

Report

From C/CLL Squires

December 2019

A public consultation has been launched by Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) ahead of undertaking a fresh procurement to find contractors to provide superfast broadband.

CDS, which is responsible for rolling out publicly-funded broadband across the two counties, is establishing the remaining area where there are no current or credible future plans to deliver Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband infrastructure capable of download speeds of at least 30Mbps.

Nearly one million homes and businesses in Devon and Somerset now have access to superfast broadband thanks to the Government supported CDS programme and stimulation of the commercial market which is an important element of CDS's role. Of these, over 300,000 homes and businesses have access to superfast broadband as a direct result of investment by CDS. A link to the CDS news release is attached which provides more information and links to the consultation webpage.

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/superfast-broadband-public-consultation-launched/>

Consultation responses need to be submitted by Tuesday 10 December to enquiries@connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk. or in writing to OMR consultation, Economy Team, AB2 Lucombe House, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

Devon Libraries - Exeter has been given the UNESCO City of Literature status which was in no small part due to the role of libraries in the lives and cultural landscape across Devon. Nationally and internationally visits to libraries and the issuing of books has been in decline. In Devon however we are bucking that trend with a 4% increase in lending.

The Summer Reading Challenge – Space Race, has had a significant impact on that, seeing a 14% increase in participation from last year!

In Devon Libraries...

- 12,703 children took part in the Challenge (11,162 in 2018)

- 7,811 children completed the Challenge (6,661 in 2018)
- 268,677 library items were borrowed by children during July, August and September

Key Facts

- Participation is up by **14%** (our target was 5%)
- Completion rate is **61.5%** (our target was 60%)
- **44%** of participants were boys
- 1,366 children became new library members in order to take part
- Devon Libraries hosted **405** events attended by **9,563** children
- 169 young volunteers helped to deliver the Challenge across 41 libraries
- Young volunteers gave **1861** volunteer hours over the summer
- Library staff visited **197** primary schools to promote the Challenge (160 last year)
- The Summer Reading Challenge resources used in Devon cost £10,390 which equates to **£0.83** per participating child

Devon Climate Emergency

Devon County Council are working with partners across the County in developing a Carbon Reduction plan within six months to meet or exceed the United Nations IPCC targets. All local authorities within Devon have declared a Climate Emergency.

I would like to wish all readers a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy 2020.

Dec 2019

Grant Funding Request



Mid Devon Mobility

alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Request of Financial Support For Continuation Of Our Services In Your Parish

1 message

hayley <hayley@middevonmobility.org.uk>
To: "thorvertonpc@gmail.com" <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Mon, Nov 18, 2019 at 2:17 PM



Dear All At Thorverton Parish Council,

How many people do you speak to on a daily basis?

Imagine if that answer was none...

I think you'll agree, no one deserves for that to be their answer, no one deserves to feel isolated and alone.

At Mid Devon Mobility our charity is on a quest to help minimise the amount of elderly, disabled and vulnerable people in Mid Devon who feel disconnected and isolated from their community - and we need your help!

We provide a number of services which are aimed at increasing the independence, mobility, wellbeing and peace of mind of older, rurally isolated and disabled people in Mid Devon; helping to combat the problems of loneliness and isolation and enabling access to local shops & services, social clubs, day care facilities, health appointments and other essential amenities. We are not simply a transport provider but often the means to enable people to remain in their own homes.

Currently the residents of **Thorverton** can benefit from on our Ring and Ride route, which operates on a weekly rota. This is a door-to-door service with our fully trained driver who will help people on and off the bus, operating the electric tail-lift if required. They are also able to benefit from our Community Car Scheme and Accessible Vehicle Service to get to essential appointments and facilities.

We currently have **14** members from the **Thorverton** area.

Throughout this financial year our charity really wants to increase its members in the more rurally isolated areas of our community, so we are seeking financial funding support from our local parish councils to enable us to co-ordinate and provide additional publicity and advisement by way of leaflet drops and informative talks.

We would welcome the opportunity to hold a short presentation at one of your meetings, or if you know of a local group in your parish we may be able to attend to inform people in more detail of the services we provide, we'd be more than happy to do so.

We believe transport is integral to our lives: we are in constant movement and the nature of this movement constitutes our lives. Losing one's mobility or ability to drive due to age, an illness or disability dramatically changes the pattern of movement with the associated repercussions in every area of life. Even relatively small journeys become insurmountable obstacles. It is important for people to remember that whilst so many of us have the luxury of being able to go where we want when we want, that privilege doesn't exist for many others in our society. They are our friends, our family and our neighbours and it is these people that our organisation exists to help.

We would be hugely grateful to your Parish Council if you would kindly consider providing our charity with financial support for the next financial year to help us to continue to provide our services to the elderly, disabled and rurally isolated people of your community. And to increase awareness of our charity to potential new members in your local area. Any assistance you feel your parish could provide would be very much appreciated.

Please find attached a copy of our Annual Impact Report. Feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Hayley

Hayley Hillman

Business Development Manager

Mid Devon Mobility (formerly Tiverton & District Community Transport Association)



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Registered Charity Number:1099477

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2 attachments



**Mid Devon
Mobility**
Connecting Communities

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Handyman Report for November - Neville Matthews

1 message

T. Matthews <info.sales@exepaint.co.uk>

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 4:32 PM

To: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Dear Alison

Please find as follows the handyman hours for November 2019 and outstanding duties to consider.

Best Regards

Neville

Handyman Report

December 2019 TPC Meeting

For works carried out during November 2019.

- 1/11 Cut grass at The Glebe and part Broadlands. 4 hours
- 4/11 Make safe tree at Jubilee Green. Cut to manageable lengths, make two trips out of village to dispose of branches. 4 1/2 hours
- 5/11 Finish grass cutting at Broadlands (2 hrs) , cut grass opposite Silver Street and Court Barton Close. 3 1/2 hours
- 6/11 Supply 3/4" Marine Plywood for sign backing to Quarry Car Park. Apply three coats of Yacht Varnish and fix to the wall. 1 hour
- 25/11 Start Weed Control Course 9.30-13.00 3 1/2 hours. 13.30-16.30 3 hrs. Total 6 1/2 hours
- 27/11 Finish Weed Control Course 10.00-13.30. Total 3 1/2 hours
- 27/11 Collect/Deliver Christmas Tree. Total 1 hour

Total Hours for November 24

£306.00

Outstanding Duties to Consider

1. The Pointing in the stream by Jubilee Green

The Stream has been running too high to carry this out but I have purchased a bag of sand and some Quick Crete which is a rapid setting cement suitable for use under water. When the water level has dropped sufficiently and we have a couple of hours of dry weather I shall carry this out.

2. The Notice Board, School Lane.

A large board 4'x3' the correct thickness of safety glass would be extremely heavy and I assume would need to be cut into at least four pieces and doors made up etc etc.

So yes a new double glazed door notice board would need to be purchased, at a considerable cost. I missed the possibly of a suitable glazed notice board at MST Auctions this month but I'm not sure if that is an option as funding would need to be approved.

3. Garage Guttering near Allotments

After strimming at the Kiln Car park had been carried out by contractors, I found an off cut of guttering and took this to the garages. When I returned to carry out the work some kind person had supplied a stop end outlet and a piece of down pipe, screwed it up and job done!

Purpose

1. This paper summarises the results of the Satisfaction Survey held in November 2019.

Background

2. At its October meeting the Parish Council agreed that we should run an annual satisfaction survey. The first such survey was to be held in November 2019. Some 22 people completed and returned survey forms. The results are summarised below (percentages do not always add up to 100 because of rounding):

Knowing Us

| | | Yes | Maybe | No |
|----|--|----------|----------|---------|
| 1. | Do you know the names of three or more parish councillors? | 18 (82%) | 1 (5%) | 3 (14%) |
| 2. | Do you know what the parish council is responsible for? | 10 (45%) | 10 (45%) | 2 (9%) |
| 3. | Do you know what any of the council's priorities are? | 4 (18%) | 10 (45%) | 8 (36%) |

Approaching Us

| | | Yes | Maybe/OK | No |
|----|--|----------|----------|----------|
| 4. | If you wanted to ask the parish council about something would you know who to approach? | 18 (82%) | 1 (5%) | 3 (14%) |
| 5. | Have you had any contact with the parish council over the last year? | 7 (32%) | | 15 (68%) |
| 6. | If you did have contact with the parish council, were you happy that the matter was dealt with well? | 4 (57%) | 2 (29%) | 1 (14%) |

Assessing Us

| | | Very good | Good | Acceptable | Poor | Don't know |
|----|---|-----------|---------|------------|--------|------------|
| 7. | How would you describe the service that the parish council has provided over the past year? | 8 (36%) | 6 (27%) | 3 (14%) | 1 (5%) | 4 (19%) |
| 8. | How would you describe the quality and quantity of information from the parish council? | 7 (32%) | 8 (36%) | 4 (18%) | 1 (5%) | 2 (9%) |

3. The results were mildly encouraging in that the majority of respondents said that they knew the names of at least three councillors and knew what the council was responsible for. Rather fewer were confident that they knew the council's priorities. Most respondents knew who to approach and those who had had contact were reasonably content with the way in which the matter was dealt (there were three respondents who made specific additional comments, which I will mention at the council meeting and which we should consider). Responses as to how good a service the council had provided were a little more mixed.

4. Against this generally positive picture, we should note that only 22 people out of at least 600 adult parishioners returned a survey form. Can we conclude that others are happy with what the council is doing or is it more a matter of them feeling that we won't do anything any differently even if they do complete a survey?

Action

5. Council is invited to consider publishing the summary table above; to add any commentary; and to confirm its intention to carry out a similar survey in November 2020.

Neville Lane
4 December 2019

APPLICATION FOR SECTION 106 FUNDING

13/11/2019

PARISH: THORVERTON

APPLICANT: THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

CONTACT DETAILS: Mrs Alison Marshall, Clerk, Thorverton Parish Council, Dinneford House,
Dinneford Street, Thorverton, Devon EX5 5NU

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PROJECT TITLE: PROVISION FOR NEW OPEN SPACE IN THORVERTON VILLAGE CENTRE

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORKS:

Thorverton Parish Council owns a pocket of land in the centre of the village. The land, which is currently on lease to the School but which is largely unused, is in dire need of attention. By way of S106 funding this very conveniently placed plot of land could be converted into 'open space' for the whole community to enjoy.

The entrance to the land would be by gate from The Glebe. An additional entrance into School grounds may also be a possibility which would mean that school children from this area of the village would not need to walk along School Lane, which is a very busy road with no pavements, to get to and from School.

The positioning of the site means easy access from Broadlands and The Glebe with any new housing, on the proposed allotment development site for example, also benefitting. It is estimated that over 100 households would be within easy reach of this new 'open space' facility.

Clearing of some shrubbery and the management of existing trees would be required, which may include a tree survey consultation.

New fencing would be required along the boundary between this site and the School (built to specific specification) as well as new paths and walk ways. It is intended that the site would have benches and picnic tables to encourage usage by all ages and it would also still be available to the School.

The plans also include the establishment of a small communal orchard, with the possibility of a cider press facility, so that fruit from these trees, and other local trees, can be harvested and used productively. This would also provide educational benefits.

There would be room for a modest sports facility, such as a basketball hoop, which has been requested by several residents in recent months but which, to date, has not been facilitated due to lack of a suitable site.

LOCATION: LAND OFF THE GLEBE, THORVERTON, EX5 5LS

MAP ATTACHED – SITE INDICATED BY THE YELLOW SECTION

LAND OWNER DETAILS: THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

HOW MUCH FUNDING ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? **TOTAL COST £13,250.**

BREAKDOWN OF COSTS:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Fencing | £2,000 |
| Pedestrian gate | £ 500 |
| Ground works and trees/shrub works | £3,000 |
| Pathways | £3,000 |
| Benches and picnic tables | £2,000 |
| Fruit tree planting (new orchard) | £ 750 |
| Professional fees | £2,000 |

(Plus sports/play equipment)

Quotes will be obtained and submitted should the application be accepted.

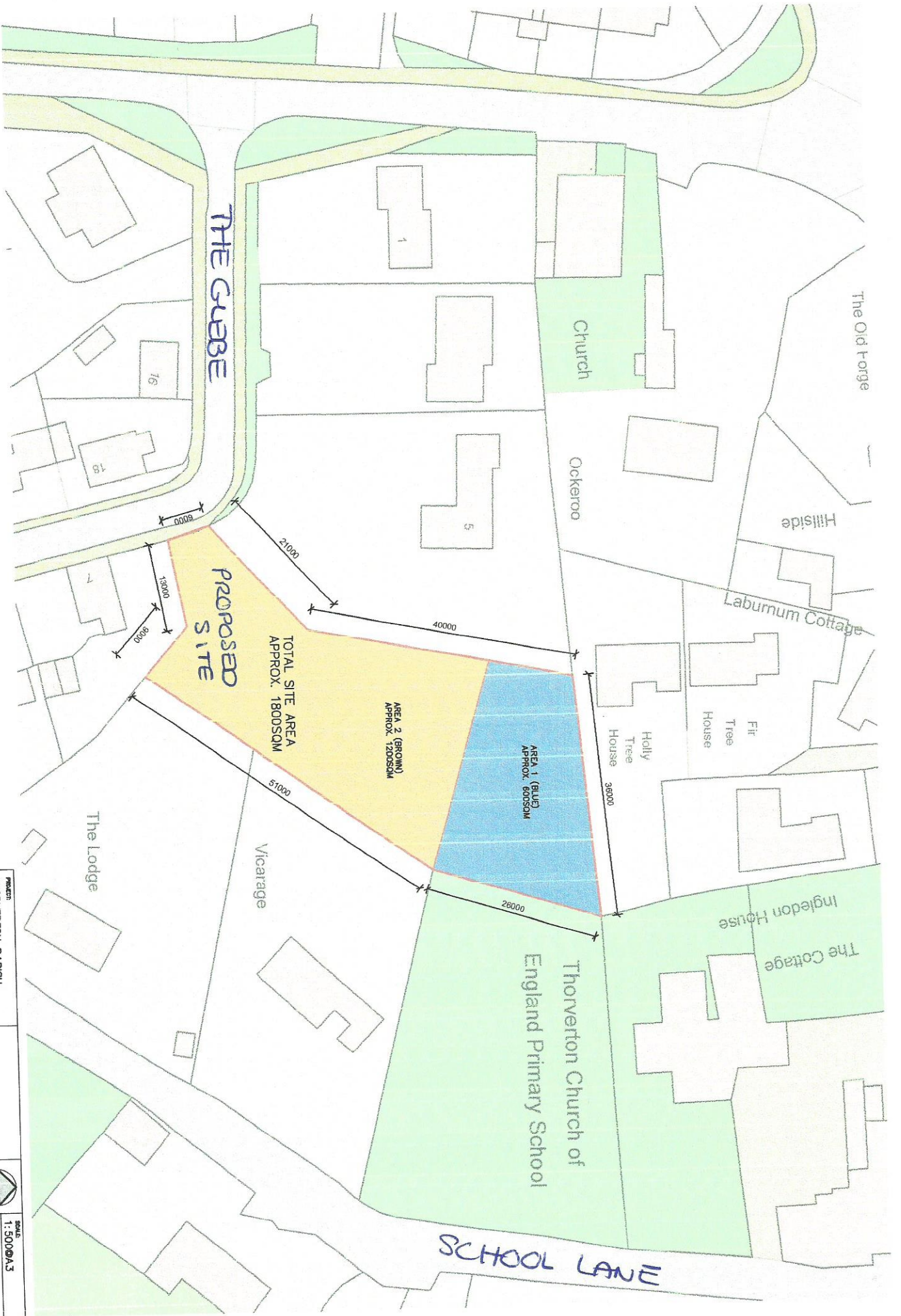
Alison Marshall, Clerk, for Thorverton Parish Council

13/11/2019

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION TO:

cil@middevon.gov.uk

SITE PLAN 1:500@A3.
 NOTE: ACCURACY +/- 900mm BASED ON OS MAP TOLERANCES



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| PROJECT THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL LAND LAND TO THE EAST OF THE GLEBE, THORVERTON | STAGE SKETCH DESIGN PROPOSED PLANS | SCALE 1:500@A3 DATE OCT 2019 SK01 |
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Letter ②

alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Re: Land adjacent to 5 and 7 The Glebe

1 message

Neville Lane <nevillelane@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 4:51 PM

To: John Coe <jon.coe12@gmail.com>

Cc: thorvertonpc@gmail.com

Dear John

Thank you for your message. I am forwarding to the parish clerk, Alison Marshall, as we should route any correspondence through her. The matter is on the council's agenda for next Tuesday, so she should be placed to give you a reply after that.

Kind regards
Neville

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Dec 2019, at 16:04, John Coe <jon.coe12@gmail.com> wrote:

Authority to publish
requested 5/12/19

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: Land adjacent to 5 and 7 The Glebe

Date: Tue Dec 03 2019 17:42:55 GMT+0000 (GMT Standard Time)

From: "jon.coe@talktalk.net"

To: nevillelane@gmail.com

Dear Neville

As you are aware I am the owner of No. 5 The Glebe and I understand from "Focus" that plans are afoot to make alterations to the use of this land. I would draw your attention to the Covenants signed by the Parish Council when they accepted the 'gift' of the land from the Developer:

1. The Parish Council undertook "not at any time thereafter to erect or permit any building, premises or construction whatsoever on the Land"

2. Any act whatsoever that may devalue The Vicarage.

Please confirm that the Councillors are aware of these Covenants and that they will ensure that they will be upheld.

I would be grateful if you could keep me aware of the Council's intentions at all times.

Yours sincerely John Coe



Letter ③

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Process for spending public funds developing a site adjacent the school

1 message

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

Wed, Dec 4, 2019 at 7:37 PM

Dear Neville, Alison (and hopefully, promptly, the councillors)

Your own councillors brought to my attention your recent reply to a resident regarding the council's stated intention in Focus to contact MDDC Planners regarding a possible change of use of the woodland plot adjacent to the School. Others in this community will no doubt also get in touch with you regarding the wisdom of spending so much valuable council time considering the spending precious public funds on such an endeavour.

However, I want to briefly focus on the process and my disappointment to learn that it is considered acceptable practice for our council to contact 3rd parties such as MDDC **before** conducting any public & transparent consultation with local stakeholders (residents, school etc.).

Quote part of the responsibility of elected councillors is to make decisions in Council for the benefit of the parish and in most cases we do so without calling public meetings Unquote

This current process and statement appears to confirm the need for improved policies and procedures (and maybe a revisit to the Nolan principles?). A council conducts research (e.g. costings, budget, time frames etc) on a number options. Then present their findings to the community and agree which costed option should proceed **before** going out to 3rd parties. As demonstrated so far, the current process could benefit from being tightened?

1. Has anyone on the council actually inspected the site? - some very simple research will confirm that it is obviously not suitable for development as a public recreation area.
2. I am also sure, like all other parts of the old vicarage site, that the Church Commissioners will surely have applied restrictive covenants, has anyone on the council done any basic due diligence whatsoever?
3. Finally, one of our older residents thought that the Parish Council may have considered developing this site some time before in the recent past, and it had been dropped. While you are new in post Neville, maybe one of the long standing councillors may be able to confirm?
4. Has anyone checked the parish records?

Please find attached a pdf map of the site showing the Land Registry cadastre boundaries which highlight the situation on the ground, it may be of use please feel free to use it in your upcoming deliberations.

I am afraid I may not be able to attend your next meeting but look forward to being promptly updated on this matter.

As always, if you feel I may assist in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Roger Cashmore

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