

Thimbleby Parish Council 2019 Chairman's Report.

The past year has been a little less hectic for myself and the other Councillors after the previous two years dominated by planning issues.

It has been extremely frustrating for myself that small repair and maintenance jobs, the blocked gullies, pothole repair and collapsing manhole covers are still outstanding for repair even after two or more years. For example the gullies along the Village were not cleared until late March 2019 despite two phone calls by myself in early November 2018. The result of this is blocked pipes between the gullies caused by rotting leaves and dirt means that the pipes will now require rotting to clear them. This is poor use and false economy of Parishes Council Tax.

A group of villagers, concerned about speeding cars and motorcycles within the 30 mph zone, have been ~~the~~ trained to operate a hand held speed gun. The Parish Council voted to fund the purchase of the equipment required to operate the device. This is in addition to the Police who are often seen in the Village with the camera Van.

The Roadside verges and grass on the Church corner have been kept tidy by

Mr. Hall from Hordley. Last year he completed
Six cabs throughout the season for a reasonable
price, This helps to raise the profile of
the village both for local Residents and the
wider public visiting Thimbleby.

The completion of the repair and rebuilding
of the Tower and Spire of St. Margarets
Church is a great lift to the appearance
of the Village. Although this is only the first
phase of work required to repair the stonework,
many people have passed favourable comments
about how good the building now looks. As
Villagers are aware the Parish Council
gives an annual donation towards the
upkeep of the Churchyard and our thanks
go to Keith Harmer for all the work
he has done in keeping the grass and
trees tidy.

As this is my last year as Chairman
of Thimbleby Parish Council, I have held
the position for nine years, I must take
the opportunity to thank everyone for their
support.

Firstly I would like to thank our Eard
Ladrey District Councillors for all their
assistance. I particularly owe thanks to
them for the Financial assistance given towards
the maintenance and painting of the Bus Stops
and the Village Pump.

Secondly I would like to thank my
fellow Parish Councillors for their help and
friendship. We have had some awkward

Subscribers be dead with over the years
and without the help and support the role as
Chairman would have been much harder.

Finally my thanks go to Chris our Clerk
She is very efficient with her work for
the Village, even though she has a very
busy life. When she took over as Clerk
at Thimbleby the finances were in a mess
and the Auditors ~~to~~ were very concerned
as no financial Return had been submitted
for two years. Today the finances are
in good shape and the Council runs
smoothly.

I therefore believe that now is a
good time to retire from my position
as Chairman and allow another Resident
to pick up the baton and take the Parish
Council forward.

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