

MINUTES of the of meeting of Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe Parish Council held on
21st January 2002 at Donisthorpe Community Centre at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr W Lee Chairman
Cllrs R Finch, J Hair, Mrs L Massey, R Merry and
R Morris-Chapman
In attendance PC Phillips and 4 members of the public
The Chairman welcomed Mrs Susan Matkin to the meeting
Cllr Sheahan – County Councillor

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Questions were asked regarding the safety of traffic using Ashby Road in Donisthorpe. A letter was tabled from a resident addressed to LCC Highways Dept. It was agreed that members would support the resident and write to LCC to ask for highway and lighting improvements in the area.

A question was asked regarding proposed highways improvements in Narrow Lane, Donisthorpe. Highways hope to undertake the minor improvements in Spring. Members agreed to ask for the re-siting of the grit box

1540 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th December 2001 having been circulated, were signed as a true record of proceedings

1541 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Mrs Susan Matkin was introduced to Councillors. After completing “Declaration of Office” Mrs Matkin joined the Council Meeting

1542 POLICE REPORT

PC Phillips reported the following to members:-

Crime since the last meeting

Donisthorpe and Acresford – no reported crime

Oakthorpe 2 thefts from motor vehicles and theft of a pressure washer

Traffic wardens have been present outside the school in Donisthorpe to try to alleviate the parking problems. PC Dicks reported that the “speed trailer” was available for use in the parish and notice would be taken of residents complaints

PC Phillips was thanked by the Chairman for his attendance

1543 GRANT APPLICATION As the Web-site Co-ordinator was present at the meeting the Chairman agreed to bring forward Agenda item 12 b.

The Web-site Co-ordinator was applying for external funding to improve the Parish Web Site and asked members if the Council would write a letter to endorse this application by confirming that the Parish Council used this site to disseminate information to the public.

RESOLVED: That a letter be written and a retainer of £20 per annum be paid to enable future Parish Council information to be placed on the site

1544 ADDENDUM ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

Planning application no 02/0060 , Erection of 26 two storey dwellings and associated works, Land Hill Street Donisthorpe.

The chairman agreed to place the above on the agenda in order to comply with closure date for observations being 6th February 2002



1545 APPROVAL FOR ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The Clerk had asked for approval for the following actions since the last meeting
Planning Applications no 01/01468 and 2001/0336A/07(see minute no 1547)

RESOLVED: The Clerk's action be approved

1546 REPORTS

a) Chairman's

The Chairman reported that he had visited Acresford Quarry site and Walton Way Drift mine site to ascertain if any unauthorised work was being carried out.

b) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following :-

A letter of unauthorised development had been sent to NWLDC Planning Dept for the site at Walton Way Drift Mine

LCC planning application for the site at Acresford Quarry had been deferred for a site visit. The Clerk had requested that a Parish Councillor be present. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would represent the Council at this meeting. Cllr Sheahan was asked to update members regarding this site

The new street sign at Coopers Close, Acresford had been sited. The Clerk was asked to contact NWLDC, as the signs had been placed incorrectly.

The following correspondence had been received by the Clerk:-

LCC Medium Term Corporate Strategy and Budget Proposals for coming year
Coalfield Regeneration Trust has been awarded a further £45 million from 2002- 2005

Course for Councillors and Clerk's was available on 31st January at Asscn of Parish Councils, Leicester on "The New Ethical Framework"- please see Clerk for details

NWLDC Holocaust Remembrance Service 27th January 2002 at 3pm in Ashby

A letter from D Taylor- enclosing information regarding gypsy and traveller sites
LCC Pump funding had granted the Council £1000 towards CCTV system at
Oakthorpe Sports and Leisure Centre

The Ashby by-pass was due to open in March 2002, and new traffic signs were being prepared by LCC. If any members see signs which appear incorrect, please advise the Clerk.

LCC had appointed a Community Project Officer to help Parishes on various issues

c) Representative's Report - **nil**

d) Sports and Leisure Centre Report

Alarm had been triggered on two occasions – no reason found, Alarm company are investigating. It was agreed that a second sensor was required in the meeting room. The Clerk is to contact the installer, cost will be approx £100 to fit. The EMDA bid reported at the last meeting had been successful and extra funding for opening hours for centre staff had been secured. It was agreed to sign the acceptance letter for the offer.

An application had been made to Charity Commissioners for Charitable Status for the Centre. The EMDA grant had been made on behalf of the centre and therefore the funds would be in the name of the centre.

RESOLVED: To open a new bank account in the name of Oakthorpe Sports and Leisure Centre and to ask the alarm company to fit a second sensor to the meeting room.

1547 PLANNING MATTERS

The following items were approved under delegated powers:-

01/01268 Erection of single storey side extension – Penfold Cottage, 1 The Square, Oakthorpe - **No Objections as long as the proposed extension does not encroach onto the public footpath.**

2001/0336a/07 LCC – Construction of new access road with associated parking and lighting, Donisthorpe Miners' Welfare, Church Street Donisthorpe – **No Objections**

The following plan was discussed at the meeting:-

02/00060 Erection of 26 no two storey dwellings and associated works, Land Hill Street, Donisthorpe

OBSERVATIONS:- The Parish Council objects to the application as no account has been taken of Play Area Design Guidance Note, Supplementary Planning Guidance July 2001. This development appears to be an extension of the existing site and no social housing has been included. Members feel strongly that extra traffic from the site exiting onto Hill Street will cause heavy traffic congestion and state that part of the application should include Highway improvements to the area, especially when turning left from the site, passing up the hill towards The Green

b) Decision Notices

0101255 Erection of single storey rear extension to form a kitchen and games room at Hollybush Inn, Main St. Oakthorpe – Granted

c) 001111 Appeal decision notice Site at former Walton Way Drift Site, Chapel Street, Oakthorpe – permission granted subject to conditions.

1548 FINANCE

a) **Budget and Financial Statements to date**

RESOLVED: The statements be accepted- Accounts to end of December will be forwarded to Councillors prior to the next meeting

b) **Accounts for payment - (Please see separate sheet)**

RESOLVED: The schedule totalling £313.66 be approved for payment

c) **Oakthorpe Rec. Project -Accounts for payment – (Please see separate sheet)**

RESOLVED: The schedule totalling £2803.76 be approved for payment

1549 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS/ TREE PLANTING IN THE ORCHARD, DONISTHORPE

The Clerk had received replies from all interest parties, and a meeting is to be held in March regarding Jubilee Celebrations. The Clerk is to contact the “Peripatetic” Minister who visits Acresford Methodist Church and extend an invitation to the meeting.

1550 PLAYGROUND REPORT

The Clerk reported that the new warden had visited Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe and carried out various maintenance duties.

RESOLVED: BRD to be asked to submit a tender for the further work still required

1551 GRASS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

(Confidential)

Members of the public and County Councillor left the room for this item

Members considered the tenders for the Grass Contracts for the coming year

RESOLVED:	Contract 1	LB Gardens
	Contract 2	NWLDC
	Contract 3	LB Gardens
	Contract 4	K B Gilbert
	Contract 5	K B Gilbert
	Contract 6	K B Gilbert
	Contract 7	LB Gardens

Cllr Sean Sheahan returned to the meeting

1552 GRANT APPLICATION

a) **Pride** – The Clerk reported that £100 was “in hand” - New alarms cost £150
RESOLVED: A grant be given of £350, to enable 3 future alarms to be purchased when required

1553 NATIONAL FOREST SCHEME – MARY’S WOOD

A letter from Mrs Varnham regarding the above was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to dedicate a sapling, and an engraved stainless steel plaque to commemorate the event- wording as follows- “This tree is sponsored by Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council. Three Councillors to attend the event

1554 PARISH NAME

Confirmation had been received from NWLDC regarding the re-naming of the Parish The Parish is to change to Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council with effect from 22 January 2002.

1555 COMMUNITY PLANNING

A letter regarding the above was discussed. It was agreed that the action should be taken regarding the following:- traffic speed, rubbish, vandalism and extra policing required. The Clerk is to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

1556 PARISH PRECEPT FOR 2002-2003

The budget as circulated was agreed and accepted for the following year.
RESOLVED: The precept be levied at £31062 for the year 2002-2003
Thus making a band “D” property £40.08

1557 BEST VALUE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

It was agreed that Cllr Morris- Chapman, in consultation with Cllrs Mrs S Matkin and Cllr Mrs L Massey complete this questionnaire.

1558 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

- a) Quality Parish Councils
Members discussed the proposed answers, as circulated and after minor amendment agreed that these would now form the response of the Council (copy with minutes)
- b) National Training Strategy for PC's - document received
- c) Model Code of conduct. A copy of the model code was circulated and the Clerk explained the changes with the code at present.
- d) Parish Proposals – documents and letter received

1559 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 18th February 2002 at Acresford Methodist School Room 6.30 pm

Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman *H. Lee*

date *18.02.02*