

A belated Happy New Year to all!

Firstly, a quick Thank You for the dedication and support you give to our residents. As I am new to the role of District Councillor, I am now very aware of the amount of time and effort you all dedicate to the voluntary roles of Parish Councillors. The fact that all of you give of your time freely, often goes unacknowledged and unrecognised by the many. Without your hard work, enthusiasm, generosity and kindness of spirit we would all be worse off - so thank you and I hope I can in be of help to you.

What will a new year bring us? There will be the challenge of COVID-19 which I believe will be with us for quite some time to come, but as human beings we learn to adapt and move on.

I've had a few queries from residents regarding pothole. They are the bane of all our lives, however, statistically on an average day in 2019 (data from 2020 - next update April 2022), 75 times more vehicles travelled along a typical stretch of motorway than a typical stretch of rural minor road ('B' roads, 'C' roads and unclassified roads). So, in the scheme of things for funding from Government we are way down the pecking order. That doesn't mean we should stop reporting potholes via Fix My Street it means we need to think about reporting them more - and not adopt an attitude of 'someone else will have done it". The more the reporting numbers increase the greater the chance is of a pothole/roadside degradation being dealt with positively. Numbers count! There is a £12m gap in terms of highways funding, this is because of the government's decision last February to reduce Lincolnshire's highways maintenance grant by 25% according to LCC. As a result, the county council has launched a campaign against the government's funding cut, which it is calling "Fix Our Funds To Fix Our Roads" , encouraging residents to write to their MPs for support.

In order for me as your District Councillor to perform my role effectively, I need you as parish councillors, clerks and residents to tell me what your needs are. I am here to help so hope to hear your thoughts positive or negative. Please get in touch with me if you think I may be able to help with your query - if I can't, I will say so and I maybe be able to offer alternative suggestions.

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Kind regards

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