

MINUTES of the meeting of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council held on Monday 19 January 2004 in Donisthorpe Community Centre @ 6.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr Merry (Chairman), Cllr's Dolman, Morris-Chapman and Warwicker.
3 members of the public were present, Bob Finch, John Hair and David Hart.

APOLOGIES received from Cllr's Hart, Lennon, Matkin and Mole.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Warwicker declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7a.
Cllr Merry declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Items 8b.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –

- 1) John Hair advised that the dog fouling on New Street and surrounding roads was appalling. Cllr Merry replied that the Parish Council were aware of the problem but unable to control it, he stated offenders need to be caught in the act and details passed to NWLDC so they could be prosecuted.
- 2) John Hair advised that the drains were blocked again on New Street and Church Street (approx 20 yards below on the opposite side of the church gates/bottom of the Peterleas). He stated County Highways had cleared some drains last week. Cllr Merry requested Clerk to notify County Highways.

154/03 MINUTES RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings held on the 15 December 2003 and 6 January 2004, having been circulated, were signed as a true record of the proceedings.

County Councillor Sheahan entered the meeting at 6.40pm.

155/03 REPORT UNDER CRIME AND DISORDER ACT INCLUDING POLICE REPORT- No police present
a) Report from the police – NIL.

156/03 APPROVAL FOR ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – NIL

157/03 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – NIL

158/03 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cllr Warwicker attended Housing Enabler meeting at Hinkley, regarding Recycling. He reported on the Waste Disposal Site at Woodville and advised it was to have a twelve years cycle. He suggested companies in Loughborough recycled paper, cardboard, plastic, textiles also paint, wood and nails and stated that more recycling could be done. He passed his findings onto Rachel Sweetlan at NWLDC for her to pursue further, and stated he is looking at alternative recycling including incinerating.

It was noted that Lount Waste Disposal Site had received various complaints regarding smells and traffic, however there was limited life left at the tip. Cllr Merry and County Cllr Sheahan advised doorstep collections throughout the Parish were due to commence in July 2004.

Cllr Merry attended a meeting of the Ashby Woulds Forum. He advised the Forum is to be closed, but will carry on in a different form i.e Leisure. He stated when the restructure is complete the whole Parish would be included, at present it only represents parts of the Parish.

County Cllr Sheahan advised a draft constitution will be drawn up including the change of name.

159/03 SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE REPORT

- a) **Vandalism to building/equipment** – Cllr Merry advised that following the new year all external locks had been super-glued and the cigarette butt holder had been damaged. Police were called in and are currently analysing video footage of both incidents. Clerk to check insurance.
- b) **Luncheon Club** – Cllr Merry advised the club was to operate on a weekly basis commencing after Easter on Thursdays. The Mother and Toddler group are going to move their booking to accommodate it. Cllr Merry stated an offering of 6 months free rent for use of the Centre as the Parish Council's contribution.
Resolved: All in favour.
- c) **Grundfos Pumps** – Clerk advised an invoice is still outstanding. Clerk still awaiting their reply, after contacting on numerous occasions. Clerk to advise outcome when reply received

160/03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 04/00005/FUL, Demolition of outbuilding/workshop and erection of part one/part two storey side extension, 49 Chapel Street, Oakthorpe - **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 04/00004/ADC, Display of non-illuminated sign, 2 Coronation Lane, Oakthorpe - **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 03/01690/TPO, Reduce and reshape 30 per cent to 1 holly tree, crown up to 5 metres, crown thin by 30 per cent to 3 lime trees (tree protected by TPO T162 - Amended Description) - The Parish council **OBJECT** to this amended application on the following grounds:-
- Reducing a holly tree will impair the tree, which may damage/kill the tree.
 - As previously stated, the trees have been present on the site long before the houses were built. Resident's would have been aware of the TPO's when purchasing property.
- 04/00041/VCI - Confirmation of use of processing plant approved under Planning Permission 00/00148/FUL without complying with Condition 15 (height of external storage), AB Produce, Enterprise House, Measham - **NO OBJECTIONS - NO OBJECTIONS.**
- a) **Decision Notices** – 03/01418/OUT, Erection of one detached dwelling and garage at Prospect House, 12 Chapel Street, Oakthorpe - **Granted.**

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

- 03/01728/FUL, Erection of one detached single storey dwelling and alterations to vehicular access at Land rear of and adjacent to 17 – 31A Moira Road, Donisthorpe – **Refused.**

Councillor Warwicker returned to the meeting.

161/03 FINANCE

- a) **Financial Statements and Budget figures to date.**
RESOLVED: The statements be accepted up to the end of December 2003.
- b) **Parish Council Accounts for payment** – (please see separate sheet).
RESOLVED: The schedule totalling £4700.56 be approved for payment.
- Oakthorpe Rec. Project -Accounts for payment** – (Please see separate sheet).
RESOLVED: The part schedule totalling £3168.71 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 £425.41 be approved.

Councillor Merry returned to the meeting and resumed as Chairman.

Total Oakthorpe Rec. Project payments for the month being £3594.12.

- c) **Budget/Precept Figures Approved** - Clerk advised the precept figure for 2004/5 was set at £44680.00 which equates to £54.29 per band D Property. Clerk requested approval before submitting figures to NWLDC.

Resolved: All in favour.

- d) **Internal Check of Accounts (April – December)** - Due to Cllr Lennon's absence, clerk to request Cllr Mole to view accounts as soon as possible.

162/03 CLERK'S REPORT

- 1) **Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safety Camera Scheme** - Noted.
- 2) **NWLDC, Councillor Identity Cards** -Noted.
- 3) **Report from District Cllr Glynn Davies** - Noted.

163/03 CORRESPONDENCE for DISCUSSION

- a) **DEFRA, Equine Issues** – Noted.
- b) **LCC, Leicestershire LTP, Third Annual Progress Report (APR3) July 2003** – Noted
- c) **NWLDC, Designing out crime, designing in community safety** – Noted.
- d) **Leicestershire Rural Partnership, Winter 2003 Newsletter** – Noted.
- e) **Leicestershire Constabulary, Invite to informal briefing, 29 January 2004** – Noted, Cllr Warwicket to attend.
- f) **LCC, Highways defect reporting line** – Noted.
- g) **NWLDC, Alcohol consumption in public places, Measham** – Noted. Clerk to request details and advise Parish Council how to implement.
- h) **LAPLC, Various** – Noted.
- i) **NWLDC, Local hearings to determine referred complaints** – Noted. All questions answered and Clerk to return.
- j) **NWLDC – Draft guidance for operators of car boot sales and outdoor markets** – Noted.
- k) **L & R, Rural Stress Support Team** – Noted.
- l) **International Tree Foundation, Membership Request** – Noted, and stated not interested in joining foundation.
- m) **LCC, Strategic Overview of the Leicestershire Enviroment, Consultation Draft** – Noted. Cllr Warwicker took draft to read.

164/03 GRANT APPLICATION – UNDER SECTION 137 - NIL

165/03 PARISH TRANSPORT GRANT

Clerk advised she was still awaiting quotation from Measham Mobility Bus, Caroline Mackay is to attend a meeting with Measham Mobility Bus on 20 January 2004 and she will chase up on our behalf. Clerk to advise outcome when quotation received.

166/03 NWLDC, REVIEW OF REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Clerk read out letter from Mr C A North (monitoring officer at NWLDC). Letter noted and Cllr Warwicker to review and advise clerk accordingly.

167/03 CLLR HART, DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

Due to Cllr Hart's absence this item was agreed to be placed on next Parish Council Agenda.

168/03 DAVID WILSON ESTATE PLAY AREAS

Clerk advised she was awaiting reply from Keith Fairbrother at NWLDC regarding the above. Clerk had also contacted Mary Gibson who advised that David Wilson have allocated an addition £15880 towards the upkeep of the two existing play areas due to the additional development of approx 26 houses. The money is currently being held at NWLDC but will be allocated to company who chooses to adopt play areas. Clerk to advise further at meeting.

169/03 PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

Clerk issued letter to Les Baxter accepting quotations to repair various boards and requesting Les Baxter to quote for making a Notice Board for Acresford. Clerk still awaiting response. To advise Cllr's when notification received.

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:-

The Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the room.

170/03 CLERKS EXPENSES

At present the Clerk uses her own equipment i.e Computer, Printer, email facilities, heating and lighting at no cost to the council. As per previous years a yearly payment has been made to cover these costs. Therefore Clerk requests payment to help pay for new computer as existing one has broken.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of allocating £400 expenses to clerk to help pay towards new computer.

Clerk returned to meeting.

171/03 GRASS MOWING CONTRACT 2

Clerk advised various tenders had been received for Contract 2. It was agreed that SDI would be offered the contract as they were the cheapest quotation and had got good references off Heather Parish Council.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of SDI be offered contract. Clerk to notify.

172/03 OAKTHORPE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Clerk advised she had received an email from Brian Jones, Secretary at Oakthorpe Athletic Football Club. The email advised a meeting had been held with their solicitors and a response letter was to be issued within the next week. Clerk to advise outcome at next meeting

Meeting moved out of confidential.

The date of the next meeting of the Council has been arranged for Monday 16 February 2004 to be held in Oakthorpe Sports & Leisure Centre at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm

Chairman.....

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