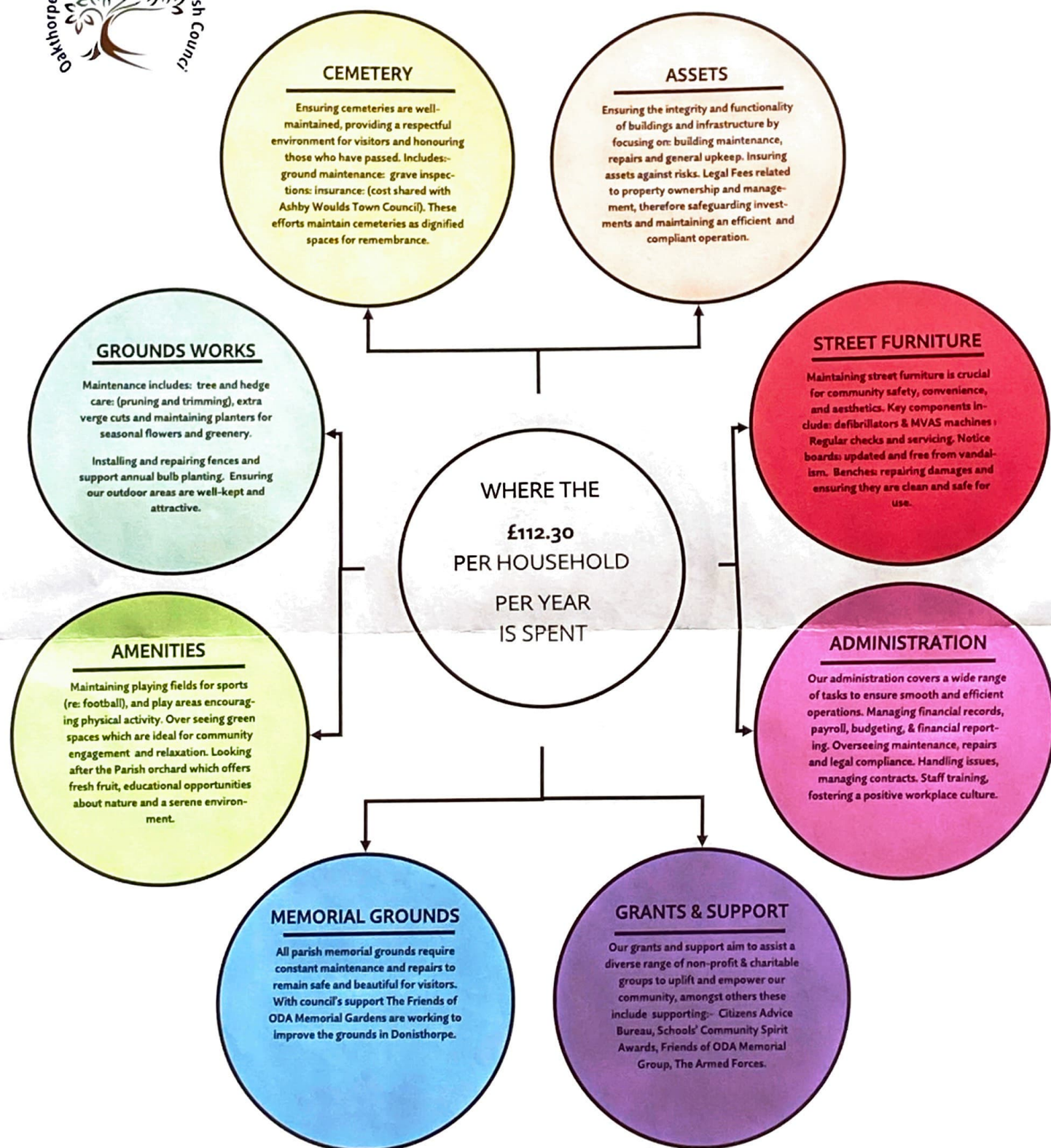




# OAKTHORPE DONISTHORPE AND ACRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## INVESTING IN YOUR COMMUNITY



The 2025/26 expenditure budget, agreed upon by the Council, sets the cost (per Band D household) at £112.30 Feb 2025-2026. This is an increase of £5.58 per year (47p per month) from last year. The Parish Council (which employs part-time staff and serves approximately 3,500 residents), includes eight elected Councillors who are unpaid volunteers. The precept is the amount of money £104,317, needed to provide services. This is funded through council tax.

The Parish Council does not handle housing, highways, or social benefits—these responsibilities fall to North West Leicestershire or Leicestershire County Council. More information about the Parish Council can be found at:- [www.oakthorpedonisthorpeandacresford-pc.gov.uk](http://www.oakthorpedonisthorpeandacresford-pc.gov.uk)

The Council is located at ODAPC, Oakthorpe Leisure Centre, Measham Road, DE12 7RG.



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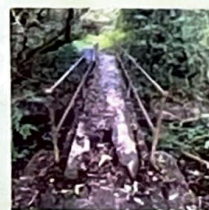
### Have:-

- Investigated a query regarding the spelling of Ramscliff Avenue, why the "E" was removed. Various legal sources verified the correct spelling of Ramscliff was 'without 'e'. Residents were informed by letter.
- Became the first Parish Council in NWL to sign the Armed Forces Covenant, showing our support to current serving, veteran and reservist troops and their families. We will continue with this support.
- Repeatedly voiced our concerns with LCC to address gas pipe works across the old railway bridge site in Donisthorpe. This is out of our hands and is left with LCC's legal team.
- Raised awareness of the Parish Council to hopefully increase interest for prospective new council members.
- Enhanced and added play equipment in Oakthorpe play area to ensure a safe area for children to enjoy into the future.
- Organised monthly 'Preserve Our Paths' (POPs) walks for the community to join. Presently every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for 2025.



### Have instigated and will continue to drive:-

- To drive the campaign to improve road safety across our parish. Acresford due to the high number of recent road traffic accidents. We are collating evidence of all accidents, 'photos / time / date' and forwarding to our County, District Councillors and our constituency MP. Working with LCC Highways for appropriate road signage and road traffic management.
- The installation and rotating of the MVAS machines around the Parish.
- The raising of your concerns on planning applications, traffic congestion and parking issues.
- The reporting of problems on footpaths, litter, overgrown trees, lighting, and highways.
- The maintenance of trees on Parish land. The tree survey was completed in 2022. Recommended works have taken place. All trees are being numbered for ease of identification. An updated tree survey is due this year.
- Applying for and acquiring funding for memorial benches. These will be positioned in the Parish Memorial Garden, Donisthorpe after completion of ground works.
- Protecting Parish history by preserving memorial plaques in stone, marble, and brass taken from the Methodist Church, Acresford and displayed in the village garden.



### We are committed to:-

- Continuing to improve and make pathways on PC land wheelchair accessible. Extend resurfaced Orchard pathway over NWLDC land to make accessible from Acresford Road.
- To promote Parish Council initiatives (events and activities) and support local schools.
- Improving Parish play areas. (We are hoping to take responsibility for maintenance of the Donisthorpe play areas in April 2025). Replacement of current equipment is needed, and grant funding will need to be secured.
- Repairing and painting Donisthorpe Hill Street railings – continuing to engage with LCC, costs are prohibitive and therefore work is on hold until funding is acquired.
- Maintaining the existing 5 defibrillators and continuing to identify additional locations for future defibrillators.
- Upgrading the boundary fencing in various areas including around the orchard allotment site.
- Building on, managing, and maintaining the success of the first Annual Parish Awards evening. To encourage and engage more groups and individuals.