

THORNLEY WITH WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL 14 NOVEMBER 2022

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Speed Management Pack

Subsequent to the receipt of the Speed Management Pack from LCC Road Safety Team, which included a Slow Down Save Lives Banner and a roll of Slow Down Save Lives stickers Councils had been notified that the stickers should only be placed on wheelie bins and if they had been placed otherwise they should be removed. More recently the Council had been informed by RVBC that the siting of the banner required advertisement consent from RVBC. Parishes, therefore, had 3 options

- a) Put the banner up for a day every now and then and take it down in-between
- b) Keep it up and pay £462 for advertisement consent to use it
- c) Only use the stickers

2. Overview of the Road Safety Meeting

The email from the Partnership Officer containing the overview of the recently held Road Safety Meeting had been forwarded to Councillors on 7 October 2022. Many attenders had been interested in the process to reduce speed limits. The Director of Highways at Lancashire County Council had asked that Parishes gather data and the Highways Team would complete a safety audit assessing the speed through the area.

3. Japanese Knotweed

The Parish Council had received emails from Members of the Parish raising their concerns regarding the sighting of Japanese Knotweed on public and private land in Thornley. The Council had notified the Highways Authority regarding the Knotweed seen in public verges/hedgerows on Four Acre Lane and had been informed it would be investigated.

There was no requirement to report Knotweed on private land as it is not a notifiable plant. However, the Landowner has responsibility to prevent Knotweed from spreading to neighbouring land or into the wild.

This issue has been put on the Agenda at the Chairman's request in order to report back on the response from Highways regarding their findings.

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Clerk to Parish Council