

Thorverton Parish Council

Additional Information for the meeting on 11th June 2024

- 1 Public Open Session** - 5 minutes maximum per speaker
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations relating to items on this agenda
- 3 Apologies**
To consider any apologies for absence
- 4 Minutes** To approve the meeting minutes [14th May 2024](#)

5 External Reports

To receive reports from:

5.1 County Cllr Squires incl 5.1.1 Parking in School Lane Parishioner email (see Parking Advice 31 May 18:11)

I have an ongoing problem with a wall that runs along side the road at school lane. This wall is protected by slightly over hanging tiles to protect it from the rain.

Opposite there is a low wall with a hedge above along side the road which is the schools boundary. The problem arises when parents, teachers, visitors often park along side this hedge. There is nothing to say they cannot.

As tractors have increased in size and many lorry's travel along school lane the tiles on the wall are being continually knocked or broken off due to lack of space trying to squeeze past the cars especially on the higher wall. Many a time has my daughter has ran out to get the number plates so as to contact the companies responsible. One parent even took a photo of it happening, once school staff did tell me who they had seen knock the tiles. I have been in touch with the school asking for help but have not heard back as yet. Another time we did I try the highways but no good.

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I am finding it very stressful and frustrating that this keeps happening.

Cllr Shelton's comments

Just to advise that many years ago there were zig zag lines where the cars now park, to prevent this very thing happening. I know parking is an issue in the village however feel these should be reinstated, especially as there is parking offered at the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Squires advice

My thought is that yellow lines on the school side of the road would mean the cars would park along beside your wall. If you are happy with this suggestion and the Parish Council agrees, they can put in a request to me and I can put it forward to be included in the annual waiting restriction program. This in turn would be considered by the HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee).

It is quite a long process and it needs to be agreed and put forward by the Parish Council.

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5.2 District Cllr Roberts

5.3 Saturday Market

6 Grant Giving

6.1 Donation to the Lads' Wall Project

6.2 Donation for Churchyard maintenance

6.3 Donation to the Royal British Legion

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7 Project Affordable Housing

There have been two major developments in the last month, plus a bit of not-such-good-news.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the CLT and the Church Commissioners was signed off and in the same week it was confirmed that Thorverton Community Land Trust had been incorporated with the FCA. These are both significant steps forward and give the whole project a real sense of potential success. Council should note that the TCLT has written into its constitution that one place on the Board is reserved for a member of Thorverton Parish Council.

However, one major bid for funding has been shelved due to the General Election and we have no choice but to wait for a new Government to be installed.

The website is now fully functioning and is updated on a regular basis; Cllrs are encouraged to use this for more info.

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Community Land Trust Insurance

Email from CLT Network

Re. insurance - it is possible to join the cover mid-way through the membership year (we will pro-rata the cost accordingly). Insurance cover for this membership year is £210, so if you were to take it out from now, the cost would be £175. You can find out more about it here: <https://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/membership/member-services/> - please let me know if you'd like to go ahead.

8 Recreation Ground

8.1 Financial Report for April & May

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8.2 Access for Builders

Email from a neighbouring property

As *[the builder]* only needs a day or 2 to complete the works on that elevation he suggested the safest and least disruptive way to get these works completed quickly would be to work off a small cherry picker access lift. In order to do this we would need to use the gate at the far end of the football pitch by the play area

Would you be able to confirm that you are the correct person to approach to get permission to do this? Bry did say there was a meeting next week so best to message you now so it can be discussed by the relevant parties

Aim is to do the work week commencing 17th June and would only do it in dry weather to avoid any damage to the ground (to the side of the pitch).

Email from Thorverton FC Secretary

Absolutely fine from my perspective. There is plenty of space behind the goal posts for a cherry picker to safely work.

8.3 Lottery Funding bid Warden

9 Grounds Maintenance

9.1 Parishioner Concerns

Email from Cllr Uglow

I have been approached by a parishioner who is concerned by the lack of maintenance in areas of the village. Weeds, overgrown hedges. Can this go on the agenda please, some I think our village tidy and/or handyman could help with but some i believe are private.

9.2 Contractor Work for the month

9.3 Village Tidy-Up Day Postponed from March due to poor weather

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10 Planning & Consultations

10.1 [24/1034/DOC](#) Haynes Barton, Upton Pyne Discharge of conds 4 & 5

10.2 [24/00756/FULL](#) Chilton Gate Kennels Bickleigh Conv to 8 dwellings

10.3 East Devon Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

Email from East Devon District Council

The consultation relates to a range of specific topics ... :

- New housing and mixed use site allocations

- New employment site allocations

- Methodology for calculating Designated Neighbourhood Area Housing

Requirement Figures

- Clyst Valley Regional Park boundary

- Coastal Preservation Area boundaries

- Green wedge boundaries

- Town centre retail area boundaries

Deadline 5pm Thurs 27th June

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10.4 Drop in Surgeries for Waste & Recycling

Email from MDDC Head of People, Performance and Waste

Just a reminder about the our drop in surgeries being run at Carlu on the 19 and 26 June between 3pm and 5pm to discuss challenges and issues in relation to Waste and Recycling as well as Environment Enforcement (more detail below in the previous email I sent out on the 22 May).

11 Correspondence Allotments State of plots 4, 21 and 22

Email from a parishioner

I have photographed the three plots which I brought to the Council's attention in April as being in a poor state of management. I am aware that it was left with the clerk to take action, but am not sure what action was taken.

Plots 21 and 22 were so overgrown that I had some difficulty even finding their plot numbers from under the grass.

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Under the Allotment Rules (published on the Parish Council's website), plots which have not been kept in good condition could be recovered by the Parish Council and then let to new tenants. Unless action was taken by the clerk to preclude this action, my view is that these plots remain in poor condition and should be let to others on the waiting list.



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12 Allocation of Working Group Roles

Responsibilities

Focus – Cllr Foster

School– Cllr Price

Social Media – Parish Clerk

Raddon Group – Cllr Foster

Memorial Hall – *Cllr Wills*

Recreation Ground – Cllr Sims

Highways/Footpaths – Cllr Nightingale
& *Cllr Heaven-Roberts*

Speedwatch – Cllr Sims & Hodge

Allotments – Mr Neville Lane

Snow Warden – Cllr Marshall

CLT Board Councillor

Working Groups

New Cemetery – Cllr Hodge, Cllr

Uglow, Mr S Fice, Mr N Bright & Mr M
Ayre

Staffing – Cllr Foster, Cllr Price

Planning & s106 Funding

– Cllr Crang, *Cllr Wills*

Grant Giving – Cllr Hodge & Cllr
Marshall

Village Leats – Cllr Crang

Barliabins – Cllrs Uglow, Cllr Marshall,
Mrs Wills & Mr Sanders

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13 Finance

13.1 Bank balance £ 68,911.57

13.3 Payment to J P Roberts - clerk pay, (May) £ 456.89

14 Business at the Chairman's Discretion

Items for Information Only No decision making during this item.

15 Next Meeting Tuesday 9th July 2024