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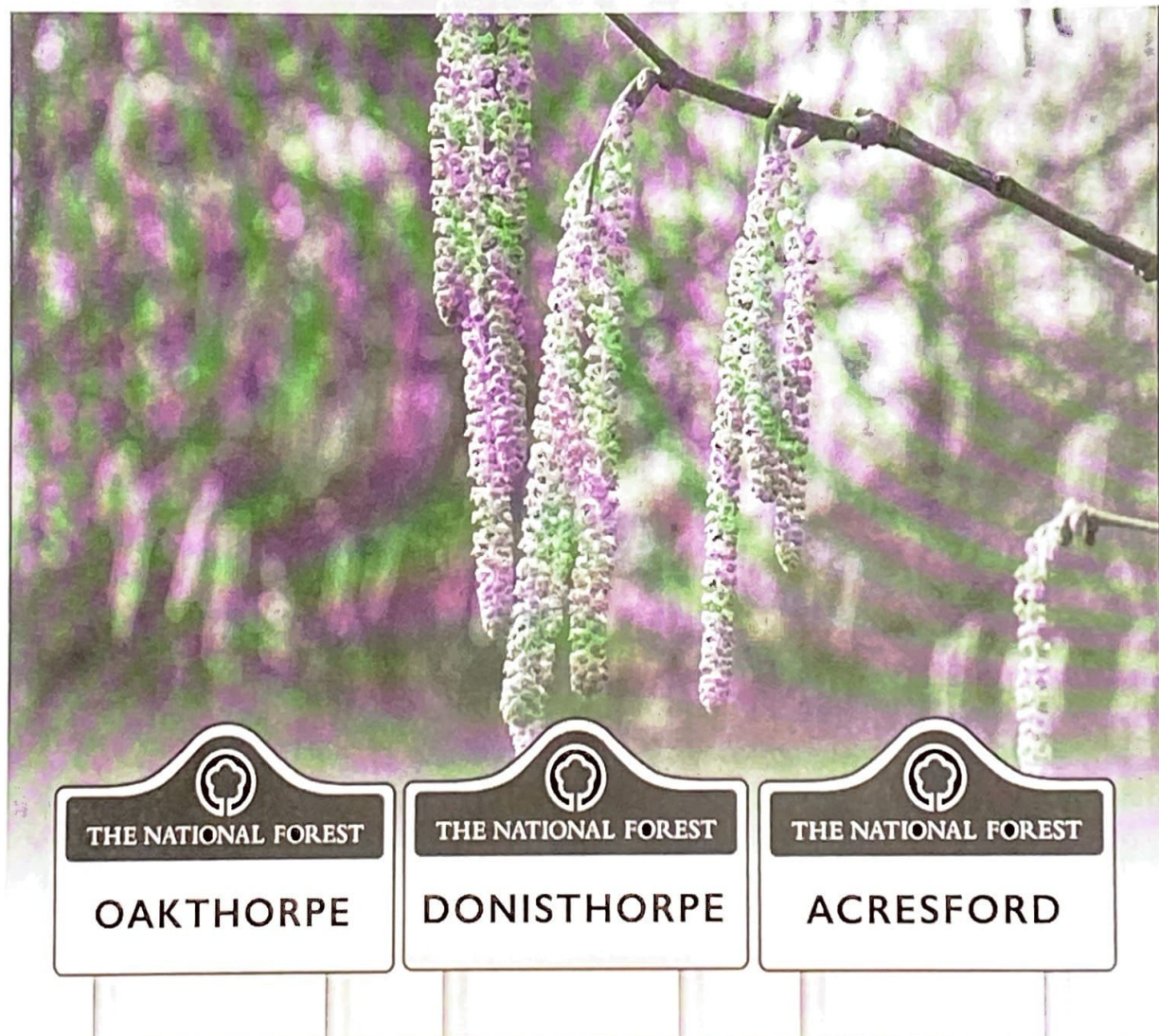
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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council Report

Firstly, I hope this finds you safe and healthy in these current challenging times. A great deal of Parish council work - and your lives - has obviously been impacted by the current pandemic and I hope we can all start to see a little light at the end of the tunnel as we cautiously move forward.

A major casualty within the Parish is the access and use of the Leisure Centre. Current regulations hopefully mean we will start to see usage of the centre starting to pick up. The centre is a fantastic asset for the area but is only sustainable with the support of the community.

A major focus of the meeting this month and previous months was around the precept and how money raised through this is used to benefit the Parishes. There has been an increase in the amount requested for precept. This partly reflects the growing community we find ourselves in, as well as the increased costs in maintaining a number of Parish Council-owned assets and sites such as playgrounds, benches, planters and memorial gardens and other associated costs.

The Council has been asked and agreed to accept 2 benches and 2 flower troughs as assets for the Parish. These have been funded by the community through the excellent work of the Orchard Allotment Society, Neighbourhood Watch group and Donisthorpe Community Group. The benches will also be cared for by the community groups.

Every Parish Council meeting is attended by representatives of the District and County Council. This ensures our voice is heard and represented. This month's meeting was attended by District Cllr Robert Ashman and County Cllr Sean Sheahan, both great supporters of this Parish who regularly champion our concerns and ideas at both District and County level.

You will shortly be receiving the Parish Survey, which is your opportunity to express your views regarding what you feel needs to be prioritised in the coming months and years. I would urge you to fill in and return the survey (online or paper-based) so you can have a direct impact on what is developed in your area.

Cllr Darren Gelder

ODA Parish Council

***The next Parish Council meeting will take place
via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.
Visit www.odapc.co.uk and click
the link to receive your invite.
All are welcome to attend the meetings via Zoom.***

Donisthorpe Community Centre Closure

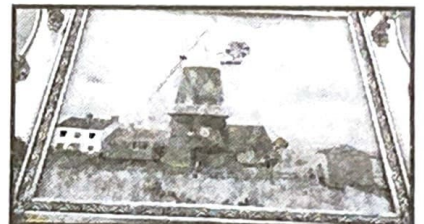
We are sad to announce that Donisthorpe Community Centre on Ramscliffe Avenue will be closed for good by NWLDC on 12th April 2021. The centre has been run by Joyce & Ian Alderton for more than 20 years, and we thank them for their hard work and commitment to the centre throughout this time.



There are several pictures at the centre which need to find new homes. If you are interested in any of them, please contact Joyce on 01530 271446.



Unfortunately the closure also means an end to the Donisthorpe Post Office session on a Wednesday morning, though they are seeking another venue in Donisthorpe, and once found we will advertise the time and location.



Easter Rocky Road

200g Dark Chocolate, chopped

200g Milk Chocolate, chopped

50g butter

1tbsp Golden Syrup

100g Rich Tea Biscuits, broken into small pieces

100g mini marshmallows

2 chocolate covered honeycomb bars, roughly chopped

A mixture of mini filled eggs and sugar coated eggs (roughly 40, some chopped in half)

Method

Gently melt the milk and dark chocolates, the butter and golden syrup in a heatproof bowl - either in the microwave in short bursts or over a pan of gently simmering water.

Stir gently until molten and well mixed.

Stir in the biscuits, marshmallows and honeycomb bits.

Line a 22cm square shallow tin with cling film or baking parchment.

Tip in the chocolate mix and level it out as much as possible.

Push the mini eggs into the surface. Put in the fridge to set for 3 hours (or overnight).

Cut into squares to serve.

North West Leicestershire's Local Plan approved following partial review

The Partial Review of the North West Leicestershire Local Plan has been approved by the Planning Inspector and adopted by the district council's Full Council.

The Local Plan sets out North West Leicestershire District Council's (NWLDC) planning policies for the development of the district up to 2031. Having an up-to-date Local Plan is vital to ensuring that the council has control over future development, where it takes place and what it looks like.

The district's Local Plan was adopted in November 2017, but it was a requirement of policy S1 that the plan be subject to an early review, which is why the partial review process has recently taken place.

The review was examined by Planning Inspector Louise Gibbons during a series of virtually held public hearings in September 2020. NWLDC then proposed changes ('modifications') to the Local Plan partial review in November 2020, and the public were invited to comment. The responses to this consultation were considered by the Inspector in coming to her final recommendation that the plan is 'sound'.

Without the partial review, the Local Plan would have been regarded as being out-of-date which would have made it difficult for planners to resist unwanted developments. However, adoption of the partial review means that the plan can continue to be used to inform decisions on new development across the district.

In the meantime, the council will also continue with a wider review to address development needs up to at least 2039.

Councillor Robert Ashman, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure at NWLDC, said: "The approval of the partial review of our Local Plan is excellent news and enables the district council to retain control over future development in the district, ensuring that we grow and develop in the right way.

It also gives us the backing we need to ward off unwanted applications that don't fit in with our long term development aims for North West Leicestershire."

North West Leicestershire football pitches to up their game

Football players in North West Leicestershire will soon be able to practice their skills on improved pitch surfaces thanks to funding for new equipment.

North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) has secured £25,000 in funding from the Football Foundation and has invested a further £10,000 for equipment to boost pitch performance across the district, including the pitch at Coalville Town Football Club.

Reports from a Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) inspection completed by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland FA, showed that actions were needed to improve the overall pitch quality at Coalville Town Football Club allowing the district council to apply for a maintenance equipment grant on its behalf.

The funding will go towards a mini tractor and a new drainage system which will help to clear surface water from the pitch, promote better grass coverage and keep matches running through the winter months.

Members of the grounds maintenance team at NWLDC, who work at the Owen's Street club, also completed a Level 1 course in football groundsmanship to boost their existing qualifications and experience.

Councillor Andrew Woodman, Portfolio Holder for Community Services, said: "Funding from the Football Foundation has provided us with a great opportunity to invest in high-quality equipment to keep our sport pitches across the district in great condition all year round. We hope that by improving the quality of pitches, it will transform the football experience and encourage more people of all abilities to take up the sport. The grounds maintenance team has now been trained and we're looking forward to seeing the results once the team get started on their new maintenance plan."

Glyn Rennocks, Chairman at Coalville Town Football Club, said: "We're really impressed with the district council's dedication to improving the quality of our pitch and securing the funding for the new equipment which will help us to reach the required pitch standard. The better the pitches you play on, the better football you play so we're hoping that it will help to attract some new players and bring more of the community together – which is important now more than ever."

More information on funding available through the Football Foundation can be found at www.footballfoundation.org.uk