

Chairmans report

Our parish council has met on 7 occasions within the past year with three visits to the village hall in Thornton Le Street and four meetings at Thief Hall in Thornton Le Moor.

Our councillors have continued to support our area with their time and passion and I would like to thank our fellow representatives Bill Stockdale our vice chair, Roosje Barr and most importantly our Clerk Debbie Robson whose expertise and dedication are vital to the workings of our village council. We thank Peter Pybus for his years of work within the parish as we sadly saw him resign this year. As a grateful gesture to Peter and extra appreciation he was awarded the Denis Sturdy Award for service to the village.

Of course the difficult news hit in September last year when we heard the sudden news of losing a True Gentleman and good friend to many of us, not to mention an incredible support to our parish in Bob Baker. We cannot thank Alison enough for continuing her work with us through what must have been the most difficult of times. The Service on the 6th October last year was a true reflection of how much Bob touched so many in our area and he will always be remembered.

Other positive work that has been carried out this year includes a refurbishment of the Thornton Le Moor village benches and the completion of the footbridge behind Thornton Le Moor on the footpath.

Thank you to Debbie and Roosje for the training they have attended in May, November and April to stay up to date with procedures, financial and planning policies.

Sadly we continue to have issues with The Black Swan Pub which echo's last years report and tidying this part of Thornton Le Moor up is still a priority for this village and the concerns of Church Farm planning applications continue to be a worry for Thornton Le Street as they continue to submit new plans.

A huge thank you to John Pinches for stepping up to join us on the Parish Council and we also send out a plea to our two communities if anyone would like to join us to make a difference to your village and support the parish to please come forward as there are seats awaiting.

We will now hear from our community organisations about their activities but first I would like to pass on our thanks to the Trustees of Thornton Le Street Village Hall for the use of their facilities and with my Thief Hall hat on I would like to thank our fellow members for continuing to use Thief Hall as we really appreciate the collaboration we have with the village as a business in the area.