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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford  
Parish Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

I would like to begin by wishing you all a happy and healthy 2024 and remind you that if anyone has any issues or thoughts that we could probably help with, we all welcome your involvement. The Parish Manager and Councillors' contact details are available in this newsletter, or on the PC website - please feel free to contact us.

Notes from the January PC meeting follow, full minutes will be posted on the website and Parish noticeboards.

\*The Local Plan mentioned in a previous monthly report has yet to be released. We will keep you updated on that. We are hoping to arrange a meeting with Cllr. Mike Ball to discuss the implications of this, and how to form a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish to allow us more say on long-term planning. It is important that parishioners get involved in this as it will be dealing with how much development and where we will be expected to agree to development in our Parish!

\*To update you on progress with 'projects', maintenance etc.: -

We have accepted a quote for new toddler equipment, a gate and fencing for Oakthorpe Play Area using money from local developers. We also intend to apply for a grant to continue improvements in this area.

We are arranging for wall repairs and fencing work to be carried out on the 'triangle' and in the community orchard in Donisthorpe.

Although all of our applications for traffic calming have been turned down by the Highways Department, they have agreed to put down more road markings at the Acresford crossroads. We await fulfilment of this promise.

We are in possession of some WWI plaques which were originally in Acresford Chapel, sadly now closed. As these are of historical interest, Cllr. Gelder is working with the National Forest group to get these mounted and installed in Acresford Memorial Garden.

The Oakthorpe MVAS has now been repaired and is currently monitoring traffic coming into Oakthorpe on the main road from Donisthorpe. It is now collecting data to properly enable the Parish Manager to forward information from all the Parish devices to the relevant departments.

\*This month's police report contained few reported incidents in our Parish, but one thing worth mentioning which you should be looking out for is a theft of oil. Be vigilant and report anything suspicious. Last time this happened, it became a regular occurrence. It is worth visiting the Neighbourhood Watch website which offers advice on how to protect yourself/property from a variety of crimes, scams etc.

\*A number of Parish Councillors are involved in working groups. One group is working on getting adequate defibrillator coverage throughout the Parish. Another is working on establishing an Annual Parish Meeting at which local organisations get together to discuss plans, issues etc.

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and Parish Council can offer support and/or help.

These are just 'bullet points' of where we are at. For more details, visit the PC website or feel free to contact one of us.

*Cllr. Mick Warren*

*Chair of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council*

Next Parish Council meeting.

**Wednesday 14th February 2024**

**7.00pm at ME Sports (formerly Oakthorpe Leisure Centre).**

All are welcome to attend.

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

### **Preserve Our Paths Update**

ODA 'Pops' is the short name for Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford, Preserve Our Paths. Following the write-up in the December issue of 3 Views News, quite a number of people have expressed an interest in this project and hopefully many more will become involved as word gets around

Anybody requiring more information, offering ideas for future walks or to have their details logged for regular, personal, updates please contact Debbie or Mick Warren: -

Telephone: **01530 272305**

Email: [cllr.debbie.warren@odapc.co.uk](mailto:cllr.debbie.warren@odapc.co.uk) or

[cllr.mick.warren@odapc.co.uk](mailto:cllr.mick.warren@odapc.co.uk)

Our next walk is planned for Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, setting off at 10.30am

Meet at the Donisthorpe Country Park car park by DMs.

*Cllr. Debbie Warren*





## Police Appeal: Incident at Oakthorpe Shop, 13th January 2024

### Can you help?

We're appealing  
for witnesses.



Can you help?

Detectives are appealing for anyone with dashcam or doorbell footage to come forward after a shopkeeper was assaulted during a robbery in Oakthorpe. The incident happened at premises in Measham Road at around 6pm on Saturday (13 January). The victim, a man in his 60s, was hit with a hammer by a man, who made off with the cash

drawer from the till. The victim is continuing to receive treatment for a head injury.

Following initial enquiries, a 37-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of robbery. He has since been released on bail. PC Amy Aplin, the investigating officer, said: "While a man has been arrested in connection with this incident, we're still appealing for anyone who can help, but has not yet come forward, to do so.

"I'm particularly keen to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and has a dashcam in their vehicle, or anyone living nearby who has a doorbell camera. Did you see anyone around the time this incident occurred whose behaviour seemed odd, suspicious or out of character?"

"Anything you can tell us, no matter how insignificant you think it is, could help."

You can pass on information by visiting <https://orlo.uk/HOZXJ> and quoting reference **24\*26531**.



### Measham Library

#### Opening Hours

Tuesday - 10am to 7pm

Thursday - 10am to 1pm

Friday - 10am to 5pm

Saturday - 10am to 1pm



### Mobile Library Times

#### Monday 12th February

##### ***Oakthorpe***

School Street: 9.30 to 10.00am

##### ***Donisthorpe***

Chapel Street: 10.15 to 10.45am

Ramscliffe Ave: 10.50 to 11.25am

Ashby Road: 11.30am to 12.00pm



**Leicestershire  
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## Consultation on district development to run in February

Residents will have their say on where homes and businesses will be built in North West Leicestershire over the next decade after councillors voted to launch a consultation. North West Leicestershire District Council's (NWLDC) Local Plan Committee voted to move its draft Local Plan to the next stage and hold a consultation throughout February.

The draft Local Plan sets out where homes and businesses should be developed, areas of the district that should be protected, planning policies developers must follow and how far towns and villages can expand. Planners at NWLDC have been working with landowners, developers and councillors to understand what land is available to sustainably meet the needs of a growing population.

### Proposals include:

- Planning for 686 homes to be built each year until 2040
- Focusing employment land around Coalville, Ashby, Castle Donington and East Midlands Airport and Mercia Park near Appleby Magna
- A brand-new settlement of 4,500 homes at Isley Woodhouse, near East Midlands Airport.

The council's existing Local Plan was adopted in 2017 and partially reviewed in 2021 after updated housing need figures were produced for Leicestershire. The plan covers the period until 2031. Sites allocated in the Local Plan are not given planning permission, but planning applications for these sites are looked upon more favourably when being considered.

The consultation will be open to anyone with an interest in the future development of the district and will run from 5 February to 17 March.

**A local drop-in session will be held at Measham Leisure Centre:  
Wednesday 14 February, 3pm to 7pm**

Councillor Keith Merrie, Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure at NWLDC said: "Our draft Local Plan provides the blueprint for how our district will respond to an increasing population until 2040, so it's important we understand what residents, businesses and stakeholders think of those plans.

"Our draft plan includes where we think housing should go, where employment land should be allocated and the policies and standards we expect developers to meet. Our consultation is a formal part of developing our plan, and really will help shape the future of the district so I would encourage everyone living and working here to take part."

