

# Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold Parish Council

## ACTION PLAN 2023-2024

During 2023/2024, Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold Parish Council will undertake the following actions:

- Represent the views and promote the interests of the parish of Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold, particularly in relation to Melton Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council.
- Comment on all planning applications which fall within or impact on the Parish.
- Engage and work with the community, including parishioners, local businesses, community groups and organisations in Waltham and Thorpe Arnold and maintain an up-to-date website and social media presence in the parish.
- Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parish of Waltham and Thorpe Arnold and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person or organisation for resolution or further progression.
- Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through full meetings of the Council, supported by appropriate committees and working groups.
- Maintain robust financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money, building on the reporting capacity of the finance software and completing the Annual Governance Audit Report in a timely and professional manner.
- Maintain, improve and promote the PC owned recreation facilities such as the Play Field, Pavilion and Play Park. Pro-actively maintain Churchyard 1 in Waltham and manage the High Street Allotments efficiently.
- Identify and secure sources of funding to advance WOTWATA PC priorities.
- Promote training, induction and ongoing support for members of staff and councillors.
- Maintain good governance, including adhering to relevant benchmarks to achieve Foundation Status of the Local Council Award Scheme.

Key projects for 2023/2024 include:

- Highways priorities:
  - completing the village gateways and MVAS projects
  - licencing all street furniture
  - replacing the seven planters at the village entrances using Members' Fund monies
  - improving the bus stop near the Bellway estate, Melton Road using s106 monies
- Facilities priorities:
  - repainting identified Play Area equipment at the Play Field
  - repainting the exterior of the Pavilion
  - pursue options and funding for creating a Multi-Use Game Area on the Play Field
  - investigate electric vehicle charging point installation at the Village Hall
  - carry out remedial work on Church Yard 1, restoring access to some areas and carrying out path clearance
  - develop a maintenance plan for Church Yard 1, including memorial testing due every 5 years
- Administrative priorities:
  - update the Neighbourhood Plan in consultation with Melton Borough's scheduled update of their Local Plan

- prepare for the local council elections on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2023
- enrol the clerk to undertake CiLCA training with a view to qualifying within 12 months
- Biodiversity priorities:
  - create a tree plan for the parish
  - develop parish led ideas for encouraging biodiversity: environmental village trail, nest boxes, insect hotels, live stream videos, workshops etc

This document was adopted by the Council at its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

