

# Thorverton Parish Council

## **Additional Information for the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

- 1 Public Open Session**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Apologies** To consider any apologies for absence
- 4 Minutes** To approve the meeting minutes of [13<sup>th</sup> June 2023](#).
- 5 External Reports** To receive reports from:
  - 5.1** County Cllr Squires
  - 5.2** District Cllr Roberts
  - 5.3** Police statistics
  - 5.4** Saturday Market

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**6 Highways** Recent meeting with C/Cllr Squires & the NHO covering:

**6.1 The Bury Cobbles**

**6.2 The sunken surface of the road in School Lane**

**6.3 Potholes**

**6.4 Drainage by the dismantled railway bridge**

**6.5 Renewal of white lines & 'No Parking' markings throughout the village**

**6.6 20mph zone**

**6.7 Mud and drainage at the end of the path from The Glebe to School Lane**

**6.8 Overgrown vegetation on the pavement along Silver St**

## 7 Projects

### 7.1 Jubilee Green & Barliabins (OSWG)

### 7.2 Affordable Housing

### 7.3 New Cemetery

### 7.4 Quarry Car Park Line-marking, security and new shed

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015

#### **PART 12**

Development by local authorities

*Class A*

#### **Permitted development**

*A. The erection or construction and the maintenance, improvement or other alteration by a local authority or by an urban development corporation of—*

- (a) any small ancillary building, works or equipment on land belonging to or maintained by them required for the purposes of any function exercised by them on that land otherwise than as statutory undertakers;*
- (b) lamp standards, information kiosks, passenger shelters, public shelters and seats, telephone boxes, fire alarms, public drinking fountains, horse troughs, refuse bins or baskets, barriers for the control of people waiting to enter public service vehicles, electric vehicle charging points and any associated infrastructure, and similar structures or works required in connection with the operation of any public service administered by them.*

## **7.5 Bullens Close Lane Surface**

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### Email from the MDDC Tenant Involvement Officer

Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2023 at 09:58

Subject: RE: Footpath Surface in Bullens Close, Thorverton EX5 5NW

To: Thorverton Clerk <[thorvertonpc@gmail.com](mailto:thorvertonpc@gmail.com)>

Good Morning,

Thank you for your email.

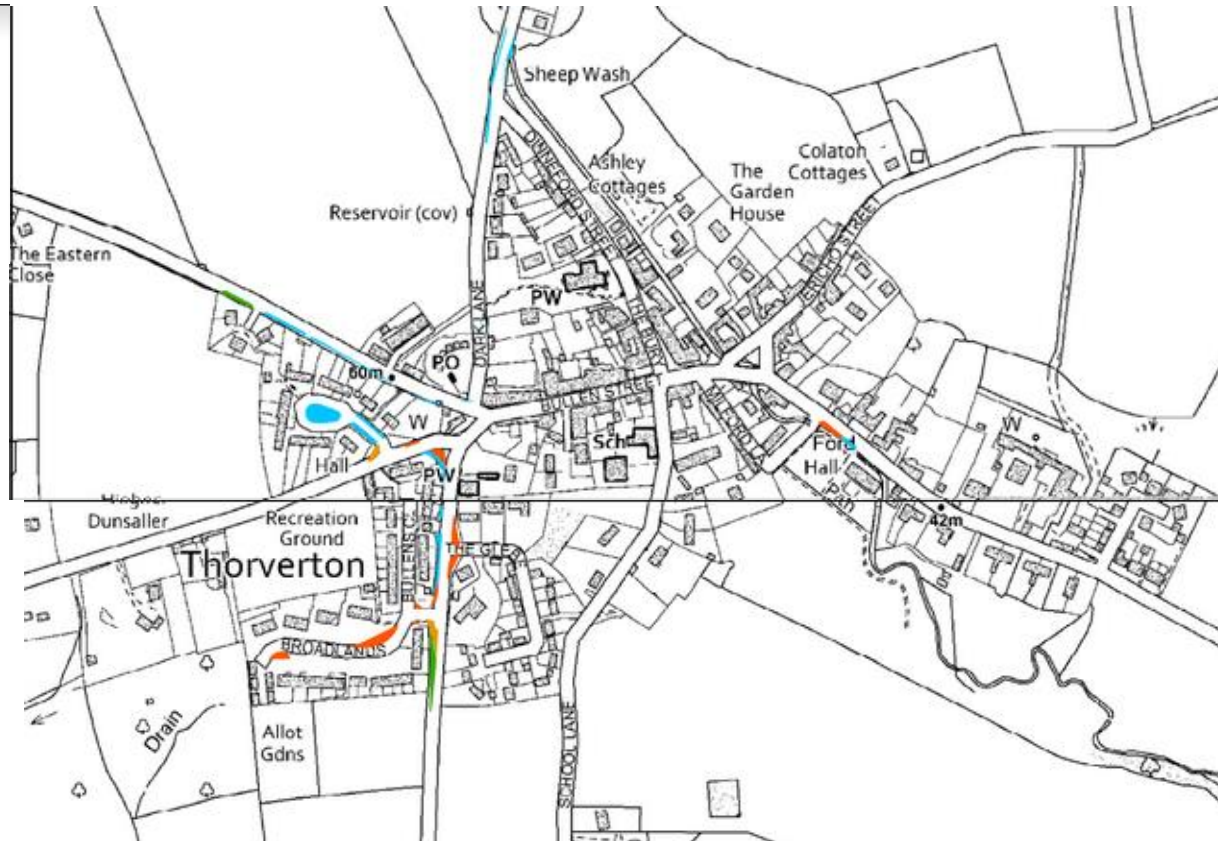
I have added this path to our maintenance spreadsheet for StreetScene to come and have a look and complete repair works if necessary. I do not have a time frame yet, but I have reported it and they will get round to it.

## 7.6 Managed Biodiverse Verges

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## DCC maintained grass areas in Thorverton

- Legend**
- Verges**
- Rural Visibility
  - Urban Visibility
  - Rural Non Visibility
  - Urban Non Visibility



## 7.7 Creating a Coronation Copse

### 7.8 Thorverton Pub Library

#### Email from Cllr Nightingale

Thorverton library hi Jim I've approached the Exeter inn in regards of the library, they have agreed with them making a library in the Exeter inn but I will need to discuss at next meeting they are prepared to do all the shelving but we will need to discuss how it will run in regards with the books and renewing the books and such . Kind regards Shirley



Inbox x

AAA - Next Meeting Agenda x

← shirley

to me ▾

14 Jul 2023, 14:56 (5 days ago)



**8 Recreation Ground** inc financial report for June, Graffiti & Open Meeting

**9 Grounds Maintenance** Handyman work, mower repair & weedkiller training

Email from the contractor 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

I have already gained both PA1 and PA6aw certification, which enables me to handle and use pesticides with manual applicators (knapsack sprayers), on land and near water. I believe, the latter is relevant due to the leat which flows next to the cobbles in Thorverton. Those certifications do not expire but I am overdue for refresher training. I've identified a couple of leads to follow up, so I will give you further details as soon as I have them.

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One point worth noting is that refresher training is significantly cheaper than initial training and assessments, which is good news for TPC and I!

### **10 Planning & Consultations**

#### **10.1 Thorverton Football Club s106 Application for Wooden Trunking**

Email from TFC Secretary, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

It has been on my to do list to obtain a quote for someone to build a wooden trunk to ensure the netting behind the goal at the Rec is raised from the ground to protect the hedgehogs. It took me a while but I have finally obtained a quote, which is attached.

Please would you ask the parish council if they will support the football club in using part of the S106 funding for this. I am happy for the rest of the funding to go towards play equipment. If the parish council are happy to support us in this, I will work out how to make a claim.

**10.2 [23/00868/FULL](#) Lynch Farm NGR 291685 102420**

Erection of Roof for Covered Yard

**10.3 [23/00865/CAT](#) 3 Dark Lane Intention to Fell 12 Leylandii Trees**

## **11 Correspondence**

### **11.1 Bench for Bullens Close**

Email from resident 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

I write on behalf of 'Focus on Thorverton', the monthly magazine published for the village and surrounding area. One of the magazine's remits is to use its 'grants fund' for the benefit of suitably worthy purposes.

An approach has been received suggesting the installation of a bench to be placed on the grass area at the northern end of Bullens Close, Thorverton. The existing bench is very badly weathered, not helped by its location under a tree from which birds assist in the weathering process. It is certainly not inviting for any potential user and seems never to be used.

The proposal is to situate a new bench, made from recycled material, just to the east of the tree, offering a fine southerly view along the length of Bullens Close and its well cared for gardens.

**The purpose of this message is to seek permission to install the bench as described.**

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If permission is granted the bench will be placed on concrete slabs to enable the surrounds to be kept neat and tidy. Installation would be carried out by local residents.

I trust you will grant permission as this will benefit the large number older residents in the immediate area, as well as those who enjoy a walk around Thorverton.

### **11.2 Mid-Devon Walking Festival 14-29 September 2023**

Email from MDDC Economic Development & Regeneration circulated 19<sup>th</sup> July

We are reaching out to identify organisations who would like to get involved in a number of ways:

- a) Do you have a Parish Paths Partnership which could engage in this festival? If you do, please forward my email to them.
- b) Does your organisation co-ordinate / organise guided walks in your area? If yes, would you be willing to put one or two walks on during 14<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024? We will create a programme of walks across the district to promote.
- c) Do you have any circular walks we can promote on our Visit Mid Devon website (especially if they support a local business e.g. accommodation / eatery en route) - <https://www.visitmiddevon.co.uk/walking-routes/> . Please send through the details and we will plot and promote the walk for individuals to do.
- d) Advertise the festival locally through your networks and communication channels (we will send out information during the build-up)
- e) Let your tourism businesses know about this festival

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- f) If you have routes you would like us to promote, during the next 12 months, please can you assess your route and work with the land owners to ensure they are useable e.g. way markers & finger posts are visible / readable, do any stiles need repairing? Log a request with your Rights of Way Warden to ensure networks are useable.
- g) Let us know about any events suitable for tourists to attend which take place during the two weeks.

## **12 Council Orders and Policies**

### **12.1 Standing Orders**

Review of [Standing Orders](#) and approval

### **12.2 Risk Management**

Review of [Cllr Wills and Cllr Price's draft changes](#) and approval

### **12.3 Plans for Further Reviews**

Next policies to be reviewed.

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### **13 Finance**

**13.1 Bank balance** £ 57,073.56 (30th June 2023)

**13.2 Cheque Signatories to the Parish Council account**

**13.3 Quarter One Budget Review** – postponed to September

**13.3 Payments** To consider the following payments:

<b>13.3.1 MDDC Garage Direct Debit for August</b>	<b>£ 55.68</b>
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<b>13.3.2 Grounds Maintenance Invs BF20230121</b>	<b>£ 374.74</b>
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<b>13.3.3 Payroll Services Quarter to 5th July 2023</b>	<b>£ 61.14</b>
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<b>13.3.4 Push Mower Repairs</b>	<b>£ 200.00</b>
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<b>13.3.5 J P Roberts Clerk pay for June</b>	<b>£ 425.69</b>
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<b>Reimbursements Materials for Rec Noticeboard</b>	<b>£ 26.00</b>
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### **14 Business at the Chairman's Discretion**

**Items for Information Only No decision making during this item.**

### **15 Next Meeting Tuesday 12th September 2023**