

**MINUTES of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 August 2004 in Oakthorpe Sports & Leisure Centre @ 6.00pm.**

**PRESENT** Cllr Hair (Chairman), Cllr's Dolman, Hart, Merry, Mole, Morris-Chapman and Warwicker.  
9 members of the public & PC Trower present.

**APOLOGIES** received from Cllr Matkin.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Merry declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 6d and 9a. Cllr's Dolman and Warwicker declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7c. Cllr Hart declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda items 7a and 7b.

**068/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2004 AND MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Merry stated Clerk did not mention Cllr's would not object to the no waiting restrictions on one side of the road re Minute Ref 066/04 – Noted.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 July, were signed as a true record of the proceedings by the Chairman.

**069/04 REPORT UNDER CRIME AND DISORDER ACT INCLUDING POLICE REPORT**

Cllr Hair introduced the new parish beat co-ordinator, PC Trower.

PC Trower stated the following:-

- Had been in police force for 10 years, 4 years as a Community Policeman in Coalville
- Transferred to Ashby 5 weeks ago
- Advised all telephone calls made to 0116 222 2222 were answered by a call centre, all calls were recorded and reports produced, advising the caller what is going to happen and if needed, would then be allocated to various area constables to address.

He stated all calls should be made to 0116 222 2222 if not urgent, otherwise dial 999.

Cllr Hart advised there had been noise issues in Oakthorpe, and stated the police telephone number needs to be added to the parish newsletter, so residents know the correct number to call.

**PC Trower left the meeting.**

Cllr's brought forward the public question time, at the request from various members of the public attending.

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

1) Resident requested to know whether the parish council had replied to a letter issued by the Leicestershire Rural Housing regarding affordable housing, and had all the Cllr's looked at the plans for Moira Road Garage site?

Clerk replied that she would look at the correspondence received, as she could not recall receiving anything other than notification that the officer, Kevin Butcher had moved on. Clerk to contact resident when she has checked correspondence. Cllr Hair advised the planning application was to be viewed and discussed by all Cllr's tonight, although several had already seen the plans at the residents meeting.

Cllr Warwicker stated that outline planning permission was requested a while ago for the Moira Road Garage site, when a lot of the current Cllr's were not on the Parish Council. Also noting, that when the Section 106 agreement was issued on the site, the Parish Council did not agree to it.

2) Resident requested were the Parish Council going to make a decision at tonight's meeting?

Cllr Hair replied yes.

3) Resident asked Cllr Hair whether he had a casting vote, in the case of a tie?

Cllr Hair replied yes.

4) Resident asked has the developer approached the Parish Council or have Parish Council contacted NWLDC?

Cllr Hair replied no.

In light of the volume of interested residents in planning application agenda item 7c, Cllr Hair brought Planning Applications forward, discussing agenda item 7c first.

## 070/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr's Dolman and Warwicker declared a prejudicial interest in the next item and left the meeting.

c) 04/01213/FUL - Erection of 19 dwellings, Former site of Moira Road Garage, Moira Road, Donisthorpe – The Parish Council **strongly objected** to the application on the following grounds:

- Gross over development of the site (57 dwellings per hectare)
- Straining of the present traffic infrastructure. Increased volume of traffic onto Moira Road (already congested with limited car parking)
- Does not respect the character of surrounding residential properties (refer to NWLLP, policy E4)
- Entrance splays are narrow, and limited footpaths may create highway safety problems
- Too restricted in size to satisfactorily accommodate the proposed development, i.e layout, access and parking (refer to NWLLP, policy E5)
- Number of dwellings will significantly impact on local services, such as schools, shops and medical facilities (refer to PPG3 Item 70)
- Significant increase in parked cars, excluding the limited number of spaces allocated for visitors
- Garden sizes are significantly small and do not reflect the current guidelines advised of 11 metres in length (stated by NWLDC, Development Guidelines, section A1)
- Inadequate onsite amenity and play space. The stated Donisthorpe Woodland Park, and adjacent canal would not be an appropriate open space for children
- Do not want to set a president within the area, alongside the canal
- Conflict between leisure and tourism, and high rise density dwelling in the area
- Further consultancy is needed with Leicestershire County Council, British Waterways and National Forest
- Needs a whole community solution before any planning is permitted

Cllr's Dolman and Warwicker returned to the meeting. 7 members of the public left the meeting at 7.05pm.

Cllr Hart declared a prejudicial interest in the following two items and left the meeting.

- a) 04/01184/FUL – Erection of conservatory, installation of gates to boundary wall and erection of detached double garage, 20 Moira Road, Donisthorpe – **No objections.**
- b) 04/01185/LBC – Erection of conservation and installation of new window units, 20 Moira Road, Donisthorpe – **No objections.**

Cllr Hart returned to the meeting. 1 member of the public left the meeting.

- d) 04/01120/FUL – Erection of single storey rear extension and detached double garage, 4 Church Street, Donisthorpe – **No objections.**

## 071/04 APPROVAL FOR ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The following action was taken under delegated powers.

Planning observations required prior to 10 August 2004

- a) 04/01146/FUL – Demolition from existing building and erection of new dwelling and detached garage, Hilltop Farm, Main Street, Oakthorpe – **No objections.**  
Cllr Hart requested Clerk to make enquiries as to whether the dwelling could be kept in line with the surrounding dwellings. All in favour, and Clerk to address.
- b) 04/01162/OUT – Residential Development, In the vicinity of Ramscliffe Avenue, Church Street, Donisthorpe – **No objections, however the Parish Council stresses provisions should be made to incorporate a grocery store either on site or within close proximity, as the village does not have one.**
- c) 04/01167/TPO – Crown reduction (50%) of 1 cherry and 1 hazel tree (trees protected by TPO's order T162) – The Parish Council **object** to the application on the following grounds:
  - Resident was aware of TPO's when property was purchased
  - Proposal would significantly reduce size of the trees.

## 072/04 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Hair advised, the Parish Council Archaeological Warden, Mrs Evans had died in July, and the Clerk sent a letter of condolence to her husband and family.

Cllr Hair had visited Mrs Bowley, a parish resident with a card and bottle of sherry, as she had reached 100 years old.

## 073/04 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS - Nil

## 074/04 SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE REPORT

- a) **Fun Day / Barbeque** – Cllr Merry advised all was in place for the event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September and a barbeque had been purchased at a cost of £352 (£279 excl. vat).
- b) **Summer Activities** – Cllr Merry advised 30 children attended the club on Monday, averaging 26.
- c) **Autumn Bookings** – Cllr Merry advised two evening bookings left on the MUGA.

**Cllr Merry declared a prejudicial interest in the next item and left the meeting.**

- d) **Staff Holidays/ Sick Cover** - Clerk advised Sheila Merry had booked her holidays from 27<sup>th</sup> August until 5<sup>th</sup> September and cover was required for various times at the centre. Cllr Warwicker advised he and his wife would stand in and cover the bookings.

**Resolved:** All in favour.

Clerk also advised, Sheila Merry had worked additional hours cleaning as cleaner had been off sick, therefore Clerk requested Sheila be paid for these hours totalling £65.00.

**Resolved:** All in favour.

**Cllr Merry returned to the meeting and Cllr Mole left the meeting at 7.45pm.**

## 075/04 DECISION NOTICES

- a) 04/00811/FUL, Erection of detached double garage/workshop (amended scheme) at 87 School Street, Oakthorpe - **Granted.**
- b) 04/00941/FUL, Erection of one detached dwelling and detached garage at Land Adj, 125 Moira Road, Donisthorpe - **Granted.**

## 076/04 FINANCE

- a) **Parish Council Accounts for payment** – (please see separate sheet).  
**Resolved:** The schedule totalling £2641.47 be approved for payment. All Cllr's in favour.  
**Oakthorpe Rec. Project - Accounts for payment** – (Please see separate sheet).  
**Resolved:** The part schedule totalling £1628.06 be approved for payment. All Cllr's in favour.

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

**Resolved:** The payment of £360.00 be approved. All in favour.

Total Oakthorpe Rec. Project payments for the month being £1988.06

**Councillor Merry returned to the meeting.**

- b) **Clerks Annual Salary Increase** – Clerk advised annual statutory pay rise increased Clerks salary from £7997.35 to £8215.78 with effect from April 2004, therefore payments backdated and added to this month's salary.

## 077/04 CLERK'S REPORT - NIL

## 078/04 CORRESPONDENCE for DISCUSSION

- a) NWLDC, Drug Related Litter Funds – Reporting and Training – Noted. Cllr Warwicker stated the Parish Council should not have to do their jobs for them.
- b) NWLDC, Local Plan – Monitoring Report 1991 - 2004 - Noted. Clerk to enquire if Cllr Warwicker can have a copy.
- c) NWLDC, Ceilidh & Supper Evening, 18<sup>th</sup> September & Civic Service, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Noted. Cllr's Hair and Merry to attend Civic Service. Clerk to reply to invitation.
- d) TPAS, NWL Council Housing Investment Options – Noted.
- e) LCC, County Council Best Value Performance Plan 2004/5 – Noted  
**Resolved:** Cllr Hair to complete and return, All Cllr's in favour.
- f) HM Treasury, Notice to holders of British Government Stocks – Noted.
- g) LRP & LCC, Annual Review 2004 – Noted.
- h) LAPLC, Various – Noted.
- i) Local Alchemy, Re-inventing Local Economies – Noted, no Cllr's interested in pursuing.

**079/04 HIRE OF DONISTHORPE RECREATION GROUND**

Clerk passed agreement document around for all Cllr's to read. Cllr Hair requested adding paragraph, In the event of bad weather, the representatives of the Parish Council along with the referee and the team managers should jointly conclude whether the match should be played.

**Resolved:** All Cllr's in favour of clerk issuing agreement once paragraph has been added.

**080/04 POST BOX, CHAPEL STREET, DONISTHORPE**

Clerk advised she had contacted Royal Mail with reference to relocating the Post Box and was advised that a report would need to be done to determine the cost. All Cllr's agreed to wait until new development on land opposite current Post box has been completed.

**081/04 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Hart stated the information the Parish Council contribute to the monthly newsletter needs to be informative and accurate with residents being encouraged to respond to regular parish issues.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 21 September 2004 to be held in Donisthorpe Community Centre at 6.00pm.

**Meeting closed 8.35 pm**