



**THORP ARCH**  
PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWS BULLETIN MAY 2021

### Chairman John Richardson Moving On



Chairman John Richardson has resigned his post after 6 years in the role. He has moved out of Thorp Arch and on to pastures new. In this edition we pay tribute to him, summarised here by Vice

Chairman Steve O'Loughlin:

Few will be aware of what being Chairman of the Parish Council entails or how John embraced and executed what at times can be a challenging position. In his time at the Parish Council there have been a huge number of major planning decisions, changes in the PC make up and numerous other issues to resolve.

John was dedicated and hard-working and put a huge effort into getting things done. He always ensured that everyone's views had a hearing.

Despite moving into his and Liz's new home at Christmas, John agreed to stay in position until this May and has overseen a number of projects and planning applications working to ensure the best outcome for the village.

John and Liz have lived in Thorp Arch for 36 years and as they start on their new adventure, they will certainly be missed both in the village and on the PC. We thank him for all his efforts over the years and wish him the very best in his new life chapter.

### New Chairman



Whilst we say goodbye to John Richardson, we welcome new Chairman Nicola Midgely. Nicola has been a Councillor for over a year and is looking forward to her new role:

*I'd like to thank my fellow councillors for putting their faith in me as the new chair of the parish council. We have a great team of councillors and I am looking forward to continuing working with them to improve our local environment and make Thorp Arch a pleasant place to live. One of my key priorities is to develop and implement a plan to spend the community (community Infrastructure Levy) money we will receive from the new housing developments in the village. This will involve consulting everyone in the parish on the best ways to use the money to further improve our village. I am also looking forward to welcoming the residents in the new housing developments built by Chartford Homes and Lovells and continuing to forge good working relationships with other local councils and groups especially the Boston Spa and Villages Green Group.*

## Vacancy Notice

John Richardson's resignation has created a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to get involved with your local community and make decisions for the benefit of your Parish both now and in the future, then please consider joining us. The role is both interesting and rewarding and an opportunity to contribute positively to your community.

Please contact the Clerk for further information, or an informal discussion about the role, or to register your interest: [clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk](mailto:clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk)

## Annual Parish Meeting

This year the Annual Parish Meeting was held remotely on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting reported the work of the PC over the last year through the Chairman's report, a copy of which can be found on the PC website: [www.thorp-arch.org.uk](http://www.thorp-arch.org.uk)

## Housing developments



The Chartford Homes/Homes England application (18/07278/FU) for 26 dwellings continues on site and is currently running over by approximately two months. Completion date will now be in the Summer.

The Homes England/Lovells development Ref: 17/07970 for 119 houses, has now started on site. There are a number of conditions that Lovells will be expected to abide by, and the Parish Council will be monitoring these very carefully to ensure they are delivered.

Any queries or concerns about the development can be forwarded directly to Lovells at: [Nicola.Bailey@lovell.co.uk](mailto:Nicola.Bailey@lovell.co.uk) Tel: 01132022200

## VILLAGE MATTERS

### Christmas Lights Committee

The Parish Council have received a number of requests from residents to increase the amount and style of Christmas lights in the village. We would like to form a small committee of residents along with representatives from the Parish Council and Leeds City Council, to provide a new and exciting seasonal display this Christmas. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council at: [clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk](mailto:clerk@thorp-arch.org.uk)

### Tennis Club

Although the Annual Parish Meeting didn't have representatives from other community groups this year, Neil Brooks from the Tennis club, would like to report that the tennis club is looking very healthy with lots of family members using the court, and a new online booking system in place. The court was given an overhaul last year and is looking in great shape.



The Annual BBQ and tournament is pencilled in for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. If anyone wants to join this year, please contact Neil Brooks on 07960934497.

### Works to the Bridge

Works to the bridge that commenced in the summer of 2020 will now recommence in mid-June, when the contractor will return to continue repairing areas of scour. Please see our website for the further information: [www.thorp-arch.org.uk](http://www.thorp-arch.org.uk)

## COMMUNITY ISSUES

### Anti-social Behaviour

The Parish Council have recently received a number of complaints regarding incidents of anti-social behaviour. Whilst it may be helpful for us to know, it is very important that anyone witnessing anti-social or criminal behaviour reports it directly to the police. For non-urgent issues and to pass on information, call West Yorkshire Police on 101. In an emergency (if a crime is in progress or you think the offenders are nearby), call 999.

The police have advised that individual reports of crime can help to build a picture of criminal activity in an area, making it easier for them to take preventative action. If you see it, report it.

### Police Matters



**WEST YORKSHIRE  
POLICE**

Two crimes reported for March.

Register for a community alert: For daily crime updates in your area please register for community alert. Here you will receive updates about crime in your

area, and crime prevention advice. Please visit [Community Alert](#)

#### Crime Reporting

Please ensure that you report all crimes. For non-urgent issues and to pass on information, call West Yorkshire Police on 101. In an emergency (if a crime is in progress or you think the offenders are nearby), call 999.

Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired people can use textphone 18001 101.

Go to the West Yorkshire Police website - [Police Website](#) Click on the 'Contact us' button and a range of ways to report will appear including the 101 Live Chat System. Or click on the 'Report it' function and numerous types of crime which you can report online will appear.

Contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to speak to a local officer about community issues:

- Email: nel.npt@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- Facebook: [Facebook](#)
- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/WYP\\_LeedsNE](#)

To give information anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Leeds Vaccination Programme

For information about the vaccination programme in Leeds please visit:

[Vaccination Programme](#)

### Lifting of Lockdown Restrictions

The Government has produced a timetable and information about the gradual lifting of restrictions: [Lifting of Restrictions](#)

### Report a Problem

Residents can report a range of problems online to Leeds City Council concerning **potholes, street lighting, dog fouling, blocked drains, footpaths, bridleways, fallen trees and street signs**. Please make a note of the link and report problems directly at:

[Report a Problem](#)

### Newsletter Sign Up



The Parish Council now produce their own electronic Newsletter. This can be accessed via our website: [www.thorp-arch.org.uk](http://www.thorp-arch.org.uk) If you would like to receive the

newsletter and other information directly from the us, then please sign up via the website. The Newsletter sign up box can be found on the Homepage.

### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm 9.00pm. Meeting venue to be confirmed.