

MINUTES of the meeting of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council held on Monday 15 March 2004 in Donisthorpe Community Centre @ 5.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Merry (Chairman), Cllr's Dolman, Hart, Matkin, Morris-Chapman and Warwicker.
1 member of the public was present, Bob Finch and PC Alistair Orencas.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Merry declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 9b.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – NIL.

197/03 MINUTES RESOLVED AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23 February 2004, having been circulated, were signed as a true record of the proceedings.

198/03 REPORT UNDER CRIME AND DISORDER ACT INCLUDING POLICE REPORT

PC Alistair Orencas transferred from Beaumont Leys attended the meeting. He handed out a Police Report (please see attached) and stated the following:

- Due to funding issues Ashby-de-la-Zouch has not been allocated any Community Support Officers, which are a voluntary extension to the police force. Clerk read out letter received re Agenda Item 11f, requesting funding.

Resolved: Cllr's all in favour of not providing funding for a Community Support Officer.

PC Orencas took notes on the following and was to report all to PC Gattenby to action if required.

Clerk advised that she had contacted PC Gattenby and left a message on his voicemail regarding a telephone call received from a resident on the David Wilson Homes estate regarding approx 25-30 children congregating and vandalising one of the play areas and adjacent properties.

Cllr Warwicker advised that children were often walking around Donisthorpe drinking alcohol.

Cllr Merry commented on the number of speeding vehicles within the Parish, and was currently investigating implementing 20mph speed limits by both Schools.

Cllr Hart commented on the sweeping bend on Main Street, and the straight run up Measham Road, Oakthorpe and stated that at peak times daily, vehicles are consistently exceeding the speed limit, and requested whether speeding lights could be implemented. Cllr Merry suggested implementing Ribble Strips.

Clerk read out letter re Agenda Item 11c, which Cllr's noted.

Cllr Warwicker asked what was the law regarding waste from farmers being spread across the highway? Cllr Merry advised he had received a letter on this issue, which he would read out later, re Agenda Item 4, Chairman's Report.

Cllr Matkin advised that she had been approached by residents concerned about teenagers riding motorbikes at the rear of the Mason's Arms Public House, along the Canal run. Cllr Dolman advised that this was private land, so there was nothing they could do.

Pc Orencas requested Clerk to contact PC Gattenby regarding the next meeting. Clerk advised that an Agenda was always issued to PC Gattenby approx one week before meeting.

PC Orencas left the meeting at 5.30pm.

199/03 APPROVAL FOR ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The following actions were taken under delegated powers.

Planning observations required prior to 9 March 2004

a) 04/00261/FUL - Erection of single storey front extension and first floor side extension at Beaumont, Main Street, Oakthorpe - **No objections.**

Planning observations required prior to 11 March 2004

b) 04/00280/FUL – Demolition of single storey dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings at 68 Ashby Road, Donisthorpe - **No objections.**

200/03 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Merry advised the following:

- He had received a letter from NWLDC regarding waste from AB Produce detailing various restrictions, which both AB Produce and the farmer will attempt to adhere to.

Cllr Mole entered the meeting at 5.34pm.

- PMP Consultants requested that an income and expenditure, budget and forecasting was required for Oakthorpe Sports and Leisure Centre for the following financial year.
- Luncheon Club was due to commence 1st April at Oakthorpe Sports & Leisure Centre, which had been renamed Saltersford Valley Luncheon Club. Meal costs were £2.25, which consisted of lunch plus either tea/coffee or cold drink. Cllr Merry was attending an established Luncheon Club next week.
- He attended the Canal Forum, and requested Clerk to respond to letter he had received regarding the Canal Extension. He requested that Cllr's support the extension.

Resolved: All in favour.

201/03 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cllr Morris-Chapman had received minutes from the meeting held at Acresford Quarry, but was unable to view. Clerk had received minutes, which were to be noted in Clerks Report. Clerk to copy and allocate to Cllr Morris-Chapman.

Cllr Warwicker had attended a meeting conducted by the police and handed out various pieces of literature he had been given. Cllr Warwicker advised he had also attended a number of meetings at Donisthorpe Miners Welfare.

202/03 SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE REPORT

a) Centre Brochure – Cllr Merry to produce and advise at next meeting.

b) Recreation Ground Side Access Path – Cllr's are to view on lighter nights when meeting held at Leisure Centre.

c) PMP Post Completion Monitoring Visit – Cllr Merry advised that the meeting lasted approx three and a half hours but went well. However the consultants commented on various design faults with the building. PMP advised that the report would take approx three months to complete.

203/03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 04/00311/FUL – Raising of land levels and erection of shed, Land Adjacent to Hooborough Brook, Burton Road, Acresford – The Parish Council **strongly object** to this planning application on the following grounds:

- Site is too close to the A444, therefore site entrance is on a dangerous and fast road, and at a dangerous location/Junction re Highways Issue
- Acresford residents strongly oppose as the site is currently used to race quad bikes, distributing noise pollution, which may become permanent if levels are raised.
- Site is in the River Mees catchment, where there are lots of conservation issues (SAC's)
- Raising of the land is within the flood plain area, and therefore should not be allowed.

b) 03/00371/FUL – Residential Development (Outline), Moira Road Garage, Moira Road, Donisthorpe. Letter received from Berryman Shacklock Solicitors re Section 106 Agreement relating to the development – The Parish Council **object** and decline to accept the Agreement, as they have not been allocated any plans on the design of houses and the number to be erected on the site.

c) 04//00378/FUL – Erection of two storey extension to dwelling and detached double garage (amended scheme), Hilltop Farm Cottage, Main Street, Oakthorpe – **No objections.**

d) 04/00392//FUL - Erection of two storey side and rear extension, 8 Main Street Oakthorpe – **No objections.**

204/03 DECISION NOTICES

a) 04/00041/VCI – Continuation of use of processing plant without complying with Condition 15 at AB Produce, Enterprise House, Westminster Industrial Estate, Measham – **Refused.**

b) 04/00004/ADC – Display of non-illuminated sign at 2 Coronation Lane, Oakthorpe – **Refused.**

- c) 04/00113/FUL – Erection of one detached two storey dwelling at land rear of 44 New Street, Donisthorpe – **Refused**.

205/03 FINANCE

a) Financial Statements and Budget figures to date.

RESOLVED: The statements be accepted up to the end of February 2004.

b) Parish Council Accounts for payment – (please see separate sheet).

RESOLVED: The schedule totalling £1516.94 be approved for payment.

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

RESOLVED: The part schedule totalling £1366.60 be approved for payment.

Councillor Merry declared a prejudicial interest in the next item and left the room.

Councillor Morris-Chapman, (as vice-chairman) assumed chairmanship for the following item:

RESOLVED; The payment of £391.18 be approved.

Councillor Merry returned to the meeting and resumed as Chairman.

Total Oakthorpe Rec. Project payments for the month being £1757.78.

County Cllr Shean Sheahan entered the meeting at 6.35pm.

CLLR mole requested to move to Agenda Item 23 as she had to leave meeting. The Chairman agreed, therefore CC Sheahan left the meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in pursuance of Section 1 (2) to the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 and Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, it is **RESOLVED** because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press are not admitted to the meeting during the consideration of the following items:-

206/03 OAKTHORPE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Clerk advised Cllr's that Brian Jones had contacted Clerk and had requested to meet with two Councillors to resolve the issues, and had requested if Cllr Merry could not attend as they felt there was animosity between the Club and Cllr Merry. Cllr's disagreed and advised that Cllr Merry should be one of the Cllr's meeting Club along with Cllr Hart. Cllr's advised that Clerk should bullet point issues, and send the list to Brian Jones, and on the condition that Brian Jones accepts the points to be discussed the Parish Council will meet.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of above.

Meeting moved out of confidential.

Cllr Mole left the meeting and CC Sheahan re-entered.

207/03 CLERK'S REPORT

1) Acceptance of grass Mowing Contracts for 2004/2005 – Noted.

2) Calor Village of the Year – Noted.

3) L&R Playing Fields Association, Subscription - Noted.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour.

4) Acresford Quarry Restoration Liaison Meeting 10/02/04, Minutes – Noted, Cllr's Hart, Morris-Chapman and Warwicker requested a copy. CC Sheahan advised that an LCC Surveyor had stopped them bringing additional materials onto the site as he felt there was enough materials currently on site to complete the restoration.

5) LAPLC – Service Provision and Annual Subscription for 2004/5 of £277.83- Noted.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour.

6) NWLDC Supplementary Planning Guidance re Affordable Housing – Noted.

7) Part-time Clerks Vacancy – Ashby Would Town Council – Noted.

8) Clerks and Councils Direct, Cllr Copies – Noted and non required.

9) Castle Donington Parish Council, Letter re East Midland Airport – Noted, Cllr's support and Clerk to respond.

10) LAPLC, Interim Management Arrangements – Noted.

11) Leisure Centre Decoration, Quotes received – Noted, but further funding required before work can commence.

208/03 CORRESPONDENCE for DISCUSSION

- a) **LCC, Partnership funding for rural bus shelters 2004/2005 Programme** - Noted.
- b) **NWLDC, Town and Parish Council Charter** – Noted, Cllr's agreed this was a good idea and a good starting point to improve relations between NWLDC and Parish Councils, Cllr Merry signed forms and Clerk to return.
- c) **LL&R Safety Camera Scheme, Speeding on Moira Road, Donisthorpe** – Previously noted.
- d) **The Boundary Committee, Periodic electoral review of LCC (draft)** – Noted, and Cllr's requested copies to discuss at next meeting. CC Sheahan commented on boundaries.
- e) **The Standards Board for England, Regulation and guidance re local authority monitoring officers** - Noted, Clerk to copy and discuss at next meeting.
- f) **Leicestershire Constabulary, Opportunities for the deployment of Community Support Officers** – Figures noted, previously discussed by PC Orenca.
- g) **Fishers Solicitors, Transfer of Justices Licence, Gate Inn, 51 School Street, Oakthorpe** – Noted.

209/03 GRANT APPLICATION – UNDER SECTION 137 - NIL.

210/03 PARISH TRANSPORT GRANT

Clerk and Cllr Merry are to attend a meeting at Age Concern on 23rd March to discuss the finer details, and hopefully commence the transport run on 16th April.

211/03 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Clerk advised that the last Newsletter was not sent to Clerk to proof read and it contained various mistakes. Clerk to contact Steve Berrill to discuss issues and advise Cllr's at next meeting.

212/03 PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

Clerk advised she had received a letter from Crane and Walton Solicitors which stated that the land was not to be used by the Parish Council for any other purpose than as a play area, therefore Clerk will request authorisation to erect the board before signing. Clerk also advised she had received quotes from Les Baxter to replace Acresford notice board, which were £32.00 to re-site existing board or £42.00 to replace and re-site new board.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of erecting new board if authorisation to erect on the Play Area is agreed.

213/03 DAVID WILSON ESTATE PLAY AREAS & ADDITIONAL LAND

Clerk advised she had not received any further correspondence.

214/03 PARISH ELECTION UPDATE AND INCLUSION OF POLL CARDS

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of using poll cards if an Election is to take place.

215/03 STREET DECORATION/PLANTING

Clerk advised she contacted LCC and was advised that she had to send a letter detailing location by map, size of planter and advising who will maintain the area.

216/03 PARISH MEETINGS DATE CHANGE REQUEST

Clerk requested meetings to be either arranged for a Tuesday or Thursday evening.

Resolved: Cllr's in favour of moving next meeting to Tuesday 20th April and the following meeting to Tuesday 18th May both to commence at 5.00pm.

217/03 STREET LAMPS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Hart advised he had contacted LCC re Street Lights in the Compound Area, Oakthorpe. He was advised the area belonged to the Housing Department at NWLDC. Cllr Hart stated that the area was a mess.

Cllr Hart advised he was to talk to residents with regard to footpaths. CC Sheahan advised Wardens who look after reclaimed sites are now eligible via LCC to be paid for their duties.

218/03 WEBSITE

Clerk advised she was to update the website shortly once training had been received.

219/03 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

Cllr Hart advised that the Parish needed to know where they are on the priority lists regarding reducing the speed limits by the schools. CC Sheahan advised, the schools need to implement a School Travel Plan and 20mph zone petitions, which helps them to get further up the lists. Clerk to advise Donisthorpe Primary School, and Cllr Merry to advise Oakthorpe Primary School.

220/03 OAKTHORPE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Previously discussed.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 20 April 2004 to be held in Methodist Church School Room, Acresford at 5.00pm.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm

Chairman.....

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