

**MINUTES of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 October 2004  
in Acresford Methodist Church Room @ 6.00pm.**

**PRESENT** Cllr Hair (Chairman), Cllr's Dolman, Hart, Merry, Mole, and Warwicker.  
PC Trower, and 1 member of the public present.

**APOLOGIES** received from Cllr's Matkin and Morris-Chapman.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hair declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7c, Cllr Merry declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9b.

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- 1) Resident of New Street, Donisthorpe advised she had recently issued a letter to Cllr Matkin regarding vandalism to her property and vehicles being driven in the opposite direction up New Street along the one-way section. She advised she had recorded some of the offences to the police but had not received a response.

Cllr Mole stated that this was a personal issue, which should be dealt with by PC Trower outside of the meeting. PC Trower advised that the police procedure is not working, as she had not been responded to. Due to lack of help and guidance resident stormed out.

**101/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2004 AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 September, were signed as a true record of the proceedings by the Chairman. No matters arising.

**102/04 REPORT UNDER CRIME AND DISORDER ACT INCLUDING POLICE REPORT**

PC Trower advised that in the last 30 days there had been a total of 30 crimes recorded, within his beat, which consisted of the following:

- 2 thefts from vehicles
- 3 burglary from sheds/garages
- 7 assaults
- 5 thefts
- 4 damage to motor vehicles
- 5 general damages
- 3 non-crimes (no offence but a complaint)

He advised 3 of the above had been detected, and 105 incidents had been reported.

**103/04 APPROVAL FOR ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS (PLANNING APPLICATIONS):**

Planning observation required prior to 6 October 2004

- a) **04/01447/FUL** – Demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment of the site with five four bedroom, two storey detached dwellings with integral garages, 10 Hill Street, Donisthorpe – The Parish Council **object** to the planning application on the following grounds:

- Over intensive use of the site
- Increased volume of traffic onto Hill Street (already congested with cars from relatively new, and large David Wilson development)
- Number of dwellings will significantly impact on local services, such as schools, shops and medical facilities (refer to PPG3 Item 70)
- Previous sewer problems, known to have occurred on site
- Significant increase in parked cars, for visitors
- Smaller 2/3 bedroomed dwellings (affordable housing) needed in the village to accommodate local residents rather than additional large properties.

Planning observation required prior to 8 October 2004

- b) **Hicks Lodge Extension/Restoration Scheme** – The Chairman and Clerk felt the proposed plans were excellent however have a few observations which are as follows:

- Installation of dog and litter bins throughout the site
- There are no plans for any public toilets on the site, would it be possible to erect at least one set of toilets somewhere
- Where the trail comes opposite 'Thought It' drive, position a clapper gate (hinges opposite one another), wide enough for a wheel chair, to allow access to Ashby Road. If there is additional (or

excess) funding, would it be possible to then narrow the road with a ramp and priority signs as in Church Street, Donisthorpe at the Country Park entrance? (This would kill two birds with one stone). It would slow traffic on approach to village and also allow safe crossing to the Oakthorpe Picnic area and more.

**Finance:**

- a) **Oakthorpe Sports & Leisure Centre** – Due to health and safety issues regarding tiling in several areas, the Parish Council had no choice other than to rectify the problems quickly otherwise the Leisure Centre would have had to have closed.
- b) **Saltersford Valley Luncheon Club** – Cllr Merry had previously attended a Basic Food and Hygiene course, advised by Cllr Mole, which he thought was free. However a payment of £35.00 was required for all attendees, which is to be paid to Cllr Mole, who paid outstanding invoice on Parish Council's behalf.

**104/04 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Nil**

**105/04 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS - Nil**

**106/04 SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE REPORT**

- a) **Gibson Hamilton** – Clerk contacted architect Richard Crowson to advise him of the ongoing problem with tiles peeling from the walls throughout the building. Mr Crowson attended a meeting with Clerk and Cllr Merry and advised due to health and safety issues the tiles needed to be rectified (see Minute Ref 103/04 – Finance, b). Mr Crowson agreed the problems were not acceptable and contacted Hallams builders to arrange a meeting to review situation.

**107/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- f) **04/00714/FUL** – Erection of stables and change of use of land for the keeping of horses, Land adjoining Springfield Farm, Chapel Street, Oakthorpe - **No objections.**
- g) **04/01547/FUL** – Erection of a first floor side and single storey rear extension, 6 Talbot Place, Donisthorpe – **No objections.**

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

- h) **04/01559/FUL** – Erection of single storey rear extension and internal alterations, including external rear staircase, Spar Store & Off Licence, 47 Measham Road, Oakthorpe – **No objections.**

**Councillor Hair returned to the meeting.**

- i) **04/01578/FUL** – Erection of a two storey detached dwelling, Land adjacent to 73 School Street, Oakthorpe – **No objections.**

**108/04 DECISION NOTICES**

- a) **01/00868/FUL** – Erection of warehouse/distribution building with associated offices, car parking, service yards and landscaping at Land at Westminster Industrial Estate, Measham – **Granted.**
- b) **04/01184/FUL** – Erection of conservatory and installation of gates to boundary wall and erection of detached double garage at 20 Moira Road, Donisthorpe – **Granted.**
- c) **04/01185/LBC** – Erection of conservatory and installation of new window units at 20 Moira Road, Donisthorpe – **Granted.**
- d) **04/01299/FUL** – Erection of single storey rear extension to form conservatory at 7 Foxglove Avenue, Donisthorpe – **Granted.**
- e) **04/01339/FUL** – Formation of vehicular access at 51 Measham Road, Oakthorpe – **Granted.**

**109/04 FINANCE**

- a) **Financial Statements and Budget figures to 30 September 2004.**  
**Resolved:** Cllr's accepted the statements/figures up to the end of September 2004.
- b) **Parish Council Accounts for payment** – (please see separate sheet).  
**Resolved:** The schedule totalling £1998.27 be approved for payment. All Cllr's in favour.  
**Oakthorpe Rec. Project - Accounts for payment** – (Please see separate sheet).  
**Resolved:** The part schedule totalling £22984.50 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 £399.34 be approved. All Cllr's in favour.  
Total Oakthorpe Rec. Project payments for the month being £23383.84

**Councillor Merry returned to the meeting.**

#### **110/04 CLERK'S REPORT**

- 1) **David Taylor MP – Camera Safety Partnerships** – Noted.
- 2) **NWLDC – Malcolm Diapers Appreciation** – Noted.
- 3) **Coalfield Communities Campaign – National Conference** – Noted.
- 4) **NWLCVS – New pilot services for Community Transport** – Noted.

#### **111/04 CORRESPONDENCE for DISCUSSION**

- a) **NWLDC – Centre Stage** – Noted, Clerk to notify DM's of scheme.  
**Resolved:** All Cllr's in favour.
- b) **NWLDC – Comprehensive Performance Assessment** – Noted.
- c) **LCC – Proposed No Waiting at Measham Road, Oakthorpe** – Noted.
- d) **LCC – Waymarking and Maintenance of Public Rights of Way** – Noted.
- e) **The Boundary Committee – Periodic Review of LCC** – Noted.
- f) **DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhoods Consultation** – Noted.
- g) **LEBC – Mentoring and Befriending East Midlands** – Noted.

#### **112/04 TRAFFIC, SCHOOL STREET, OAKTHORPE**

Cllr's were requested to visit the above site prior to meeting to review congestion, as per previous meetings. Cllr's Dolman and Hair stated they had attended the site and felt the only issue was a large white van parked on the street. Cllr Hart pointed out, that there are several occasions when congestion does occur on the street and you are unable to travel down it. He suggested various solutions e.g restrict the parking outside the school, a one-way system, consult the local residents/parents/school via questionnaire, and incorporate a lay-by

Cllr Merry advised previously the landlord at The Gate Inn had offered the use of his car park, but it was only ever used by one car. Cllr Hart questioned, how could Parish Council make a decision. Cllr Hart proposed LCC contact residents/parents/school via questionnaire to propose a one-way system (from New Street to the end of the school) be implemented.

**Resolved:** All Cllr's in favour, and Clerk to contact LCC to notify outcome.

**Cllr Mole left the meeting.**

#### **113/04 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

Clerk advised ground maintenance contract for the forthcoming year needed to be issued to contractors for tender. Clerk issued Cllr's with list of previous tenders/contractors and contracts, and advised she had added an additional item, Contract 8 – Donisthorpe Green regarding pruning of bushes and removal of Elder tree. LCC currently maintain grass area, Clerk to contact to enquire whether they would maintain bushes/tree, if not Contract to be added to Annual Ground Maintenance Contracts and sent out to tender.

**Resolved:** All Cllr's in favour of additional contract and current contractors, Clerk to issue letters to request quotes, to be notified in December.

#### **114/04 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Cllr Dolman advised due to the level of preaching, it should be classed as a church magazine. Cllr Warwicker stated that four newsletters issued on a quarterly basis should be sufficient. Clerk to re-enforce police contact numbers, and to send relevant information to Steve Berrill for next issue.

**Resolved:** All in favour.

**Cllr Matkin entered meeting at 8.10pm.**

**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:-

**115/04 PARISH CLERKS VACANCY**

Clerk advised she had received 6 job applications/references for the Parish Clerk's vacancy., and requested the Cllr's to short list to three candidates for interview, to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

**Resolved:** All Cllr's in favour of the following applicants:

Lindsay Swinfield, Clare Orme and Sharon Bennett. Clerk to arrange interview letters, questions and declined letters.

**Meeting moved out of confidential.**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 23 November 2004 to be held in Oakthorpe Sports & Leisure Centre at 6.00pm.

**Meeting closed 8.25 pm**