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**Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford
Parish Council Meeting - 13th September 2023**



The Parish Council met on Wednesday 13th following the summer break. It is with regret that during the break, Cllr Richard Dyason took the difficult decision to stand down and we extend our thanks to him for the years of service he offered to the Council. This, however, left us with a vacancy. Due to this being an election year, we needed to advertise the rights for electors to request a new election. This was not required, and we therefore offered the vacancy for co-option. It is with great pleasure that the Council co-opted Mrs Tina Hawke and she joined us for the meeting. We extend a warm welcome to Tina who lives in Donisthorpe and brings with her a wealth of experience.

It was lovely to see parishioners attend the meeting, we always love to hear from the Parish. We also welcomed Cllr Mike Ball who represents the Parish on the District Council and Cllr Robert Ashman who represents the Parish on the County Council.

The Friends of ODA Memorial Gardens attended the meeting to update on progress. You will, of course, have noticed that the Pit Wheel has been removed. It is being sand-blasted and re-painted and will return to the gardens in a new position. The project will see a fantastic community asset redeveloped to provide a great open space for everyone to enjoy for years to come.

The Parish Council is proud to support community initiatives and regularly provides donations to events that happen within the Parish, recently donating to Donisthorpe Field day and funding the Pit Wheel removal and refurbishment. Funding is also ear-marked to assist with placing speed awareness banners in the Parish, planters and plants at the entrances to the villages and yearly funding to 3 Views News to ensure this also continues. The council has a list of projects that they wish to carry out and continue to review this to ensure we capture everything that you as parishioners want to see.

Please keep an eye out for the Parish Questionnaire - we have received a couple of responses, but we would love to see more allowing us to work on the areas that you want. The closing date for this will be **FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER**. The council would like to thank all of the volunteers who recently completed the Community Speedwatch in Donisthorpe, the results of which were extremely interesting and allow for a further development plan to be produced.

There are a few items addressed following contact from parishioners that are ongoing, including works on trees in the play area in Oakthorpe. This item was deferred to the next meeting in October allowing the council the opportunity to speak to our arborist. We are also awaiting the release of funds that will see additional equipment added to the play area. The ongoing situation with the drainage system through Oakthorpe is high on the watch list. Severn Trent has completed some works on Burton Road, and we will continue to assist residents further up into the village who continue to have issues.

Finally, the Parish has nominated itself to join a pilot scheme with Leicester County Council, working with them on new initiatives and ideas to support services and ongoing developments that could affect the area in which we live. This will allow us the opportunity to offer feedback.

As always, this is just a snapshot of the meeting - full minutes are on our website & Parish notice boards.

Cllr Nick Antill-Holmes

Next Parish Council meeting:
Wednesday 11 October 2023, 7.00pm at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre.

All are welcome to attend.

Queries can be sent to the Clerk at manager@odapc.co.uk
for consideration at the meeting.

Sunday 8th October
from 11am- 3pm

FREE ENTRY



Donisthorpe Orchard Allotment Society

invite you to join us for



APPLE DAY 2023



Homemade produce from The Orchard Allotment Society
Fun day for all the family
Entertainment - Stalls - Tea & Coffee - Hot Food

Apple Press

Cakes and Bakes Stall

Donisthorpe Community Group

Saltation Band

Donisthorpe CIC

The Scouts

St Johns and Village Heart

Donisthorpe Youth Club

Little Acorns Forest School

The Coal Tits Band

Heritage Apple Man

Friends of the ODA Memorial Gardens

ODA Parish Council

The Wildlife Trust

LCC Recycling

Donisthorpe Allotment Society

Storyteller

Children's stories & songs



11.30am/ 12pm/ 12.30pm

In collaboration with



DONISTHORPE COMMUNITY GROUP

Cider Competition



Take part in tasting and
judging this years' entries!

at Donisthorpe Community Orchard

Access to the orchard is from Church Street
near Talbot Place, DE12 7PU

Grant Scheme Open

Round two for the UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) applications are open until Sunday 31 December 2023. This grant scheme supports a range of community activities and initiatives that are aligned to the Levelling Up missions as defined by the government. There is still money available for your area.

Each parish or area has been allocated an amount of between £3,000 and £10,000 based on population size. For more details, or to apply, go to the application form on our website: https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/ukspf_communitygrant

Free Trees? Yes please!

The ever popular Free Tree Scheme is back! Apply for two free trees and/or 30m of hedging as part of the 2023 Free Tree Scheme and Hedge Fund. This year you can choose trees from:

- Rowan
- Elder
- Wild Cherry
- Hazel



Applications are open from Monday 9 October to Friday 27 October.

NWLDC Wins Big for Dog Strategy

North West Leicestershire District Council has received a platinum award in the RSPCA PawPrints awards for its work with stray dogs. It received the recognition having secured a Gold award every year at the RSPCA's awards since 2012.

Dogs found wandering the district without an owner can be reported to the council for collecting, between 50 and 70 stray dogs are picked up each year in the district. Stray dogs are kept in kennels for seven days before being made available for rehoming.

The council also works with Leicestershire-based Animal Care Services to collect dogs outside of office hours. As well as collecting stray dogs, the council also offers a microchipping service, supporting owners to be quickly reunited with any wandering pets.

The at-home service costs just £16.50, offers peace of mind and ensures dog owners are keeping within the law. The PawPrints awards is the only scheme in the country that recognises local authorities and public bodies for going above and beyond for animal welfare.



Apply for Your Child's School Place Now

Parents and carers with children due to start primary or secondary school for the first time in Leicestershire next year (autumn 2024) can apply for their places now.

Applications for children moving from primary to secondary need to be made by October 31, while first time primary applications need to be in by January 15.

Applications for 2024/25 can be made at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions where there is also information about county schools and hints and tips on applying.



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Important information from your Parish Council

There have been a lot of drainage problems in the Parish - in Oakthorpe in particular - over the summer months, which in some cases has seen sewage flowing through the streets.

Due to how backed up and fragile the drainage system seems to be in our three villages, we would like to remind residents of this important information from Severn Trent Water, which details what is safe to put down your drains and toilets and what is not. If in doubt, bin it.

We would be grateful if residents would read, remember and act on this information.

Kelly Grove, Parish Manager

Top tips for the kitchen

We have some simple rules you can prevent blockages to keep your pipes clean and able to remove your dirty water effectively



Scrape pots, pans and plates before washing up



Use a strainer in your kitchen sink



Use kitchen roll to wipe down grease from pans and plates



Collect used oil in a container and throw it in the bin

Top tips for the bathroom

Follow these simple tips in the bathroom to avoid nasty blockages. That way your shower will be stress free and the water will be removed quickly and safely



Only ever flush pee, poo and toilet paper



Bag sanitary towels, tampons and colostomy bags then bin them



Bin wipes to avoid blocked drains



Use a bin for nappies, razors, cotton buds and dental floss

Measham Library Opening Hours

Tuesday - 10am to 7pm

Thursday - 10am to 1pm

Friday - 10am to 5pm

Saturday - 10am to 1pm

