Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council Action Plan

2022/23 Financial Year with medium and longer term, strategic projects identified

Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council aims to:

* Constantly strive to work on behalf of parishioners on the issues that matter to the community and be a strong voice for residents and local businesses.
* Provide effective, efficient, and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development

The Parish Council’s objectives are:

* To understand, communicate and support the views, needs and aspirations of residents and businesses
* To support local businesses and economic activity in the parish
* To support the work of parish voluntary organisations through grants and practical support
* To work with organisations to support the provision of youth activities in the parish
* To collaborate with the Local Authority and the Police to improve road safety & crime in the parish
* To increase public involvement in the community by ensuring the parish council is open, transparent, and accountable to residents
* To ensure councillors and staff keep up to date on county and district council news
* Ensure that councillors and staff have access to high quality training and development opportunities so that they can meet the required standards including working towards the Local Council Award.

This action plan was informed by the:

* 2008 Parish Plan
* Community representation at meetings
* Community engagement on Social Media
* Community Wish Lists

This action plan is a ‘live’ document and is updated on a regular basis, enabling the council to track and monitor progress against objectives and timescales. The document is published on the Parish Council website so that residents can monitor progress.

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| Aim | Objective | Action | Who | Completion Date | Update |
| To comply with the law and inform community | ACCOUNTS & AUDIT - To ensure that there is transparent information about payments, audit documents, budget, precept - | Publish on the website and on noticeboards (audit) | Clerk and Parish  Council | Within 1 month of approval by Council or Auditor | Website updated weekly; noticeboards as required |
| To comply with the law and inform community | Annual Return | To be agreed in April  Council meeting. Send to External Auditors & publish on website and noticeboards | Clerk & Parish  Council | Agree April 2022 | Notice of Public Rights  & Publication of  Unaudited Annual  Governance &  Accountability Return – 2021/22- results will be published via parish noticeboard, and website, from 3rd June to 12th July 2022. |
| To comply with the law and inform community | Exercise of Public Rights | Notify Council of conclusion at meeting. Publish on website & noticeboards | Clerk | Ongoing | Ensure website is up to date & meeting transparency code requirements. |
| To comply with  the law | PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION  - To ensure that the Parish Council administration is run in an efficient and timely manner and that information is open and transparent. | Publish agendas, minutes, and means of contacting the Council on the website  / noticeboards | Clerk and Parish  Council | Agendas & minutes ongoing, to be published within one week of availability/approval by Council. Contact details updated as necessary | Agenda/Minutes published within deadlines. Contact details last updated  January 2022 |

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| To comply with the law | Calendar of Parish Council meetings | Advertise the meeting schedule | Clerk | Calendar of  Meetings – May  2021 | Ongoing  Any committee meetings advertised when date arranged. |
| To comply with the law | POLICIES - To ensure all council policies (including Financial  Regulations & Standing Orders) and procedures are reviewed annually and updated as necessary | Clerk to ensure annual review processes are on  May agenda | Clerk and Parish  Council | Main policies - May  2022 | Agreed |
| To monitor development and planning | PLANNING APPLICATIONS - To consider all planning applications which fall within, and impact upon, the Parish | Clerk to ensure planning applications are notified to councillors and placed on agenda. Clerk to seek time extensions from NWLDC if necessary. | Clerk and  Councillors | Planning comments sent to NW Leicestershire District Council within 2 days of  Council Meeting – ongoing | Planning discussed at Monthly council meeting held. |
| To comply with the law and ensure safety | HEALTH & SAFETY - To ensure that the Council meets Health & Safety requirements for its staff, councillors and public at events and activities. Ensure there is adequate Insurance  Cover | Renew insurance | Clerk & Council | Insurance - renewal  June 2022 |  |
| Risk Management  Schedule - reviewed by  Full Council Annually | Clerk & Council | Risk Management  Schedule – review  May 2022 |  |

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| To comply with the law and ensure safety | ASSETS - To ensure that all council assets are maintained in a safe and proper manor | Clerk & Council to check on a regular basis that council assets are maintained and in good working order. | Clerk & OCLC  Committee | Ongoing with annual Risk Management Schedule assessment due May 2022. Asset Register to be reviewed in May annual meeting | Inspections of assets ongoing – next due September 2022 |
| To keep up to date | SUBSCRIPTIONS - To ensure the Parish Council has access to advice and training to keep well informed | Council to approve annual subscriptions to - LRALC/SLCC, NALC, Information  Commissioners Office, Direct Clerk& Council | Clerk and Parish  Council | January 2022 |  |
| To ensure that the Clerk and Councillors maintain good practice | To ensure that the clerk and councillors undergo relevant training to their roles | All new Councillors must attend the ‘Councillor Training’ as a minimum requirement and attend other training courses relevant to their roles on committees.  The clerk must identify new legislation and keep abreast of change and source the relevant training | Clerk and  Councillors | Ongoing |  |

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| To engage with the Community | COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT To  engage with community groups and individuals to help shape the Parish Council plans for the parish. To provide articles to inform residents.  Also use Website and the Council’s Facebook page | To issue articles for publication in the 3 Views News, Website and Facebook updates  Proposal - To continue to raise the profile of the council –  Councillors host monthly drop-in sessions  Update Parish Plan | Clerk / Councillor representatives on village groups | Continuous dialogue with local groups. Monthly articles. Invites to Annual  Meeting of the  Parish. Website and  Facebook ongoing | Annual meeting of the Parish to take place on Thursday  29th April 2021 |
| To comply with the law and engage with community | WEBSITE – to keep updated | Keep updated on a regular basis | Clerk | Ongoing |  |
| To collaborate with community groups | To strengthen existing positive involvement with community groups. | Groups will be invited to the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 13th April 2022 at 7.30pm  Disseminate information through the website / Facebook / noticeboards and contribute to the 3 Views News.  Where possible, we will join forces with the business community,  We will also provide grants to groups in line with our Grant Policy | Clerk / Council | Ongoing | Councillors aim to support by attending open meetings of parish voluntary bodies and local groups run for the benefit of the community.  Councillor representatives to be agreed at May meeting. |

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| To upkeep open spaces | GROUNDS MAINTENANCE –  To manage the cutting of the grass and hedges for The Green Donisthorpe, Memorial Grounds, Football field Donisthorpe, The Green Acresford, The Orchard Donisthorpe | Draw up specification, obtain quotes, agree best value for money contract and monitor on fortnightly basis | Clerk &  Council | New contractor for  2022/25 to be agreed | Three-year contract agreed, to run from  October 2022  Due to go out for quotes Spring 2022  OCLC grounds maintenance to be taken on by ME Sports |
| To comply with  Health & Safety | TREE SURVEY - To establish condition of trees | Tree survey completed and report written Nov 2021.  To undertake works identified from survey. | Clerk &  Council | Survey to be undertaken every 3 years |  |
| To comply with  Health & Safety | TRAFFIC CONTROL  To identify appropriate locations for MVAS | Maps & suggested parish locations sent to LCC for approval.  VAS machines on A444 & Measham Road | Clerk & Councillors | Acresford – Autumn 2021 & Spring 2022 | Clerk following up on locations.  Data sent to the police. |
| Provision of bins | LITTER BINS To ensure there are enough bins, they are emptied regularly and replaced/repaired if faulty. | Contract in place with NWLDC  April 2020 | Clerk /  Contractor | Ongoing |  |
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| To renovate  facility | OCLC– to improve entrance to site. To make fully accessible.  To collaborate with tenant to upgrade the centre’s heating/ insulation and water tank. | Look into grants for accessibility & green energy. | Clerk & OCLC  Committee | Ongoing | This aim is subject to obtaining funding.  We have not increased the precept for 2022= 23 due to the expected cost of living increases so have limited funds for this work |
| To enhance the Parish and its amenities | To continue to seek funding for established projects, in particular speeding deterrents, MUGA replacement, benches enhancement of villages and improvement of assets | To complete relevant grant funding applications as appropriate and in a timely manner | Clerk and  Councillors | Ongoing |  |