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## Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council, February 2023



I am sure we are all noticing the days just creeping out a little bit longer and how welcome it is. I'm sure nature is as confused at times as we are in relation to what season we are in! A number of the items under review and discussion at the current time are focused on looking forward and to brighter days around the Parish. The Friends of ODA made an excellent presentation on a wide range of proposed community events in the coming year from quiz nights, village field days and bands in the park. Their focus, like ours, is to bring the community of the villages together and celebrate, as well as to recognise what an excellent range of events and people we have in our area.

The Parish Council is here to work for you, and the majority of matters discussed are focused on improving the places you live in. Throughout all the villages, there are public spaces that are maintained, developed and improved through the work of the Parish Council and input from the community. I hope you will have started to see the planters at the entrance and exit to the villages - these will be planted up to offer a colourful and welcoming entrance into our community. This year, the Parish Council will again be awarding local schools with trophies and certificates to recognise the young people of the community and their contribution to their school and local area.

You will also notice over the coming weeks/months the increase in speed awareness devices that are going up. Their purpose is to keep our roads safe for all users. This data will be used to work with the police and encourage safe speeds in our villages.

As I have previously mentioned, all members of the Parish Council are volunteers who give up their time for the people in their area. It is, at times, hard work but vastly rewarding. We are currently looking for local people to join the Council and help shape its future. There are a number of upcoming events and I would encourage you to come and find out more about the role and how you can make a positive impact within your community.

***Cllr Darren Gelder***

Next Parish Council meeting - **Wednesday 8 March 2023** at 7.30pm.

**Venue to be confirmed.** All are welcome.

Queries can be sent to the Clerk at [manager@odapc.co.uk](mailto:manager@odapc.co.uk) for consideration at the meeting.



## DONISTHORPE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



Donisthorpe is lucky enough to have an Emergency Response Team made up of volunteers from the local community. The Emergency Response Team was created 5 years ago to provide an immediate response to local disasters and disruptive or harmful events that could endanger people of the community or their property.

The benefits of the Emergency Response Team are that all members are local to Donisthorpe and therefore know the area well, know many of the community members and are likely to be able to attend a scene relatively quickly compared to the emergency services. The team is also equipped with basic first aid, search and rescue, traffic control and flood prevention equipment.

### IMPORTANT:

**It is very important to note that the Emergency Response Team is not an alternative to the Emergency Services. For any situation requiring the Police, Fire or Ambulance services, you should dial 999.**

Emergencies in Donisthorpe are thankfully very rare, but could include situations such as securing areas threatened by fire or flood, helping to locate missing persons, traffic control, helping to deal with the aftermath of extreme weather, or even aiding residents and traffic following rare events such as aeroplane accidents.

### Members of the team include:

Peter Gale	Phil Statham
Kev Borley	Harry Talbot
Dave Churchward	Steve Tattersall
Darren Collins	Mick Howlett
Kelly Grove	Tina Howlett
Roger Lander	John Steer
Rupert May	Nigel Merrick

The Emergency Response Team is very grateful to Donisthorpe Community Group for providing the funding for updating the emergency equipment. A new medical kit, batteries for torches etc. were replaced because they were past their end-of-use date.

Please remember to report all emergencies to the Police, Fire or Ambulance services, but if you believe you have a local situation to report to the Emergency Response Team, please call:

**Peter Gale on 07508 594493**  
**and the rest of the team will be immediately informed.**



## Parish Council Elections



I first became involved with the Parish Council during the 1980s, but stopped when children came along. I got involved again just after the millennium. I had continued to be involved in various village groups. Listening to people in the community, I wanted to have more influence on what happens in our Parish.

I have gained real satisfaction settling issues raised by local residents or referring them to the correct person. I have really enjoyed interaction with Parishioners over my last three terms. Over the last four years, I feel as if we, as a Parish Council, have achieved so much.

Our 'team' has worked together so well, having a variety of strengths which have complemented each other. It has been so gratifying to be part of this. Sadly, some of us have chosen not to stand again. New Councillors, hopefully including some younger candidates, are needed. If new candidates do not come forward and we are not quorate, we could find our Parish Council controlled by North West Leicestershire District Council.

I am now the last member of ODAPC originally elected onto the Council, but this fact is meaningless as for at least the last three terms, all Councillors have gained their place either by uncontested application or co-option. This is a completely unsatisfactory situation.

For a good working Council the decision needs to be made by a vote of Parishioners. So please vote if there is an election.

If you like people, want to make a difference, and can see areas that you think could be improved, then Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council needs you. Please consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

**Cllr. Debbie Warren** (Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council)

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I joined the Parish Council several years ago, my motivation being that I wanted the views and thoughts of the village reflected in decision making. I also wanted to ensure that local issues were raised and brought to the attention of Parish, District and County Council. I have seen the benefits and changes that can be made by joining the Parish Council and how rewarding it can be. If you want to have a voice and see change, then I firmly believe you need to be prepared to make a small commitment to making it happen.

Being involved in a range of topics from planning, policing, parks, developments and changes in legislation that affect your area, allows your voice and that of your local area to be heard and influenced.

If you want to make a difference, I would strongly suggest you consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

**Councillor Darren Gelder**, Acresford resident.





## **LOCAL ELECTIONS THURSDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council are holding 2 information sessions for people interested in standing as a candidate for the Parish Council in the local elections being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May this year.

**Sessions will be held in the Youth Club room based at The Pavilion, Church Street, Donisthorpe on:**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am to 3.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 2pm</b>

Councillors will be there to answer questions, provide information about the Council and how you, as a Councillor, can make a positive contribution to the community, and the responsibilities that come with the privilege of being a Councillor.

If you have any questions, please contact:-  
Councillor Sue McKendrick on 07970 743611 or  
Parish Manager Kelly Grove on 01530 610357.