



## Review of progress 2023/24

### Priority Area A – The Village Centre

Since the commencement of the plan the Parish Council has:

- Installed and promoted a new defibrillator,
- Led community activity to save the village pub
- Provided wild flowers, spring bulbs, new planters and planting
- Provided an annual Christmas tree visible from Melton Road and new permanent base
- Supported community events in the village including Jubilees, the Coronation and Proclamation
- Plus Coronation time capsules and planters and the village Jubilee beacon - a focal point for events
- Secured planting on Lenton Circus to partially obscure the substation
- Employed a Groundsman to improve the environment of the village including grass verges
- Launched the *Your Tollerton project* to bring forward proposals for improvements to the village centre and community facilities supporting village life, and has:
  - Reviewed and consulted residents on community meeting space, demand and facilities for the future
  - Relocated parish room users to other venues to support their financial viability
  - Improved the frontage of the parish rooms and secured a commercial tenant, supporting a local business and raising increased revenue to support improved facilities.

#### Further improvements to deliver the community plan include:

- Securing the long-term future of the Methodist Church as a community asset
- Delivering on the *Your Tollerton review* to provide a more appropriate mix of facilities across the village, and premises to support the operation of the Parish Council
- A landscape and architectural plan for the village centre to support a vibrant and attractive village centre, reduce parking issues and parking on grass verges on Burnside Grove.

## Priority Area B – The Old Village

Since the commencement of the plan the Parish Council has:

- Installed and promoted new defibrillator
- Major remodelling of the War Memorial to fit the character of the old village
- Commissioned several specialist repairs to the War Memorial
- Made small electrical improvements to support the annual act of Remembrance
- Provided wild flower planting and bulb planting at the Pinfold
- Introduced an annual Christmas tree at the Pinfold
- Worked with businesses around Tollerton Hall
- Lobbied for flood prevention and speed/road safety improvements

**Further improvements to deliver the community plan include:**

- Securing the long-term future of the St Peter's Church Centre and paddock as a community asset and delivering an improvement plan for the whole Church Centre and Scout Hut site
- Exploring opportunities to bring ownership and management of the Tollerton Lane 'Albert Ball' allotments within the community
- Restoration of Tollerton stocks
- Reviewing options for restoration of St Peter's Church Bells

## Priority Area C – The Open Space

Since the commencement of the plan the Parish Council has:

- Improved access filling potholes on the access road, resurfacing of the car park and connecting the car park to the playground and games area
- Reviewed existing facilities including the changing rooms, siting of bins and benches and consulted residents on future facilities and improvement plans for the Open Space
- Developed the *Active Tollerton project* to bring forward proposals for improvements to the Open Space, playground and changing rooms and has:
  - Improved access including remodelling the open space to site new play equipment
  - Replaced the Shared Use Games Area and provided a tennis net for summer use
  - Delivered adventure play and interactive play equipment
  - Installed a community gym
  - Replaced flood light heads and delivered electricity supply to support village fayre
  - Underlaid the Lothian Road gates, replacing gate, new signage, water supply and bin store
  - Provided football goals appropriate for junior football and line marking for 7 and 9 a side games
  - Installed and promoted a new defibrillator
  - Installed a composting toilet and new storage
- Explored options to secure additional land to expand the facilities available.

**Further improvements to deliver the community plan include:**

- Delivering on the *Active Tollerton project* including
  - Complete surfacing around the composting toilet
  - Install cycle and scooter parking facilities
  - Improved signage and planting
- Consider further improvements or surfacing for the access road

## Priority Area D and E – Village and Parish Boundaries and Airport Development

Since the commencement of the plan the Parish Council has:

- Introduced village gateways, new planters and planting at key entrances to the village
- Developed a draft Neighbourhood Plan through consultation that:
  - sets a clear boundary to north of Tollerton village & enhanced green infrastructure around allocation site
  - reflects community needs for circular routes around Tollerton and a multi-use cycle and walking link from the village centre to the Grantham Canal along the Polsner Brook
- Worked with developers to propose appropriate and effective traffic mitigation measures and a robust green boundary for Tollerton village
- Supported residents experiencing flooding

### Further improvements to deliver the community plan include:

- Securing a community referendum on a Neighbourhood Plan for Tollerton and local planning policy that supports
  - Development of a robust boundary of enhanced green infrastructure to north of the village and explore options for Country Park
  - Proposals to expand footpath network to create circular routes around Tollerton; a multi-use cycle and walking link from the village centre to the Grantham Canal along the Polsner Brook; and routes to neighbouring communities including exploring use of the railway line
  - Traffic mitigations in the village, downgrading of Tollerton and Cotgrave Lane and green lane measures
  - Development of a heritage strategy to protect Pillboxes
  - Identification of sites for community orchards/allotments
  - Alleviation of flooding for residents
- Developing a guide to walks in and around Tollerton / heritage trail

## Parish Council Priorities

Since the commencement of the plan the Parish Council has:

- Awarded - runner up council of the year
- Qualified to use the 'general power of competence'
- Worked to renovate Council assets to a good standard
- Introduced a corporate brand and brand for the village
- Reviewed the organisation structure, conducted a pay role and implemented new roles

### Further improvements include:

- Achieve the Local Council Award (Foundation)
- Review organisation capacity and continuity planning to ensure the Council has sufficient personnel to deliver on residents' ambitions
- Ensuring the Council has the right assets and infrastructure to support new services eg Lengthsman
- Develop a planting scheme to support the community plan
- Complete community Wi-Fi in the village centre
- Complete the bin replacement plan
- Deliver a lasting tribute to the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II
- Develop emergency plans for Tollerton
- Deliver a new community plan from 2030.