

THREE VIEWS NEWS

CIRCULATION 1320

JUNE 2021

No. 154



THE NATIONAL FOREST

OAKTHORPE



THE NATIONAL FOREST

DONISTHORPE



THE NATIONAL FOREST

ACRESFORD

YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER

Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford

Parish Council Report

Times they are a-changing. In May, we held what should be our last remote council meeting and we will be planning to return to face-to-face meetings as soon as possible. We need to make sure it is safe for council and members of the public to do so and currently the rules state from May 17th no more than 6 people can meet indoors until June 21st. This does mean there will be no full council meeting in June, and we will keep you updated on developments. If you have any matters you wish to raise, please contact the clerk on clerk@odapc.com or telephone 01530 515087.



Our last meeting was the Annual Council Meeting, where the Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected. I would like to thank my colleagues for re-electing me as Chairman for the next 12 months and Cllr Nick Antill-Holmes, who remains Vice Chairman. We have a vacant Councillor position and anyone from each village can apply - although I am the only representative resident in the largest of the three villages and would welcome another Cllr from Donisthorpe! Please contact the Clerk to express an interest and find out how you can help make a difference in the Parish.

The main theme for this article is traffic. Increases in volume of vehicles and speeding has been a long-term concern of parishioners. Council has been working in the background to provide schemes in the Parish to monitor traffic flow and speeds. At the moment we are seeing an increase as people emerge from restrictions of the pandemic, but we need to be able to measure any further increases as the J11 development becomes operational.

Council has set aside funds for an MVAS (mobile vehicle activated sign) to be located on A444 at Acresford and on Measham Road, Acresford. We took the decision to provide temporary signs that can be moved around and will indicate the speed of vehicles, as well as providing data for the Police and the Parish to understand the extent of the problem. We have requested some traffic flow measures for numerous locations across the Parish and we will need to prioritise these, given there is a cost attached to this work. We are also working with the local Neighbourhood Watch Group and LCC to set up a Speed Watch campaign as soon as it becomes available again.

IM, the developer for the J11 distribution hub, has provided funding for us to purchase an MVAS to be shared with a few Parishes surrounding the new development. This means we can use this device to identify other locations in the Parish to target for monitoring vehicle speeds and to remind drivers of the speed they should be doing!

Continued on page 5...

*The next Parish Council meeting will take place
On 14th July at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre - there is no June meeting.
Visit www.odapc.co.uk
All are welcome to attend the meetings.*

Cont'd...

There was no Annual Parish Meeting this year so I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our volunteers in the Parish, be it individuals caring for someone or groups working on behalf of the Parish in different ways. We know we are fortunate to have such proactive and committed parishioners willing to go that extra mile. The Queen's Award is the highest award that can be given to voluntary groups and now is the time for you to think about who you would like to see nominated. Groups are unable to self-nominate - it needs others to make the nominations. You can nominate and find guidance online at <http://qavs.direct.gov.uk>.

Finally, the elections are over, and we have a new County Councillor. I would like to say a big thank you to Sean Sheahan for all his work on behalf of the Parish and welcome Cllr Robert Ashman, who will now represent the Parish as both District and County Councillor. Cllr Ashman attends Parish meetings and you can raise district and county matters with him under the public agenda item, or by contacting him direct. His details will be online at NWLDC website and LCC website.

Cllr Sue McKendrick



Local pharmacies join Ask For ANI campaign to tackle Domestic Abuse

Pharmacies across North West Leicestershire are supporting a new domestic abuse scheme which allows victims to discreetly signal that they are in danger.

North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) is working in partnership with more than 80% of pharmacies across the district who have signed up to take part in the Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) scheme.

Domestic abuse victims will be able to 'Ask for ANI' as a codeword to signal to pharmacists that they need help. Staff members will then offer to take the victim to a consultation room to check if they need a police response or help contacting a helpline or specialist support service. Pharmacies taking part in the scheme include:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| * Boots, Market Street, Ashby | * Tesco, Resolution Road, Ashby |
| * Ashby Pharmacy, The Green, Ashby | * Boots, New Broadway, Coalville |
| * Lloyds, Whitwick Road, Coalville | * Well Pharmacy, Long Lane, Coalville |
| * Masons, Belvoir Road, Coalville | * Dean & Smedley, High St, Measham |
| * Masons, Grange Road, Hugglescote | * Masons, North Street, Whitwick |
| * Evans, Borough St, Castle Donington | * Listers, High Street, Ibstock |
| * Brennans, High Street, Ibstock | |

Pharmacies taking part are displaying posters in their windows and around the pharmacy to let customers know that they can approach staff members for help.