

Irnham Parish Council

Update June 2020

We hope this finds you well in these difficult circumstances. As we were unable to hold the planned Annual Parish Meeting we thought it may be helpful to update you on our work so far this year.

Speed Indicator Device

This was installed on the Corby Road about 4 weeks before lock down. We have now removed it to analyse the data and it will then be placed on the Swinstead Road. We are grateful for all the positive comments we have received regarding this project which cost £2500. Our annual income for 2019/20, the Precept, collected through the Council tax was £1500 so you can see we have had to work hard to obtain additional funding to finance the device.

Highways

Cllr Ayre has worked very hard to ensure problems such as potholes, overflowing ditches and the state of roads in the Parish more generally are brought to the attention of Lincolnshire County Council. We have followed up concerns where work has not been completed with our County Councillor Martin Hill. Cllr Hill has informed us that Swinstead Road will have patching this year and resurfacing next year. Irnham Village will have £60K work of patching next year.

Village Gateways

We are acutely aware that we still need to look for further measures to try to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the Parish, particularly Irnham. One measure which was suggested to us and we have been researching is the use of Village Gateways. A Village Gateway helps to make drivers aware they are crossing a threshold and entering a village and research has shown they can help to reduce speeds by 15% to 20%.



David Hall has kindly offered to make these for us at a fraction of the cost of commercially produced gates. A prototype is shown here. We need to work with LCC Highways to obtain permission to place these at the entrances to the villages and would suggest they should have a sign on them displaying the name of the village and a message such as 'Please drive carefully through our village'. We would welcome your views on this project.

Volunteers

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who helps to keep the Parish looking tidy, attractive and a lovely place to live. We are fortunate to have so many people who help with litter collecting, strimming, tidying up, planting, refurbishing and maintaining the 'phone boxes, water pumps etc. as well as keeping our own properties well cared for. If anyone else is able to do a bit of extra litter collecting, strimming or weeding etc. do please have a word with us. SKDC sacks for litter collecting as well as gloves and litter picking sticks are available.

Contact Us

Please let us know your views on the Village Gateways by 20th July. Drop a note through our doors or contact us via the village website www.irnham.org, (Parish Council Contact Form).

Cllrs Trevor Vanson, Amanda Ayre, Jon Crook, Jenny Crow, Lynda Hall.