

February 2020

Please see below report that will be of interest

Kind Regards, C/Cllr Margaret Squires

Devon County Council – leading the response to climate change

Devon is one of UK's leading county councils in the national response to climate change.

In February 2019, the County Council declared a climate emergency and pledged to work with other organisations so that the Devon should be carbon neutral by 2030.

The declaration built on the Council's Energy and Carbon Strategy and as a result Chief Executive Phil Norrey established and chairs a Devon Climate Emergency Response Group bringing together key partners from across Devon.

The County Council has already reduced its carbon footprint by 40% since 2012/13 including a 75% reduction in carbon emissions from street-lighting (15,000 tonnes a year).

In August 2019 and on the recommendation of the above group the County Council and University of Exeter established a Net-Zero Task Force with key public, private and voluntary sector partners with the following funding – County Council - £250,000, University of Exeter £130,000 and £70,000 from other partners. This is paying for the work of the Net-Zero Task Force to develop a cross-Devon plan supported by staff from the County Council and University of Exeter

The Task Force is chaired by Professor Devine-Wright who is the lead author on the UN Climate Change report, the findings of which have been accepted by the County Council as the basis for the Council's future policy response.

The Task Force has held a series of themed public hearings to call for evidence on ways in which Devon can achieve the pledge by the rapid shift in behaviour. Hearings were held between October and December on the following themes: food, land and sea (including agriculture, forestry, fisheries and land use), mobility and transport, the built environment, energy and waste.

A new draft Carbon Plan for Devon will be developed through a review of the evidence by an expert panel and the proposal of policy options. These options will be put forward to a newly created 'citizens panel' that will start meeting this month (January 2020) run by Prof Devine-Wright who has expertise in this area. The outcome of all this will be a draft Carbon Plan for wider public consultation this spring.

A key challenge that the Carbon Plan will seek to address is how Devon can prosper in a carbon-neutral economy.

The County Council is a leading partner in the Great South West campaign which seeks to establish the region as the UK's key provider of renewable energy and deliver a £45 billion boost to the regional economy.

Through the Heart of the South West Joint Committee, Devon County Council and partners are also working with Somerset local authorities to align their carbon plans.

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Press Release

1 message

Councillor Margaret Squires <margaret.squires@devon.gov.uk>

Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 5:15 PM

To: Newton St Cyres PC Clerk <newtonpc@outlook.com>, SHEILA WOODLAND <sheilawoodland@btinternet.com>, clerk <lapfordpc@live.co.uk>, Puddington Clerk <puddingtonpc@gmail.com>, Thelbridge Parish Council <thelbridgepc@gmail.com>, Keyth Richardson <coldridgepcclerk@btinternet.com>, "wembworthypc@btinternet.com" <'wembworthypc@btinternet.com'>, Viv Ray <cruwys.morchard.pc@gmail.com>, alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>, "anthonyvmartin@aol.com" <anthonyvmartin@aol.com>, Zeal Monachorum Parish council <zmpcouncil@gmail.com>, Jackie Taylor <poughillparishclerk@gmail.com>, David <clerk@morchardbishop-pc.org.uk>, Clerk Parish <CFitzParishClerk@outlook.com>, John Vanderwolfe <johnvw@tiscali.co.uk>
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please see press release

New partnership will clamp down on fly tipping and litter

Posted On: 03-03-2020**Posted In: Environment**

Devon has launched a new multi-agency task force to combat fly tipping. Many of the county's leading agencies will be working together in a crime-busting partnership known as the Clean Devon task force.

In a pioneering move designed to draw a line under fly tipping in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, many of the county's leading agencies have come together to launch a new Clean Devon task force.

The partnership is sending a clear message to fly tippers that their behaviour will not be tolerated.

It brings together for the first time organisations from across Devon, including environmental and business groups, emergency services, government departments, local authorities, community groups and voluntary services, into a single partnership, (see **Which agencies does the task force consist of?**).

It will provide a single, coordinated way of reporting fly tipping anywhere in the county, via its website <https://cleandevon.org>, as well as advice to residents, businesses and landowners about how to dispose of waste legally.

Partners will compile a fly tipping and litter data base, collate and share intelligence, and introduce the latest technology to help identify the culprits and seek to investigate and prosecute illegal behaviour.

It will also help identify high risk areas and enable each of the partners to target their resources better, to quickly clear up hot spots.

Kevin Baker, Environment Agency's Waste Crime Engagement Specialist, said:

"It's the shared determination shown by so many agencies in Devon to tackle fly tipping and general littering, that gives this partnership a new energy.

"We know that the Government plans to publish advice to encourage agencies to work together to tackle fly tipping and litter. We're ahead of that. Clean Devon partners have been meeting for a year."

Last year (2018/19), District Councils recorded 4,349 incidents of fly tipping in Devon - 12 incidents a day in Devon alone, excluding Plymouth and Torbay. They spent approximately £7 million on their street cleaning services, which includes dealing with fly tipping waste and litter.

But that's just part of the picture. Fly tipping onto privately owned land is not always recorded because it becomes the land owners' responsibility to clear it up, so the full impact in the county is not known.

Mr Baker said:

"Waste crime is estimated to cost the UK economy at least £600 million a year. It puts communities at risk and is an unacceptable blight on our environment. That's why we are working together to get on top of it.

"There is already a certain amount of intelligence sharing between the agencies and councils, but Clean Devon formalises the arrangements.

"If together we can stop waste getting into the hands of criminals then we can reduce their opportunity to illegally tip it.

"We also need more people to come forward and give detailed reports of those people who are illegally tipping. A reporting facility is available on the new Clean Devon website.

"Clean Devon will be good for residents and the environment, bad for the polluters and criminals who fly tip waste."

Rangers for the Dartmoor National Park Authority say the moor suffers with fly tipped waste at least once a month. They say such incidents highlight the lack of respect offenders have for the environment, including nationally protected locations like Dartmoor National Park.

They've had to deal recently with fly tipped waste at Ramshorn Down, garden and builders waste dumped in a car park at Trendlebere Down, and large batteries thrown to roadside near Widecombe.

The Park Authority's Head of Recreation, Access & Estates Andrew Watson said:

"We are delighted to be part of the Clean Devon Partnership as fly tipping appears to becoming more commonplace within the National Park.

"Fly tipping is not only a blight on the protected landscape status of Dartmoor, it is bad for tourism and our local communities, as well as being a hazard to visitors, grazing livestock and wildlife.

"We are looking forward to even closer working with other agencies and organisations through this Partnership as another positive way of tackling rural crime."

Working closer and sharing good practice between authorities is expected to tighten up enforcement actions.

Last year, Devon's District Councils including Mid Devon, wrote warning letters to 213 people or businesses about fly tipping; they issued 47 fixed penalty notices for fly tipping-related incidents; and there were nine formal prosecutions resulting in fines of up to £1,000. The Environment Agency also brought several cases against large scale illegal tippers.

Councillor David Harvey, Chair of the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee, said:

"We want to stop fly tipping and littering. Part of that is about education and providing advice about how to dispose of waste legally, but it also means identifying and penalising those who fly tip.

"Our residents expect us to be tough on fly tipping, and rightly so. Enforcement can be difficult because offences are often difficult to prove. But this new initiative will certainly help, and I very much welcome it.

"It will make it easier to report incidents as well as utilising the latest technology to share intelligence and get smarter in dealing with the culprits."

Which agencies does the task force consist of?

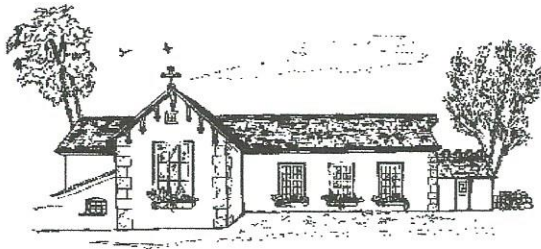
The Clean Devon partners include:

- Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
- Devon and Cornwall Police Constabulary
- Country Land and Business Association
- Forestry England
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Devon Communities Together
- Devon Association of Local Councils
- Devon Wildlife Trust
- Devon, Somerset and Torbay Trading Standards Service
- All Devon districts councils including Mid Devon District Council, Torbay Council, Plymouth City Council and Devon County Council
- The Environment Agency
- Highways England
- Dartmoor National Park
- Exmoor National Park
- National Farmers' Union
- Devon and Plymouth Chamber of Commerce

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Annual Report on the Use of the Environmental Area Owned by the Parish Council 23rd January 2020

Maintenance and Management of the Land

The school gardening club and school council have tried to maintain a number of paths through the area. However, the brambles have encroached on some of these especially further in to the area past the fire pit. The fire pit and associated logs have become rotten over time and a new supply of logs and planks has been sourced but not yet put together. An adult working party is needed for this job. One of the trees in the area was identified as having Ash die back and has subsequently been removed. Some of the chippings has been stored to surface the paths when the brambles have been cleared. The school have been in consultation with the Parish council to look at ways of funding some improvements and give access to the land from the road so that the parents do not have to walk along the road to get to school.

There have been no accidents on the land this year.

Activities Undertaken this Year

Each class has also used the forest to develop areas of the curriculum, such as literacy, Maths, science, spiritual reflection and stillness as well as bringing some of the topic sessions to life.

Class 1- have used it to go on Bear hunts and to inspire poetry and story-telling. They used it extensively in the topic on 'Bugs'; looking for and identifying the different bugs they could find. They have also used the area for maths such as counting and bar-charts.

Class 2- have made shields, dens and potions, and have cooked 'smors' over the fire. They even built a celtic forest.

Class 3 – have devised a number of games in the area one named 'Camouflage.' SEND children have used it to explore textures and feelings. They have carried out maths activities such as measuring and data collection as well as, each year, sending Santa's letters up in smoke to the North pole!

Each session, when deemed appropriate, has an associated risk assessment.

Our ELSA, (Emotional literacy Support) practitioner uses the area with the children she works with in many ways- including the Bereavement tree- to support the children with their social and emotional needs..

As a school, we believe that it is vital for the children to learn outside within many aspects of our curriculum, and this area enables us to do this. We are very grateful for the continued use of the area.

We intend to continue with these forest school and cross-curricular activities in the coming year and want to develop it further, in collaboration with the Parish Council and grant applications.

The school insurance policy covers the area of land.

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March 2020

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1 message

~~lsholley@blinternat.com~~ ~~lsholley@blinternat.com~~
To: thorvertonpc@gmail.com

Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 10:31 AM

Hi Alison

Saw the Handyman busy the other but this one was omitted, just up from Glebe Flats side entrance Berry's Bridge Road

~~Cheers Lou~~



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March 2020



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Mrs A J Marshall
Thorverton Parish Clerk
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24th February 2020

Dear Mrs Marshall

Thorverton Parish Council Donation

Many thanks for your recent letter which included a cheque for £200.00 to support our advice service.

We are very grateful for this support received from Thorverton Parish Council and would like to thank your Councillors for the very kind award to our Charity which will help us continue to provide a free service to your parishioners in need.

I look forward to working with your council in the future. Thank you for your continued support of the work we do in your community.

Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Rowe
Chief Executive Officer

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The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

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Need to know



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From Chief Executive, Phil Norrey

Monday 2 March 2020

Dear colleague

You may have heard today's announcement from the Chief Medical Officer that two residents from the South Devon area have been confirmed as having contracted Coronavirus (COVID-19) whilst in Northern Italy.

We understand from Public Health England (PHE) that close contacts to these residents will be given health advice about symptoms and emergency contact details to use if they become unwell in the 14 days after contact. If you have not been contacted by PHE, you do not need to take any action at this time.

PHE also advise that if you have recently been to one of the [affected areas](#) and are feeling unwell, you should phone the NHS 111 helpline for further advice straight away – please don't go to your doctor or a hospital.

If you have been advised by the NHS to self-isolate, you should follow their instructions which will include remaining away from work.

You should call your manager and advise them of the situation as soon as possible, and work from home wherever possible.

Detailed guidance can be found on [Inside Devon](#), which points to the latest advice from PHE and the NHS including [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Please do look at these page links for the latest updates.

The risk to the general public remains low and Devon County Council is working with health colleagues to do everything we can to stop the virus spreading and keep people in Devon safe.

Good hygiene is the best prevention and there are some simple steps you can take to protect you and your family by washing your hands regularly and thoroughly and if you cough, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and dispose of the tissue.

You can also follow Public Health England's [Facebook page](#) or [Twitter feed](#) for the latest updates, information and advice.

Many thanks

Phil Norrey, Chief Executive

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

March 2020

 Gmail Correspondence

alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

Dates of road closures in Bickleigh for March Ash dieback works.

1 message

Good Afternoon

Further to our email of 23 January 2020, I am writing to confirm the closure details of the tree works that will be taking place in the Bickleigh area in March:

Date	Timings	Road Affected
21 March to 24 March Ashley Back Lane travelling towards Tiverton	Weekend 06:00 – 17:00 Weekdays 09:30 – 15:30	A396 - Bickleigh Bridge to
25 March to 27 March White Cow Cottage/turning to Chitterley travelling to Stoke Canon	Weekdays 09:30 – 15:30	A396 - Bickleigh Bridge and
28 March to 29 March Chilton Gate Farm travelling towards Crediton	Weekend 06:00 – 17:00	A3072 - Bickleigh Bridge and

The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) with maps showing the full extent of the closures and the signed diversion routes has been published this week has been emailed to you. All closures will have advanced warning boards set up approximately two weeks before the closures will take place.

Thank you

Kind Regards



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March 2020

Re: Re 19/206 .3 Mobile Phone reception - Correction required

1 message

Neville Lane <nevilleslane@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 5:51 PM

To: Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com>

Cc: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>, david waldron <waldron_david@msn.com>

Roger cc: as before

Thank you for your email. As you will appreciate, the Council minutes are simply a record of what was said, so there should be no need for correction unless a councillor believes that they do not reflect what was said. Nevertheless, your explanation will be helpful when we come to discussing the matter at the March meeting. I will leave Alison to give you any more substantive reply, should that be appropriate, after the meeting.

Neville

On Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 5:27 PM Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Neville,

I have just read the above minute and am surprised (considering the amount of funds currently available to the council) that this subject is going on the agenda for discussion.

I would like to correct a mistake in this minute and to also provide some information to assist in the council's deliberations, therefore please circulate and publish.

The **2G** mobile technology referred to is an old analogue mobile phone service, which while still available, has not been manufactured now for many years. The three femtocells referred to are in fact **3g digital** cells. **3g** digital platforms are often also used as the basis for not only **4g** but also future **5g**.

The government is also currently finalising its plans for the expansion and sharing rural digital mobile infrastructure services between service providers. Femtocell architecture will almost certainly become an integral part of the governments future plans.

The cells consume less electricity than a 60 watt light bulb and the £60 contribution was only requested on behalf of TMH by the late Roger Fieldhouse. Both the Baptist Chapel and The Berry Shop were happy at the time to bear the very small cost involved "as a service to the village", indeed "not noticed any increase in our electricity bills since the device was installed!".

I hope this communication may assist the council.
Yours sincerely

Roger Cashmore

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

Roger Cashmore
The Glebe
Thorverton
29/02/20

Dear Neville,

I notice from the minutes that the Council is now intending to offer £20,000 to the Church Commissioners "in order to buy the allotments and that Cllrs Foster and Lane have circulated a paper detailing the pros and cons of purchasing the plots. Although not published, apparently this paper suggests that benefits may include the safeguarding the allotments for parish residents and preventing the land from being sold to developers, (no disadvantages were listed). Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that an interest in purchasing the land should be logged with the Church Commissioners and that an offer of £20,000 be put forward."

It appears that Cllrs Foster and Lane (and possibly all Parish Cllrs) may be unaware that the Mid Devon District Council (LPA) has completed a Local Plan including Thorverton, with a final sign-off due in April. The Local Plan will then remain in force until the year 2033. Unlike the TH1 South of Broadlands site, to the best of my knowledge, the allotments are neither in the current plan or are considered to be an exception site. This means that the allotments are highly unlikely to be targeted for development now, or in the foreseeable future, as the church commissioners have not put forward this site, nor has it been approved by the LPA for consideration in the Local Plan.

The Council should demonstrate that they have trust in the planning process and not only strive to work closely together with the LPA, but also with its community. Rushing to purchase the allotment seems ill-considered under the current circumstances as there appears to be no threat that the allotment land is targeted for development. It then follows that rushing to purchase the land from the church commissioners for £20,000 is most likely a poor use of public money.

However, if you are still minded to proceed, as the landowners concerned are the Church Commissioners, Thorverton Parish Council will surely now be aware that this will not be a straightforward transaction (easements, covenants, continued use of the land, etc.). Therefore, I would strongly advise the Council to seek qualified legal advice to ensure that they are acting lawfully while also protecting public funds. Even more relevant at this time as there are also national concerns over the lack of current case law regarding all financial transactions between Parish Councils and the Church of England.

I am willing to speak to you on this subject if you consider it to be appropriate.

Yours sincerely,





alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

March 2020

Re: Allotments, TPC item 19/194.1

1 message

alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>

To: Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 2, 2020 at 1:07 PM

Dear Roger,

Thank you for your e-mail which I will share with the parish council.

Alison

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

Hours of work: 8 hours per week between Monday 9am and Wednesday noon.

On Sat, Feb 29, 2020 at 11:20 AM Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Neville, Alison

I have copied this letter to my ward councillor

Please find attached a letter regarding the above minute regarding the council's stated intent to purchase some land from the Church Commissioners. As the letter refers to the MDDC Local Plan I have also attached a copy for your reference.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this and similar matters before the next meeting.
Yours sincerely*Roger Cashmore*

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Re: Allotments, TPC item 19/194.1

1 message

Neville Lane <nevilleslane@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 5:06 PM

To: Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com>

Cc: alison marshall <thorvertonpc@gmail.com>, Bob Deed <bdeed@middevon.gov.uk>

Roger cc: as before

We have a policy for handling correspondence under which our clerk deals substantively with emails such as this, so I should leave her to respond. That is why I have not given substantive replies to your messages, neither do I intend to with this latest one.

Neville

On Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 2:27 PM Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com> wrote:

Neville, Alison

Please ensure to publish and circulate this whole thread in the normal manner

It is good to hear that you are some way off from making a firm commitment - but that is certainly **not** the impression given in the Feb. minutes. These clearly suggest that the council has already made an agreement and confirmed an amount. I quote :-

"Following discussion it was RESOLVED that an interest in purchasing the land should be logged with the Church Commissioners and that an offer of £20,000 be put forward."

Question 1: Are you able to clarify by return what conclusion any reader of the minutes is expected to draw, **other** than TPC has **already** discussed this, and has come to a conclusion to spend £20k, - all pretty much without any real public consultation at all?

Question 2: Please publish either a correction or clarification.

Neville, you are the chair of a Parish Council, I am just a member of the public, but while I do have information that I would love to discuss and share with you, it all could simply be categorised under the heading of "best practice" and possibly nothing which TPC may not already be aware of.

It is certainly not my wish to sport with either you personally as the chair, or with the council, but a sincere wish to help and explore if I may be of assistance. The reason I made this offer is because there is an obvious paucity of local detailed knowledge in Thorverton, certainly regarding the planning process, as witnessed by the significant number of unsubstantiated rumors currently circulating (many regarding the Church Commissioners.)

If you are concerned about meeting with a member of the public on these subjects then I could certainly support a move by TPC to take the lead in organising a public meeting (possibly working together with an MDDC planning officer?) in order to explain how local planning works and to answer all outstanding questions and concerns. It would also be an ideal opportunity to explain the local plan as well as the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. (I could personally assist as I used to present on housing during my time as a trustee of CPRE Devon)

I look forward to receiving your comments,
Yours sincerely

Roger Cashmore

On Tue, 3 Mar 2020 at 12:34, Neville Lane <nevilleslane@gmail.com> wrote:

Roger

We are some way from any firm commitment on the allotment field yet.

I am a bit wary of meeting you to discuss a matter without Council having given me the go-ahead to do so as I cannot speak for Council outside meetings. Was there something that you could commit to email so that I could share with councillors?

Neville

On Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 11:44 AM Roger Cashmore <cashmorer1@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Neville,

Thanks for coming back to me.

Of course, - as long as you are able to confirm by return that in the interim, Thorverton Parish Council will not commit to spending £20,000 of public funds with the Church Commissioners at the next PC meeting? At least not before consulting properly with the community and confirming their views on the project?

I still look forward to possibly meeting with you shortly?
Thanks again

Roger Cashmore

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On Tue, 3 Mar 2020 at 09:57, Neville Lane <nevilleslane@gmail.com> wrote:
Roger cc: Alison, Bob

Thank you for your email. Your comments will be useful for Council when it next considers the matter. I must leave it for Alison Marshall to make a substantive reply after such meeting, if appropriate.

Neville

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