



Review of progress and future improvements 2024/25

Priority Area A – The Village Centre

Since the commencement of the plan in 2016 the Parish Council has:

- Led community activity to establish a community business and save the village pub
- Provided wild flowers, spring bulbs, new planters and planting
- Updated planting with new perennials, roses and spring bulbs
- Supported community events in the village including Jubilees, the Coronation and Proclamation
- Buried Coronation time capsules and commissioned a village Jubilee beacon – as a focal point for events
- Provided an annual Christmas tree visible from Melton Road with a new permanent base and added trees to the village shops
- Secured planting on Lenton Circus to partially obscure the substation
- Installed and promoted a new defibrillator
- 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:
 - Consulted residents and reviewed 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, investing in new windows, door and lighting
 - Secured a commercial tenant and investment in the parish rooms that improves the building and street scene, supports a local business and generates revenue to invest and improve other village facilities.

Further improvements to deliver the community plan include:

- Delivering on the *Your Tollerton review* to provide a more appropriate mix of facilities across the village, including:
 - Securing the long-term future of the Methodist Church as a community asset
 - Investing in improvements to the Methodist church
- Developing 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.
- Advocate for repairs to pavements and improved weed control.
- Providing new signage in the village centre and an improved display board/map.

Priority Area B – The Old Village

Since the commencement of the plan the Parish Council has:

- Installed and promoted new defibrillator
- Delivered a major remodeling 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 and refreshed planting in 2024
- Introduced an annual Christmas tree at the Pinfold, with a new planted tree in 2024
- Supported St Peter's Church and mitigated the impacts of closure of the Church Centre
- Worked with businesses around Tollerton Hall
- Led the establishment of a flood signage scheme to close flooded roads to protect residents homes
- Supported residents impacted by flooding and lobbied for flood prevention and speed/road safety improvements

Further improvements to deliver the community plan include:

- Delivering on the *Your Tollerton review* to provide a more appropriate mix of facilities across the village, including:
 - Securing the long-term future of the St Peter's Church Centre and paddock as a community asset
 - Investing in 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
- Secure installation of flood stores to support flood signage scheme
- Restoration of Tollerton stocks
- Longer term, to review 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:

- Reviewed 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 and increase participation and play:
 - Improved access including remodeling the open space to site new play equipment
 - Replaced the old 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 two 7 a side games or one 9 a side or one 11 a side pitch
 - Replaced the 11 a side goals with moveable posts to support a range of uses of the open space

- Installed and promoted a new defibrillator
- Installed a composting toilet, extended the car park
- Replaced the old changing rooms with new storage
- Improved access filling potholes on the access road and installed a speed hump
- Resurfaced and lined the car park and connected it to the playground and games area
- 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
 - Install cycle and scooter parking facilities
 - Improve signage and planting
- Consider further improvements or surfacing for the access road
- Continue to review opportunities to expand the site.

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 final draft neighbourhood plan ready for referendum that:
 - Has been informed by four rounds of public consultation
 - Has regard to the recommendations of the independent examiner
 - Would set future planning policy for Tollerton consistent with the priorities of residents and the community plan
- Worked with developers to propose appropriate and effective traffic mitigation measures and a robust green boundary for Tollerton village
- Supported residents experiencing flooding
- Funded development of a new community speed watch scheme

Further improvements to deliver the community plan include:

- Securing a community referendum on a Neighbourhood Plan for Tollerton
- Advocating for local planning policy and conditions on new development that support
 - A robust boundary of enhanced green infrastructure to north of the village with a preference for this to be in community ownership and include a local nature reserve
 - Improvements to the 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 mitigation in the village to minimise impacts from development including downgrading of Tollerton and Cotgrave Lane, reclassifying as green lanes that connect the whole village through measures that promote walking and cycling.
 - 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
- Support go live and operation of community speed watch
- Design and install of new village signs at the village gateways

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'
- Renovated Council assets to a good standard
- Secured grants and funding to support delivery of the community plan
- Introduced a corporate brand and brand for the village
- Trialled summer maintenance roles, hand weeding and no spray policy
- Developed a new planting and grounds maintenance scheme
- Reviewed the organisation structure, conducted a pay review and implemented new roles

Further improvements include:

- Achieve the Local Council Award (Foundation)
- Support community events in 2025 including VE Day 80, Village Fayre 30, Remembrance Parade and Christmas Cracker.
- Secure funding to support further improvements, including the use of borrowing to deliver the Your Tollerton project
- Contract external service provider to deliver parts of the grounds and annual maintenance scheme and develop an approach to seasonal employment that ensures the Council has sufficient personnel to deliver on residents' ambitions
- Purchase additional equipment to support village maintenance and cleaning including mechanical weed control
- Seek extension to and continued funding for the lengthsman scheme, and consider future succession planning
- Identify functions, services and funding that could be devolved to the parish council as part of local government reorganisation
- Make improvements to parish council office and storage facilities, including changing the address of the parish council
- Support the Tollerton Community Trust to move to charity status and consider the appointment of parish councillors as trustees as appropriate
- Complete scheduled repairs to rear walkway and guttering at the former parish rooms
- Complete community Wi-Fi in the village centre
- Complete the bin replacement plan
- Deliver appropriate lasting tribute to the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II
- Develop emergency plans for Tollerton
- Deliver a new community plan from 2030.