising from discharging its duties, NOT as a Parish Council, **but as a riparian landowner.**
6. I have taken the liberty of speaking to a qualified local contractor who owns a swing shovel and truck who confirms he could move it all with a week.
7. Please advise by return if you with me to pursue this item 6) further

I really do not understand where TPC currently gets it's advice. Like many other subjects it appears that TPC may not be really aware either of the law (or it's obligations),. which is the reason why I copied them to you earlier.. Clearing a brook requires no consultation or prior approval (certainly not from DCC highways). Neither MDDC or DCC have any responsibility for the stream. (good luck in trying to get funding) It is always up to the riparian landowners on either side of the brook (including TPC) to clear their banks.

Since replying as above I have trawled through TPC minutes to find that this subject was first brought to the attention of the council by a resident of 2 Stonebrook cottage in **NOVEMBER 2018**. I used to live in neighbouring Brook Lodge which also has been the subject of flooding. Being flooded is not a joke and deserves far better attention from the council.

As I now understand it is over 9 months since you were contacted on this subject , I look forward to receiving a meaningful response from you as soon as as possible.

I repeat the offer I made to Chairman Lane earlier this month to assist TPC in any way I can.

Roger Cashmore

Oak House, 27 The Glebe, Thorverton, Devon EX5 5LS Tel: 01392 860 053 Mob: 07904 625 321

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,

On Mon, 12 Aug 2019 at 11:00, alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com> wrote:



alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Clearing of the Thorverton stream

1 message

Wed, Aug 14, 2019 at 1:48 PM

alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>
To: Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com>
Cc: Neville Lane <nevilleslane@gmail.com>

Dear Roger,

Please find below answers to the questions as documented within your further email of 13 August:

1) The Parish Council as a whole has been dealing with this matter. There is no single Councillor responsible.

2 & 3) In this case Devon County Council Highways, being responsible for the adjoining highway, has agreed to pay for the clearance work. The Parish Council is not obliged to publish quotes and follows usual local Council practice and guidance in this regard.

4, 5, 6 & 7) The Parish Council takes its responsibilities seriously and has been pressing for the brook to be cleared for some time now. Given the proximity of the highway, and the fact that Devon County Council Highways is paying for the work, the Parish Council feels it important for the work to be carried out in accordance with the stated rules and procedures. The Contractor has apologised for the delay and has confirmed that the job will be dealt with as soon as possible. As the Parish Council is expecting the appointed contractor to do the work in the short term it must decline your offer to involve another contractor. However, I will come back to you on this should the Parish Council resolve to seek another contractor at a future meeting.

Regarding your comment on the publishing of your communications with the Parish Council I can confirm that publication will follow the procedure as written within the Parish Council's Communications Policy, a copy of which can be found on the Parish Council's website. In answer to your question regarding the publishing of communications to you from the Parish Council I can advise that there is no restriction on you doing this should you so wish.

Regards,

Alison

Alison Marshall**Clerk to Thorverton Parish Council**thorvertonpc@gmail.com

Hours of work: Monday AM, Tuesday PM, Wednesday AM.