

## Repair To Footpath On School Lane

Following reports from Parish Councillors on the state of parts of the footpath on School Lane, the County Council highways department made a comprehensive repair of one section, which is a great improvement. The contractor left some debris but once notified of this highways staff removed it promptly.

## Other Highways Issues

Residents are encouraged to report any issues with signs and road markings using the 'MyCleanStreets' app, and to report any accidents, near accidents, mobile phone use, excessive speed and so on, to the police, with photos if possible. If there are regular incidents of nuisance or dangerous driving, they can contact the police directly either by the non-emergency telephone number 101, or on the Lancashire Constabulary 'Do It Online' webpage with a record of the registration numbers of the vehicles.

Road safety issues can also be reported to:

Lancashire Road Safety Partnership – Making Lancashire's Roads Safer  
([lancroadsafety.co.uk](http://lancroadsafety.co.uk))

The public can report any highways issue using the link below or by phoning Highways on (0300) 1236780. All potholes and other highway issues can also be reported via the Highways online reporting system.  
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>

## Lancaster Port Commission

The Parish Council has been liaising with the port commission about several issues including HGV traffic movement in Glasson Dock. It is anticipated that all concerns raised will be brought up at the next liaison meeting which will take place in March.

## Dog Fouling

The Parish Council are aware that this is an issue around the Parish and would ask residents and visitors to clean up after their dogs. To report incidents of dog fouling, please contact Lancaster City Council dog wardens:  
<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/environmental-health/dog-warden-service/dog-fouling>

## Luneside Trail (Glasson Dock To Conder Green)

Walkers and cyclists on the Luneside trail between Conder Green and Glasson Dock have really appreciated the work done by the County Council to improve the surface. The Parish Council had communicated concerns about the deep indentations on this track which regularly filled with water. The new surface is beautifully smooth and level. We have noticed some problems with weeds coming through the surface and the county council team involved in this upgrade will deal with these weeds as the weather improves.



## Proposed Bus Shelter In Glasson Dock

After a great deal of work with landowners and with Lancashire County Council highways and bus shelter staff we are as yet unable to find a site for a bus shelter in the centre of Glasson Dock. The footpath where the current lower bus stop is located is not adopted and belongs to AquaVista. Land behind it is leased to a catering business which does not wish to have a bus shelter close to its seating area. Canal and River Trust, who own the Lock garden area, do not want a bus shelter closer to the swing bridge, and are cautious about work on the scheduled monument. AquaVista have been very helpful and have offered alternative sites which have turned out to be unsuitable. Unless further progress is made the Parish Council will consider whether it should withdraw from planning for a bus shelter in a full discussion at its March meeting.



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# THURNHAM with GLASSON PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter - Winter 2022/23

## Parish Council Meeting Dates For 2023

Parish Council meetings take place at Glasson Dock on a Monday starting at 7pm. The March meeting each year will be held at Thurnham Institute.

Dates for 2023 are: **March 13th**, **May 15th** (which includes the AGM & Annual Parish assembly), **June 12th**, **July 10th**, **Sept 11th**, **Oct 9th** & **Nov 13th**. (when the precept is discussed).



## Speed Limits And Tractors On The A588

The Parish Council held a third meeting with Lancashire Road Safety Partnership Chair and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Andrew Pratt in October 2022, which was attended by residents from Thurnham and by City Councillor Sally Maddocks. A great many issues to do with the speed of traffic in Thurnham were raised and it was made clear that the new 50 mph limit with speed cameras was the preferred way forward for the County Council. Residents were encouraged to display signs urging drivers to slow down. Mr Pratt subsequently arranged for signs saying 'Slow down, save lives' to be made available to residents, who installed them. The 50 mph speed limit signs have now been installed on the A588.

At the October meeting there was also discussion of tractor speeds and the condition of the white line markings on the road. The County Council highways department has written to farmers about tractor damage on the A588 and have said that they may be subject to further action if the problem persists. Damaged white lines have again been reported to the highways department by the Parish Council following the January 2023 Parish Council meeting.

## Environment Agency

The Parish Council has raised a number of issues with the Environment Agency and an agreement has been reached that these are recorded on the EA's issues and actions log where they are tracked, and that updates will be provided. Two key issues are the flooding at Jansen's Pool, which is the result of a poor repair of the outfall by the EA in 2016, and the sea wall from Crook Farm to Cockersands Abbey. The Parish Council has raised these on several occasions with the Environment Agency and has asked the EA to confirm a start date for work which is due to start in spring 2023.

## Councillor Resignation

Cllr Beverley Lamb resigned from the Parish Council in January. The Parish Council would like to extend their thanks for all her contribution and hard work. She will be greatly missed as an extremely committed parish councillor keeping the issues affecting Thurnham and rural areas high on the parish agenda. The Parish Council would like to have a new councillor who lives in Thurnham to make sure that Councillor Lamb's work is carried on. Anyone interested in finding out what is involved should contact the chair, Councillor Mary Smyth or the clerk, Melanie Harben.

## Glasson Dock Car Park

AquaVista owns the large car park in Glasson Dock, and as residents and visitors will know, they installed a parking system there which required the use of an app on a smart phone. When this was first raised the Parish Council pointed out that it would not be suitable for many users of the car park, and indeed it was not. Following discussion with AquaVista, with strong support from our local City and County Councillors, it was agreed that a contactless payment system should be introduced and a contactless payment system was installed in November 2022. The Parish Council is very grateful to AquaVista for listening to the many voices raised in complaint about the previous system and then responding in such a positive way.



Parish Cllr. David McGrath, Parish Cllr. Mary Smyth, David Lewis (AquaVista) and Lancaster City Cllr. Sally Maddocks

## Lengthsman And Grounds Maintenance

The Parish Lengthsman, Edward Tostevin, continues to maintain areas around the parish. Particular attention has been paid to the two areas at Saltcotes outside Glasson Dock. After wild flowers have set seed in early summer the grass areas near the road are cut to allow good sight lines and to provide clear access within the ponds area. Around the east pond and at the back of the pond area the land is left wild as a resource for wildlife. Following an initiative from Glasson Action Partnership in relation to the 'plant a tree for the Jubilee' scheme the Parish Council has planted eight small trees on the river side at Saltcote. These are native species with some, such as bird cherry and viburnum opulus, intended to have blossom followed by fruit which is useful for wildlife. AquaVista marina has kindly donated a life ring for the Saltcote ponds area. The ponds are approximately 3 feet deep but care should always be taken around water. In addition, a 'Deep Water' warning sign is to be displayed.



## Canal And River Trust

The Parish Council has a signed maintenance agreement with the Canal and River Trust regarding the Lock Garden in the centre of Glasson. This garden, with its cheerful flower bed, is looked after by the Parish Council, led by Councillor David McGrath, and by the parish lengthsman, Edward Tostevin. Canal and River Trust are responsible for the walls of the marina and canal. Their volunteer team and one volunteer from the Parish Council, have cut down trees growing in the marina wall in the Lock Garden and along the lower parts of the canal. The Parish Council is very grateful for this work and looks forward to developing links with the C.&R.T. volunteer team on future projects.

## Community Emergency Plan

The Parish Council has been liaising with the Environment Agency and the City Council over the community emergency plan for the parish, which is a part of the City Council's planning for civil contingencies. Councillor Alison Stevenson has been working with a group of neighbourly responders across the parish who have agreed to check on neighbours if necessary in the event of a flood, power cut, or other emergency. The Village Halls in Glasson and Thurnham will operate as safe places should they be needed and there is now a set of emergency equipment in each hall, one kindly provided by the Environment Agency and one by the Parish Council. A meeting was held in Glasson Village Hall on 18th January 2023 but was unfortunately affected by icy weather.

We could do with more volunteer 'Responders'. If you are willing to be of help (nothing beyond checking that people are safe and reporting otherwise), or would like more information, please contact Councillor Stevenson (07979571352). The plan can be found here: <https://www.thurnhamwithglassonparishcouncil> (Home) View government maintenance plan online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-and-coastal-maintenance-programme> Check your flood risk at: <https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>

## Public Rights Of Way

We have succeeded in obtaining a number of items from Lancashire County Council stores – all the way from metal kissing gates, through footpath signs, to plastic waymarking discs. The work has now commenced and should be completed over the coming months; this work is being paid for from the annual L.C.C. grant for Public Rights of Way work. This will be an ongoing process as more sites are identified and additional stores requested.



## Litter Picking

Parish councillors undertook a small litter pick on School Lane in January 2023 and are planning a larger litter pick in March 2023. While details will not be available until after the March Parish Council meeting, volunteers to help with a litter pick would be welcomed and would allow a greater area to be covered. All volunteers have to be registered with the Parish Council for insurance purposes. If members of the public would like to have further information and to be kept in touch about the plans for March, they should contact the clerk.

## South Lancaster Area Action Plan

Lancaster City Council has been developing an action plan for the area of South Lancaster designated for growth within the City Council's local plan. This relates mainly to what is known as 'Bailrigg Garden Village' and to the planning process which will be used as developers apply for permission to build up to 3500 houses in this area. Parish Council representatives have been in discussion with the planners and the PC has responded to four of the 6 topic papers which the planners have produced in relation to the area action plan. The Parish Council has emphasised the need to ensure that surface flooding is minimised and there is no additional run off into the River Conder from the new developments; that the road plans should be integrated into the local network, especially in relation to the A588, the A6 and the M6; that HGV movements should be integrated into road planning; and that plans should not prevent people who do not live in the 'Garden Village' from accessing routes into Lancaster. Where the proposed planning constraints on development are concerned the parish council agreed that there should be a high proportion of affordable housing, that the buildings should be low carbon both in construction and in use, and that attention should be paid to wildlife habitats across the area.