



## OAKTHORPE DONISTHORPE AND ACRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### INVESTING YOUR COMMUNITY



This data reflects the 2024/25 expenditure budget agreed by the Council. cost per household refers to Band D houses and totals £99.85 per year, an increase from last year of £5.58pa (47p per month) .The Council employs/ contracts part-time staff and serves around 3500 residents. There are 8 elected Councillors who are unpaid volunteers.

Your precept is £92,756 which comes from council tax.. The Parish Council does not deal with housing, highways, social benefits– these all fall to North West Leicestershire or Leicestershire county Council.

You can find more about your Parish Council at [www.odapc.co.uk](http://www.odapc.co.uk).

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## Here are some of the improvements the council have been working on from Parish residents feedback....

- **Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign scheme (MVAS)** – Units positioned at various ‘hotspots’ in the parish. Data passed on to police, Highways and public. There are government restrictions to where we can site these units. We are working closely with the local authorities concerned to optimise suitable locations.
- **Road Safety in Acresford** – Working with Local County Council, Highways (LCC) to improve signage and road markings. Collecting and forwarding accident information: date, time and photographs provided to LCC.
- **Traffic Calming** options have been applied for in the Parish, unfortunately government restrictions have rejected the Parish Council’s applications.
- **Safety and Development around our Parish** –
  - Tree survey completed 2021. Recommended actions taken. All trees will be numbered for identification. Second tree survey planned for 2024.
  - Trees removed in the Oakthorpe Children’s Play Area. New play equipment has been sourced with installation scheduled in 2024. This investment will make the play area accessible to more age groups. (The Parish Council do not own the Donisthorpe play areas).
  - PC reminds homeowners of their hedgerow responsibilities – (Hedges must be cut back to their boundaries).
  - PC monitor and report overgrown trees, poor lighting, and highways issues.
- **Local Development** – PC raise concerns on: - parking, traffic impact and environmental issues.
- **Raising the Parish Profile**
  - PC have 8 elected (unpaid) councillors, who are increasing the awareness of PC presence. Councillors are attending as many local events as possible (public/council – Apple Day/Civic Services etc)
  - PC and Public Noticeboards are maintained and being replaced gradually.
  - Funding secured for 3 memorial benches to be positioned in the Memorial Garden, Donisthorpe.
  - Planters installed at entrances to Donisthorpe, Oakthorpe and Acresford and kept seasonal.
  - Preserving our Heritage - Plaques removed from the Acresford Wesleyan Methodist Church will be rehomed in the Acresford Memorial Garden.
- **Festive Lights** – Existing streetlights need expensive modifications, also licences are required from the LCC. Due to initial cost for installation plus purchase of lights, this is not a viable initiative (at present).
- **Gas Works across Train Bridge Donisthorpe** – Engagement continues with LCC.

## Some Planned Projects for 2024

- **Defibrillators** – Reviewing accessibility within the Parish to meet recommended guidelines.
- **MVAS** - Continuing with monitoring and identifying any ‘hotspots’ for more units.
- **Preserve our Pathways (ODA ‘POPs’)** – Keeping our footpaths for the next generation to enjoy. We are also working towards making PC land and footpaths wheelchair accessible.
- **Hill Street, Donisthorpe, railings painting** (Responsibility of LCC), PC assessing work required.
- PC providing annual ‘Good Citizenship’ awards to our local primary schools and will continue to do so.
- An **Annual Parish Celebration Event** to recognise and promote local groups and celebrate their involvement and achievements for the community.
- **Local Plan** – Discussing development plans within the parish with District Council.