



WELCOME TO OUR APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Budgets: The 2025/26 budget was set at our January Council Meeting, with a Precept demand of £430,000, which represents a 3.76% increase on the previous year, or an increase of £5.17 per year on a Band D household.

Spending Plans: In addition to the usual business of the Council, the following projects are planned over the next 12 months:

- Cemetery enhancement/maintenance – planting/signage
- Littlethorpe Village Hall enhancement – external works and accessibility improvements
- Narborough Park Play Area safety surface improvements
- Narborough Park garden alternations
- Thorpe Meadows – completion of extended public access

Planning – Oak Road, Littlethorpe:

Residents will be aware that there is much activity on planning applications at the moment, but one which created a lot of interest and concern was the proposal for Land off Oak Road, Littlethorpe. The Parish Council strongly objected to this application and spoke against it at the Planning Committee held in February. We were very pleased that the application was refused and that the objections from this Parish and neighbouring parishes, as well as hundreds of local residents, about the adverse impacts on our community, were listened to.

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI):

The Parish Council submitted a comprehensive objection to the Secretary of State and we are delighted to report that her decision notice, published on 10th March 2025, confirms that the application has been refused.

Narborough Park: Despite numerous attempts to deal with anti-social behaviour on Narborough Park over an extended period, some of our residents continue to regularly suffer the noise, nuisance and intimidation of small groups of individuals, particularly late at night. The Police and Anti-social Behaviour Teams continue to monitor the situation. On a practical level the Parish Council will be making some changes to the garden area adjacent to the car park which we hope will contribute to a reduction in unwelcome activities.

Thorpe Meadows and Littlethorpe Park: Over the coming months we will be completing the project to extend public access into the wildflower meadow at Thorpe Meadows. This is a lovely area for walkers, dog walkers, joggers and birdwatchers and can be accessed via the narrow Riverside Walk path from Station Road. A big THANK YOU to Littlethorpe Community Association, the Scouts and other kind volunteers who collected 26 bags of rubbish from Thorpe Meadows on Saturday 22nd March as part of the Great British Spring Clean. What a fantastic result!

We are aware that the horses in the field next to Littlethorpe Park have been escaping and that this has caused some concern amongst residents for their welfare and also public safety. Our team has now erected a temporary fence to keep them safe until a permanent solution is put in place by their owner.

Events: We were very disappointed to have to cancel the Tea Dance planned for 15th February 2025 due to low ticket sales, however, we are busy getting ready for our Summer Party on the Park on Saturday 2nd August 2025 at Narborough Park on Desford Road. Details will be advertised on our Facebook page and website, so do watch out for those.

Parish Council Meetings: Don't forget you are most welcome to attend any Parish Council Meeting, they are held on the third Tuesday of the month, except August and December and commence at 7.30 pm at the Parish Centre.