

# THELBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Resident,

Parish Council meetings are being held using Zoom due to the pandemic (check the website for updates).

Changes recommended by the Local Government Boundary Commission, yet to be finalised, will mean that Thelbridge Parish Council will be in the Morchard ward instead of Sandford and Creedy. Nomansland will continue to be divided between two Mid Devon District Council wards.

## Parish Paths Partnership

We are pleased to announce that as a result of this partnership a replacement finger post has been erected for footpath 14 from the B3042, between Doctor's Corner and Thelbridge Cross, leading to Marchweeke.

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*If you would like to receive agenda by email, please send your email address to [thelbridgepc@gmail.com](mailto:thelbridgepc@gmail.com)*

*If you would like to raise an issue with the Parish Council, please call one of your councillors or email the Parish Clerk (see back page for contact details)*

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## ROAD WARDEN SCHEME

**We are seeking volunteers that are able to help with:**

- Pothole repairs
- Clearing weeds
- Cleaning signs
- Cleaning drainage (gully grating)
- Cutting grass
- Repairing finger posts
- Cutting hedges
- Managing verges for wildlife

**Training would be provided. If you may be interested, please contact the Clerk.**

# Drainage Maintenance Responsibilities

We have received clarification on this matter from the Devon County Council Highways and Traffic Management Group and felt it would be helpful to make this more widely known.

“In the majority of cases, the responsibility for ditch maintenance rests with the adjacent landowner, even if the ditches take water from the highway and local authority funding is being used to undertake works which are, in part, the responsibility of the landowners, reducing the funding available to undertake the works which are our responsibility.

In order to support landowners, and local communities, we are undertaking a programme of communication and education with key stakeholders. Hopefully, as a follow up to the recent display at the Parish and Town Conference you will find the following information and resources useful.

- ◆ A factsheet titled Roads and farmers is produced by Devon County Council and is available here (<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/factsheet/roads-and-farmers/>)

Landowners and occupiers are required, by law, to trim any hedge next to the public highway where the growth is preventing the passage, or affecting the safety, of the highway user.

- ◆ Information regarding overgrown vegetation is available on our website here (<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/maintaining-roads/trees-and-vegetation/overgrown-vegetation/>)”

A diagram on the next page has also been provided.

## TO REPORT HIGHWAY FAULTS

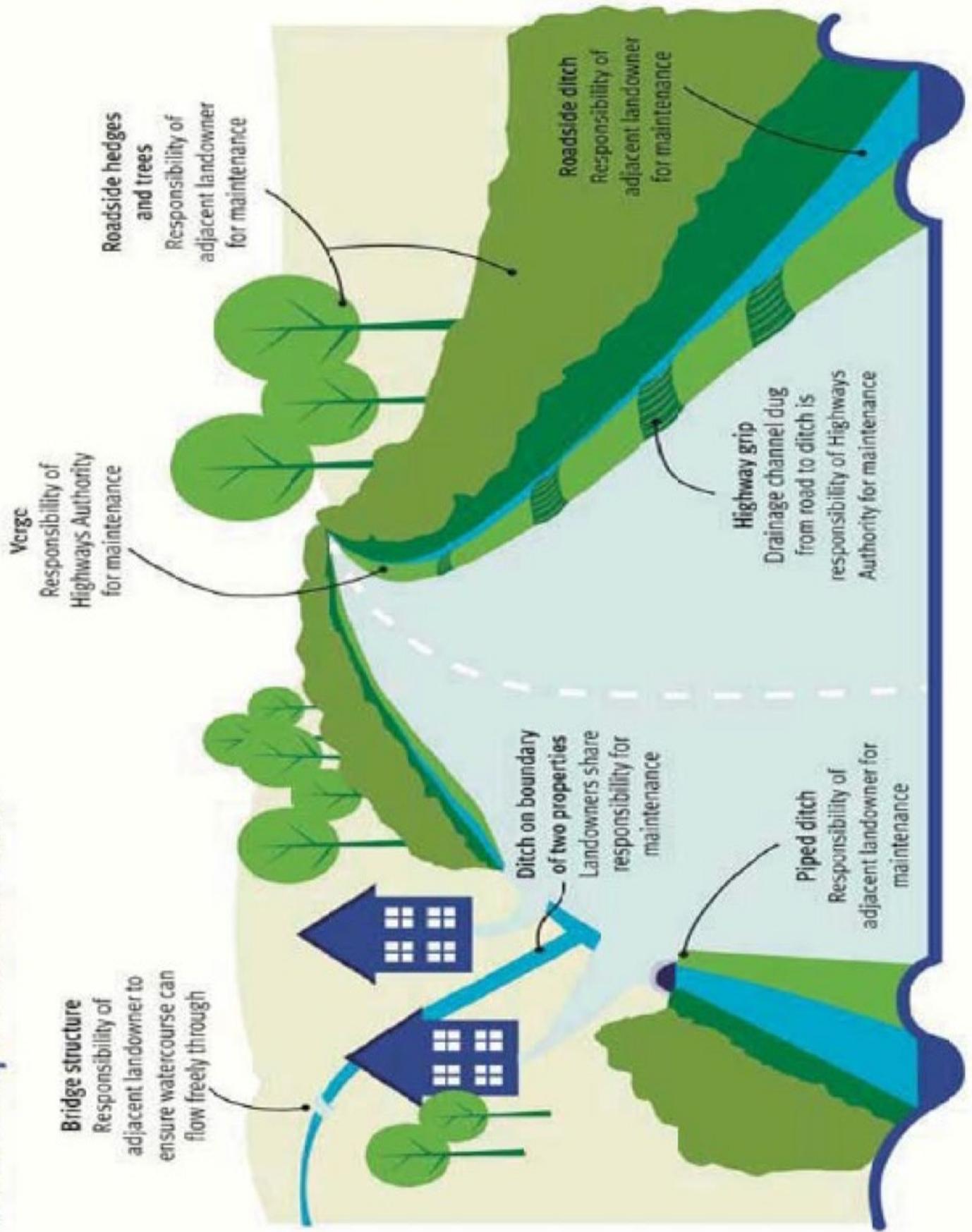
(Potholes, flooding etc.)

Call: 0345 155 1004

Email [customer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk)

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# Who is responsible for what?



## Wind Turbine

The Parish Council has been approached by a community group that are keen to help tackle climate change by installing a wind turbine. The group will be sending you a leaflet providing more information.

## COVID19 Community Support

Whilst infection rates have been relatively low in Devon, in the event of a second lockdown, we would like to compile a list of volunteers who could help support vulnerable members of our community. If you would be willing and able to help please contact the Clerk.

## Isolation & Loneliness

The RVS are developing a volunteer-led initiative across Mid Devon to help reduce loneliness and isolation in older people. The project - known as Community Companions - primary focus is to recruit and train small teams of volunteers to provide companion support to the most isolated within their own communities. The more local the focus the better. If you would like to discuss please contact Rob Jones **Mobile:** [07341778466](tel:07341778466) or **Email:** [Rob.Jones@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:Rob.Jones@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

## Grants

The Council was pleased to provide some further financial support to the Thelbridge Parish Hall improvements and last year's harvest supper. New grant applications read the policy and complete the form, which can be found on the website. If anyone requires a paper copy, please contact the Clerk.

### New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome a new councillor to the team. Linsey brings a welcome range of experience and enthusiasm to the Parish Council.

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