

Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting
Minutes of Extraordinary Full Council Meeting, held on Wednesday 28th January
2026 7pm at Donisthorpe Youth Club, Church St, Donisthorpe

Present: Cllrs N Antill-Holme, D Gelder, T Hawke, M Warren, D Warren

Officers: K Grove –Manager/RFO,

Acronyms – explained

ODA- Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford

PC- Parish Council

LRALC – Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils

LCC- Leicestershire County Council

NWLDC – Northwest Leicestershire District Council

PSCO - Police community support officers

3VNs –Three Views News

MOP – Member of the Public

POP – Preserve our paths

AKA -Also Known As

E012601. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Hancock-George – Personal

Cllr S Ellison – Work

E012602. PUBLIC QUESTION SESSION

Members of the public should note that it is not possible to debate matters raised under this item. Questions must be addressed to the Chairperson of the meeting.

None

E012603. *In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, to enable members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.*

Cllr M Warren – Friends of ODA Memorial Grounds (trustee)

Cllr N Antill-Holmes – Donisthorpe Youth Club (trustee)

– Colliers Field CIC (director)

E012604 BUDGET 2026-2027

E012604.1 *To review draft v7 - budget*

Amended lines:-

Line 91 Meeting Room Hire - £60 = £340

Line 92 Office 12x£60 = £720

E012604.2 *Memorial Grounds Wall -*

Works to be done in 3 sections

Council will be sent the bill to pay for the whole amount using the reserves pot council has built up and grant money achieved.

Council will claim any VAT back which will be returned to memorial grounds pot

E012604.3 Cemetery Wall repairs

Cracks in wall again – will be covered by burial committee

Will be a future cost

Manage & Burial Clerk to investigate if a claim against the burial committee has impact on ODAPC's insurance as the Leading Authority

E012604.4 Centre insurance repairs and recommended works - ongoing – council will need to install heating into their room and improve insulation for the water pipe and attic eaves. This will be paid for from asset reserves pot.

E012604.5 Precept options and request for 2026/2027

Neighbourhood plan, devolution, asset to be considered

Council challenge & review budget

Report written (in paperwork) by Cllr T Hawke after meeting with Cllr M Ball NWLDC to be considered.

Look at options – front loading neighbourhood plan

Present considered request is Increase of 96% increase

Increase needed as reserves need to be at least 50% reserve but seemed to be too high an increase although the amount to be requested was checked with LRALC – if council can justify the raise.

Options for Precept

Option 1 - Standing still £131048 – 26% increase in previous year – still an increase for parishioners in financially challenging times.



Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford

	2026 / 27	2027 / 28	Total
Option 2	2026 /27 Standing Still Budget	131048	
	Neighbourhood plan	43,000	43,000
	Tenant & Property Asset **	5,000	5,000
	Devolution		60,000
	Local Election **	1,500	1,500
	sub total of additional items	49,500	109,500
	TOTAL 2026/27 Budget	180,548	159,000
		174,048	

For Option 3 distribute the costs evenly for the additional activities over the following 2 financial years to reduce the high increase

	2026 / 27	2027 / 28	Total
Option 3	2026 /27 Standing Still Budget	131,048	
	Neighbourhood plan	73,000	13,000
	Tenant & Property Asset **	5,000	5,000
	Devolution		60,000
	Local Election **	1,500	1,500
	sub total of additional items	79,500	79,500
	TOTAL 2026/27 Budget	210,548	159,000
		204,048	

** These costs are accounted for on the standing still budget and not optional additions

All options discussed

Cllr T Hawke to arrange to meet MP Luke Evans – discuss neighbourhood plan – needing grants – contact him & have a discussion on challenges facing council.

Cost of Donisthorpe play ground on precept – needs to be considered for budget costs – awaiting NWLDC handing over responsibility. This could mean the parish is charged twice for this through the parish council's precept and NWLDC 'Special Cost.' This hand over is expected to happen during 2026. ODAPC will attempt to recuperate funds from NWLDC when this happens.

LCC may give funding for unitary authority and handing over of responsibilities.

RESOLUTION: ODA PC To approve Budget 2026-2027 including Manager on NALC Scale 30 31hs. Approved unanimous

Precept request from NWLDC 2026

To approve a precept 2026/27 of £131,048 26%

RESOLUTION: To approve 2026/27 Precept request of £131,048.

Approved unanimous

E012605 MINUTES

To defer unit Feb 2026 meeting

E012606. PROPOSAL TO MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

E012607. CONFIDENTIAL EXCLUSIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the following items as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

E012607.1 – Tenant meeting - to be arranged by Cllr Ellison

E012608. Date of next meeting – Full Council Wednesday 11th February 7pm

E012609. Meeting Closed 8pm

