

THORNLEY WITH WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL 10 NOVEMBER 2025

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Communications

- a) The PC has received an email from RVBC encouraging residents and groups to have their say on the future of local Government in Lancashire. The email was forwarded to Councillors suggesting they take part in the survey. I completed the survey with my own views.
- b) An email invite from Lancashire County Council regarding the Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference to be held on 1 November has been forwarded to Councillors.
- c) An email from Licensing at Ribble Valley has been forwarded to Councillors regarding the Consultation on Revised Licensing Policy Statement 2026-2031.
- d) The press release calling for nominations of Lancashire Voluntary Groups for the prestigious King's Award has been forwarded to Councillors for their consideration details have also been posted on the Website.
- e) Notification has been received from Forest of Bowland National Landscape to say the plaque for the landmark tree was now available and suggesting a photo opportunity but there is some concern about the spikes on the tree guard. The Chairman has now placed rubber caps on the spikes to make them safe and a rubber spacer has been added to the tree strap to prevent it from rubbing against the post. Unfortunately, the tree has suffered from the extreme weather conditions this Summer and is not looking at its best but will recover next Spring. The Project Officer was informed of the current situation and will now post out the plaque to the PC.
- f) I forwarded a link to a Lancs Live report regarding funding available from the Ribble Valley Shared Prosperity Fund to Councillors. The report indicated that it was being recommended that Thornley Community Space receives £56,000 to upgrade the heating system at Thornley Old School. The Policy and Finance Committee is being asked to formally approve the recommendations. Any update will be provided at the PC meeting.
- g) The message from LCC regarding a new enquiries system at LCC has been forwarded to Councillors to give them the opportunity to register for an account which will make it easier for them to raise issues and support residents.
- h) A letter with enclosures has been received from LCC confirming the following Order
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Part 111 Lancashire County Council
Addition of Restricted Byway Along Old Clay Lane, Longridge and Deletion of Footpath Definitive Map Modification Order 2025. Details attached to this report and the Public Notice has been displayed on the PC's noticeboard.
- i) The invitation from LALC regarding the Martyn's Law webinar (Teams) on 21 October 2025 was forwarded to Councillors.

- j) An email from Ribble Valley Borough Council was forwarded to Councillors which gives them the opportunity to submit their views on proposed improvements to Clitheroe Castle grounds.
 - k) An email regarding taking part in the consultation on the Local Transport Plan was forwarded to Councillors.
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- 2. A Clerks Circle – Ribble Valley WhatsApp group has been set up with membership offered to all parish and town clerks in the Ribble Valley. I have joined the Group.
 - 3. B4RN have completed their section of the Wayleave Agreement and a final copy has been received by the PC.
 - 4. An email was received from a member of the public suggesting that the PC considers housing a defibrillator in the redundant telephone box at the junction of Hesketh Lane. I responded explaining that the box was actually situated within Chipping Parish and that there was a defibrillator situated on the wall at Little Town Farm Shop and Café should one be needed.
 - 5. The PC together with other local PCs was invited to attend a meeting hosted by Longridge Town Council to consider the Local Government Reorganisation. The PC was well represented at the meeting.

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Parish Clerk