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Parish Council Report



It is hard to believe that we are halfway through our second year of COVID restrictions, but as long as we do not become too complacent and all continue to follow government advice, it looks as if we are finally moving into a new 'normal' life. Let's all do our best to ensure this happens.

A conflict of legislation and COVID regulations meant that we were unable to hold our monthly Parish Council meeting in June, but there is still much news to pass on. Here goes...

Our Parish Clerk is currently studying and working hard towards her next level of training for her position. We are all learning so much more about how our Council should be administered, so 'things can only get better' as they say.

Could I also remind you that there is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor? I have always found the 'work' interesting but now we are learning and understanding more about procedures (I think I can speak for most of us) it is becoming really rewarding. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk for further information.

We would like to say thank you and well done to Peter Gale for his work in managing the project to deliver the installation of the new seats in Donisthorpe and to everyone involved for their contributions to installing the benches and troughs. If you have passed by, you will not have missed them as they are rainbow coloured as a celebration of the work of the NHS over the last eighteen months and in remembrance of those who lost their lives to the pandemic.

A thank you should also go to all those in the Parish who were involved in the 'Great British Litter Pick' last month. It is good to see the Parish so spick and span.

A couple of Councillors have been working with County Council to get some wildflower verges established in the Parish. At the moment, two areas have been identified and agreed upon. We are hoping there will be more, so watch out for these.

Interest in allotments has increased greatly over the last few years, especially since COVID hit. The waiting list for a plot is growing rapidly. We are looking into areas in the Parish, especially in Oakthorpe, for more allotments. There is a well established, experienced allotment group in the Parish who I am sure would be more than willing to advise anyone on setting up. If you are interested in this initiative, please let us know. If six or more people indicate they want allotments, we have a duty to support this request.

Finally, for anyone interested or concerned about 'national' politics, there are new proposals from Parliament (The Boundary Commission) about changing local political constituency boundaries which could affect us. If you would like to look into this further, all information is online.

Keep being careful, stay safe.

Cllr. Debbie Warren

The next Parish Council meeting will take place At 7pm on 14th July At Oakthorpe Leisure Centre

Due to continuing lockdown restrictions, there will be a limit on the number of public that can attend July's PC meeting. Please contact the Clerk to book a space. Due to Government requirements, you will be required to give contact details when booking. If you can not or do not want to attend, you can send any questions on the agenda items to the Clerk for Council to consider at the meeting.

Please remember Council are not meeting in August. The next full open Council meeting is planned for 8th September, 7pm at OCLC, subject to further guidance on restrictions.

Donisthorpe's new rainbow benches were installed in the village recently.

The new furniture is designed to provide a 'little piece of calm and tranquillity' after such a difficult year for everyone.

A Just Giving page was set up to raise the money needed to get the project off the ground - with £645 donated after an initial target of £550 was set. The money raised bought one of the benches and the 2 flower troughs. The other bench was donated by an anonymous villager to remember someone they held dear.

The project was only ever going to happen with help of people in the village.

I need to thank all those listed below:

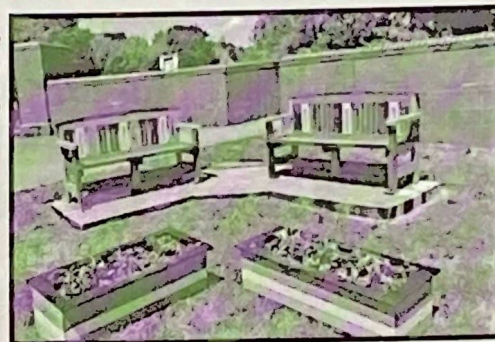
The members of the Orchard Allotment Society, Jeremy Derbyshire, Kev Borley, Darren Collins, the Park Ranger - Chris Conway, the County and Parish Councils, Ashby Toolbox, Stephen Parker, Jim Vickrage's Covid Quiz and all the people that gave money. It is truly heart warming the generosity of people.

The Allotment Society will maintain the area and troughs in the future and help create a wild meadow and hopefully a living wall. With all the additions, the area will become a pleasant place to pass the time and chill.

Regards and many thanks.

Peter Gale

Secretary of The Orchard Allotment Society



DONISTHORPE COMMUNITY GROUP

Thank you to all the residents who helped with litter picking in the village during the Great British Spring Clean. Many residents are litter picking throughout the year, so it was encouraging that there was less litter to collect during the two weeks. Children from Donisthorpe School designed litter picking posters which will be on display on bins throughout the village. The children who participated have all received a prize.

Thank you to the neighbourhood watch team for dressing up and touring the village, picking up litter and helping to spread the 'Keep Britain Tidy' message.

A big thank you to Peter Gale for masterminding the installation of the rainbow benches. The benches and flower troughs look amazing. The benches are already well used and the flowers in the troughs are growing quickly.

The post box has been yarn bombed again, this time with four ladies who are making the most of the sunshine. Thank you to the yarn bomber(s) for bringing a smile to our faces.



Donisthorpe Community Group