

Thimbleby Parish Council Newsletter, Winter 2022

Your Parish Councillors:

Mark Jamieson (Chair)

Elaine Barrett

Ann Doody

Martin Doody

**Vacancy – could this be
YOU?**

We have a **vacancy** on the Council, and we would love to hear from any resident who is keen to “make a difference”; the work of a Councillor is challenging, time consuming and entirely voluntary. However, it is also extremely rewarding if you are interested in joining us do make contact and we will be happy to chat informally about the role.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Residents continue to contact the Parish Council with concerns regarding speeding traffic.

Community Speedwatch, operated independently from the Council, remains the most effective method to calm speeding traffic and we urgently need more volunteers if we are to make an impact.

Purchasing a **SID**, speed indicator device, is part of the Speedwatch programme. It is also reliant on volunteer led support.

Without further community engagement the Council will be unable to proceed with purchasing a SID.

A very warm welcome to our new village residents. We hope that you are settling in and enjoying life in Thimbleby.

The Parish Council can be contacted via our Clerk, Christine Newton please email parishclerk9@gmail.com or phone **01790 753364**.

Information relating to Thimbleby Parish Council meetings can be found at: www.thimbleby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

The above website includes agendas, minutes and dates of forthcoming meetings which can also be found on the village noticeboards near The Durham Ox Pub, outside the Village Hall and inside the bus shelter, Harper Garth.

The Parish Council needs your input as to what is important and what improvements you'd like to see for the village and residents. Please do contact us with your views.

What Have We Been Up To?

At our September meeting we clarified our three key priorities to focus on:

- Speeding
- Maintaining Parish Council owned Village Assets
- The Village Hall

Community Speedwatch and Speed Indicator Device

Thank you to volunteers who continue to carry out Community Speedwatch. Speedwatch has been reinstated following Covid restrictions. Thank you to those who have recently attended training sessions, however we still need a larger team of volunteers.

We have begun the process of exploring the costs of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device, SID, for the village. The SID will cost in the region of £1700 - £2000 a very large project to fund from our small community. We know, from feedback we receive, that speeding traffic is a major concern. However, the SID requires ongoing management in terms of charging, relocating, downloading data etc. and to facilitate this we need further volunteers. The management of the SID will be the responsibility of the Speedwatch group, this is entirely independent of the Parish Council consisting of resident volunteers. Please get in touch with Martin Doody if you are interested in being involved in the Community Speedwatch/SID programme for the village. Martin can be contacted via email martin55doody@gmail.com

Highways

The Council arranged for the head of LCC Highways to visit the village back in the autumn. This visit included examining the current state of pavements and footpaths, road signage and hedge maintenance.

The footpath from the church bend towards the Durham Ox will be restored in the coming months.

Ajet have been booked to inspect the drains and, if necessary, tree

roots blocking the drains will be cut as part of their maintenance. Please use the Fix My Street app to report any problems such as fly tipping, blocked culverts, broken pavements, street lighting etc. www.fixmystreet.com

Broadband

We have received an update from the East Lindsey Broadband officer. Thimbleby can expect a broadband upgrade hopefully by Spring, delays have occurred due to the worldwide shortage of silicon. Openreach has also indicated they will be supplying Fibre To Premises FTTP, however we have no detail as to when this is likely to happen. Any rural areas not upgraded by Openreach will be picked up by BDUK's Project Gigabit during the latter part of 2023. We will keep you updated as we hear more!

Dog Fouling and Footpaths

The Parish Council has no jurisdiction for keeping footpaths free from fouling, but we are aware of this issue particularly in the fields between Chapel Lane and beyond the parish to Langton. Bins are provided in the village for dog walker's rubbish. Dog fouling should be reported to the East Lindsey environmental crime officer via www.e-lindsey.gov.uk

Once this current wet spell has passed the footpath at the back of Harper Garth towards Edlington will be reinstated by Dyson Farming.

Bus Shelters and Village Hall Pump

The bus shelter near Harper Garth was restored with a brand-new roof, paintwork and fascia back in the summer. The bus shelter on the Main Road also had its roof repaired in the summer. The Village Hall Pump work, which was delayed last year, is due to be carried out in the spring.

Old Methodist Chapel

LCC has been contacted regarding the waste in Chapel Lane from the demolished chapel. We are awaiting further information from the enforcement officer.

Planning

The Parish Council is invited to comment on planning applications received. We objected to the holiday lodge development at Thimbleby Lakes, but it was passed by planning at LCC.

Date for Your Diary:

Please join us at one of our future meetings.

Our next annual parish meeting provides an opportunity to make your voice heard.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 12th May @6.30pm – Village Hall, Thimbleby

We look forward to welcoming you to **any** of our meetings, alternatively please send any suggestions or comments to parishclerk9@gmail.com