

THORNLEY WITH WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL 13 NOVEMBER 2023

CLERK'S REPORT

1. I reported the collapsed wall/barriers on the roadway across from Meg Hall on Forty Acre Lane to Lancashire County Council Highways Authority. I received the following response

“Thank you for reporting this to Lancashire County Council. It has been assessed by our inspector and identified that this is not part of the Lancashire County Council highway so no further action will be undertaken.”

2. I received an email from LALC inviting the PC to take part in a new national data collection on the 2023 local elections. They were seeking one response per Council from either the Clerk or the Chair of the Council. The questions related to the following; how local councils were supported to run the election, which support helps most, how councils encourage potential candidates to stand for election, how successful different approaches are and the processes used to co-opt additional councillors. There were multi-option answers to select from. As I probably had the most involvement in the local election process and the deadline was 6 October, I completed the survey on behalf of our PC.
3. I previously forwarded the email from the Partnership Development Team regarding the Lancashire wide walking and travel survey which offered the opportunity to Councillors and residents to have their say on the proposed walking and cycling routes in our area. The survey was running until 24 October. I also posted details on the PC's website.
4. Councillors had been forwarded an email from RVBC which had attached a series of slides presented at the September meeting of the PCLC regarding “An introduction to the new Places in Lancashire and South Cumbria and the Lancashire Place journey to date”. The email also included a link to the Rural England Prosperity Fund.
5. We have been notified via LALC that PKF (External auditors) have drawn attention to a change in the Practitioners' Guide which is **mandatory for the 2023/2024 period**. It relates to the requirements in relation to Assertion 3 and states “Email management – every authority should have an email account that belongs to the council and to which the council has access – this ideally would be a .gov.uk or .org.uk address or could be an address linked to the council website”. In order to be able to respond “yes” to Assertion 3 the authority should ensure that it has an email address that complies with this requirement and if it does not it should do so urgently.

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Parish Clerk