

# Thimbleby Parish Council Newsletter, Spring 2020

Your Parish Council was returned to office in May 2019. Your councillors are:

**Mark Jamieson (Chair)** Has been a Thimbleby resident for five years having moved back to Lincolnshire. In his spare time Mark enjoys gardening and is getting to grips with bee-keeping.

**Ann Doody (Vice Chair)** Ann moved to Thimbleby in 2016. She works part time, in occupational health. She also volunteers at Gunby Hall, works in schools, to promote reading for pleasure, and sings with Horncastle Community Choir.

**Elaine Barratt** Elaine came to Thimbleby nearly 30 years ago. She works as a Civil Servant at a local RAF base. She is on both the Village Hall Committee and Church Council. She is a Guide leader, enjoys walking and gardening.

**Paul Devlin** Paul retired to Thimbleby in 2013. He is the Finance portfolio holder for the Parish Council. He is a Church Warden for St Margaret's Church. He enjoys playing golf and is interested in History.

**Martin Doody** Martin is Footpaths, Trees and Environment portfolio holder for the Parish Council. He is also co-ordinator for Community Speedwatch. In his spare time, he walks his two dogs and escapes to his workshop!

The Parish Council can be contacted via our Clerk, Christine Newton – email [parishclerk9@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk9@gmail.com) or phone **01790 753364**.

Information relating to Thimbleby Parish Council meetings can be found at:

[www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Thimbleby/](http://www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Thimbleby/)

The above website includes agendas, minutes and dates of forthcoming meetings which can also be found on the village noticeboards. We generally hold bi-monthly meetings and you are always welcome to attend these.

In addition, we hold an **Annual Parish Meeting** which this year will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Village Hall, @ 7.00pm** **All are welcome to attend** especially as this is your opportunity to discuss ideas you may have for our village; the Council will take its direction from residents.

## **What Have We Been Up To.....?**

As new councilors a number of us have commenced our roles by attending training courses. We have also ensured that there are policies and procedures in place to support the effective running of the Council.

We have set the Parish Precept which forms part of your Council Tax Bill. This year part of our focus will be on the maintenance of village assets such as the bus shelters, benches and noticeboards.

At a more practical level we have been raising concerns regarding drainage, including blocked drains, we hope these will be addressed by Highways.

We are also working with Beeswax Dyson to forge closer links with those working in our community and we have invited them to attend our **Annual Parish Meeting** to talk about their work and later in the year we plan to have a farm walk.

Community Speedwatch, whose equipment was funded by the Parish Council have been running successful sessions over the past year. If you wish to get involved, you'd be very welcome, full training is provided.

**Please do join us at one of our future meetings, we'd love to meet you!**

**Annual Parish Meeting,  
Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, Village  
Hall @7pm**

**Ideas, Comments I would like to  
raise.....**

We look forward to welcoming you to *any* of our meetings, alternatively please send any suggestions or comments to [parishclerk9@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk9@gmail.com)