



# Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

## Non-confidential

### Assets of Community Value (ACV)

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**Report to:** Planning and Development Committee 25-09

**Report by:** Administration Officer

**Power/duty which decision falls under:** Localism Act 2011

**Which council objective(s) it falls under:**

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement

**Public Sector Equality Duty**

*Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)*

The nomination of Assets of Community Value (ACV) can positively impact equality by helping to retain inclusive and accessible community facilities. Public halls or open spaces often provide services or activities catering to older people, young families, or those with disabilities. Ensuring these assets remain in community use can support equal access and social inclusion.

**Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity**

*Consider how the policy/decision will contribute to conserving or enhancing biodiversity*

Where a proposed ACV includes land with ecological value, listing the asset can contribute to biodiversity preservation by discouraging development or land use changes that would harm habitats. Further evaluation of the environmental importance of any green assets would need to take place if any areas are identified for listing.

**Consideration on carbon reduction:**

Protecting local, walkable services and community hubs can reduce the need for travel by car and support more sustainable lifestyles. Safeguarding green spaces helps to maintain local carbon sinks and enhances climate resilience.

Any ACV nominations should include a brief impact assessment to evaluate their contribution to reducing the parish's carbon footprint.

## Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal<sup>1</sup>

*It is impossible to list every risk faced by a local council. Risk, in the general sense, means the likelihood of an event happening, and the severity of the negative consequences. The insurance industry regards risk as representing loss or damage. Risk always involves uncertainty. When protecting a local council effectively, it is important to consider if risk is present in the following areas (SLCC AN241):*

Does the report consider any new activity?

Yes

If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council? (*Financial Regulation 17b*)

Yes

Area	Risk Present?	Notes
<b>Decision Making</b>	Yes	Council to ensure decisions around nominations follow a transparent and documented process.
<b>Finances</b>	Yes	Costs may be incurred if the Council decides to support or lead a community bid.
<b>Property</b>	Yes	ACV listing may impact relationships with property owners.
<b>Staff</b>	No	No direct staffing implications currently.
<b>Events</b>	No	Not applicable.
<b>Legal</b>	Yes	ACV nominations must meet statutory criteria and could be subject to legal challenge by asset owners.

### Risk Management Proposals

- Ensure all nominations are supported by clear evidence and community input to reduce risk of rejection or challenge.
- Liaise closely with WLDC to understand and follow nomination procedures.
- Maintain audit trail of decisions, including reasons for nominations, consultation outcomes, and any legal advice taken.
- Include risk assessments for each individual ACV nomination brought forward, especially where financial or reputational risk may arise.

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## REPORT

### 1. Purpose of the Report

This report provides an update on the progress made following the Committee's agreement to contact asset owners regarding the potential registration of sites as Assets of Community Value (ACVs). It outlines responses received to date and highlights next steps for consideration.

### 2. Background

The below was agreed at Planning and Development Committee in May 2025.

**P25/087 13. Consider and agree actions relating to assets of community value in the parish.**

Having been proposed (Cllr Shepherd) and seconded (Cllr Saunders) it was RESOLVED to:

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<sup>1</sup>Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?

Pass the information onto the owners of the buildings and see if they want to have it registered as a community asset. To add Harwood Scrub, Ingleby Clay, the woodlands, Saxilby Public Recreation Ground, and Mill Lane sports field. Write to the owners of the sites and ask them if they would like to be registered on the list.

The Localism Act 2011 requires district and unitary councils to maintain a list of ACVs. Listing gives communities an opportunity to bid for an asset if it is offered for sale, but it does not guarantee purchase or prevent disposal.

### 3. Engagement and Responses

The following asset owners were contacted regarding the possibility of nominating their land/buildings for ACV status:

	Response
Saxilby Public Recreation Ground/ St Andrews Community Centre	Feel that ACV listing is not necessary as the land is already protected by charity law
Hardwick Scrub/Ingleby Clay/Saxilby Community Wood	Would like all three sites to be considered for nomination
The Anglers Public House	Would be interested, but the building is owned by Star Pubs
The Sun Inn	No response received to date
Saxilby Village Hall	No response received to date
Trent Valley Surgery	No response received to date
Bridge Street Public Facilities	No response received to date
The Glebe Practice	No response received to date

Mill Lane Sports Field and green spaces (owned by the parish council) were also identified as potential ACVs. Whilst parish-owned assets can be nominated for ACV status if they meet the criteria, in practice this is often unnecessary.

ACV listing primarily protects community facilities in private ownership, whereas parish council-owned assets are already under public ownership and subject to local democratic control.

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## RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Planning and Development committee:

- Notes the responses received from asset owners to date.
- Agrees to prepare draft ACV nominations for Hardwick Scrub, Ingleby Clay, and Saxilby Community Wood, in conjunction with the owners and WLDC
- Agrees to contact Star Pubs regarding The Anglers Public House to establish freeholder's position
- Agrees to send reminders to asset owners who have not yet responded
- Agrees that ACV listing is not necessary for parish-owned land at this stage
- Agrees that a finalised list of supported nominations will be brought back to Committee for approval prior to submission