

**MINUTES of the Annual meeting of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council
held on Tuesday 20 April 2004 in Acresford Methodist School Room @ 5.00pm.**

PRESENT Cllr Merry (Chairman), Cllr's Dolman, Hart, Matkin, Mole, Morris-Chapman and Warwicker.
5 members of the public and PC Richard Gattenby.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 1) Resident stated that she had lived in Acresford for over five years and for that period had continually wept the road because no-one else had. She has contacted NWLDC who have promised to come out but never have, therefore she advised she would no longer clean the road. Cllr Merry advised that the clerk would contact NWLDC to readdress the issue.
- 2) Resident advised that the garden of No 5 Brookfield Cottages was being used as a dumping ground, and contained various items, e.g old sinks, cans, baths, trailers, washing machines etc. Cllr's stated that they were unsure what could be done, as it was a residential property, therefore Clerk is to contact NWLDC to find out, and will contact resident direct to advise outcome.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

- 3) Steve Berrill advised that he currently produced the Parish Newsletter and has spoken to Cllr Morris-Chapman, who was to collate the Parish Council information on behalf of the Clerk who did not have the time. He advised that the printing of the article was being done at Ashby Grammar School at a very good rate and requested part payment for the printing costs off the Parish Council, as they had received a grant for a newsletter. Cllr Merry advised that the item was on the Agenda, to be discussed later in the meeting. Clerk advised she would contact Steve to notify him of the outcome.

Steve Berrill left the meeting.

- 4) Residents from Donisthorpe stated that they were fed up with children/teenagers congregating on the picnic tables, close to their properties in Donisthorpe Country Park. The children were vandalising the area and being noisy, sometimes up to 10.00pm. They were leaving various items of litter, including alcoholic bottles, cans, condoms. They stated that the police had been called out on various occasions, but nothing had been done to rectify the problem. They requested that the picnic tables either be relocated elsewhere or be permanently removed. Cllr Merry advised Clerk to contact Peter Williams at LCC. Clerk to advise the residents when reply received.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Warwicker advised that he had received a number of complaints from members of the public regarding the earlier starting time for the Parish Council meeting. Clerk advised that the Cllr's chose the time at the end of each meeting, which may be altered again later on.

221/03 MINUTES RESOLVED AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 March 2004, having been circulated, were signed as a true record of the proceedings.

222//03 REPORT UNDER CRIME AND DISORDER ACT INCLUDING POLICE REPORT

PC Richard Gattenby advised that due to his shift pattern changing he was now unable to attend all Parish Council meetings. He stated there had been 11 reported crimes within the parish within the last 30 days. 6 in Oakthorpe which consisted of damage to a flat in Chapel Street, theft from motor vehicles, theft of a motor vehicle, motor vehicles scratched and damage to the church. 5 in Donisthorpe which consisted of damage to motor vehicle, motor vehicle theft, theft of a conifer, a shed emptied although nothing was stolen and money stolen from Donisthorpe Miners Welfare.

He advised that he had visited David Wilson Estate in Donisthorpe several times after receiving telephone call from Clerk advising of children congregating and vandalising the park areas within the estate but had not seen anybody.

He noted he was to attend a meeting at Oakthorpe Primary School regarding the traffic issues.

Cllr Morris-Chapman entered the meeting.

Cllr Merry advised that there had recently been 2 accidents on Measham Road, and stated that there would need to be a death before anything was done to rectify the speeding traffic.

Cllr Warwicker advised that a tractor with a trailer full of loose scrap iron/metal owned by Redferns, had been using the roads in Donisthorpe, and commented that when the tractor went over the humps in the road various pieces of metal were falling off the trailer. Cllr Hart advised that if this were the case, then the traffic police would need to investigate. PC Gattenby stated he would look into this.

PC Gattenby left the meeting at 5.50pm.

223/03 APPROVAL FOR ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The following action was taken under delegated powers.

Planning observations required prior to 30 March 2004

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

224/03 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Nil

225/03 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cllr Warwicker advised he had missed the meeting at Moira Replan due to a hospital appointment.

226/03 SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE REPORT

- a) **Car Parking Signs** – Clerk advised that on a number of occasions on a Sunday afternoon after the football matches there had been vehicles left in the car park, and Sheila was unable to lock the gates, therefore Clerk requested that a sign be put up, which Cllr's agreed would state @ Please Note: when the Leisure centre is closed, the car park is locked).

Resolved: Clerk to order and arrange fitting.

Cllr Merry also advised that the water heater had burned out and had been replaced, and passed around a photo/advertisement, which had been printed in the Burton Leader newspaper regarding the Luncheon Club. He also stated that the electrical appliances were still waiting to be tested.

227/03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 04/00549/FUL – erection of single storey extension to form conservatory and insertion of rear dormer window, 36 New Street, Donisthorpe– **No objections.**
- b) SK 431954, 311987 – Erection of warehouse/distribution building with associated offices, car parking, service yards and landscaping, Land at Westminster Industrial Estate, Measham – **No objections.**

228/03 DECISION NOTICES

- a) 03/01770 – Erection of two storey detached dwelling and detached garage at Land adj to Shambles, 30 Hill Street, Donisthorpe – **Granted.**
- b) 04/00085/FUL – Erection of detached double garage/workshop at 87 School Street, Oakthorpe - **Refused.**
- c) 04/00101/FUL – Erection of one detached dwelling and associated car parking at Land adj to 40 Ashby Road, Donisthorpe – **Granted.**
- d) 04/00127/FUL – erection of extensions and formation of a car park with access form New Street (renewal of planning permission 98/1135) at St Johns Church Hall, Church Street, Donisthorpe – **Granted.**
- e) 04/00182/FUL – Erection of a single storey rear extension at Old School House, 1 Canal Street, Oakthorpe – **Granted.**

- f) 04/00392/FUL – Erection of two storey side and rear extensions (amended scheme) at 8 Main Street, Oakthorpe - **Granted**.

229/03 FINANCE

a) Financial Statements and Budget figures to date.

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

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

RESOLVED: The schedule totalling £7562.69 be approved for payment.

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

RESOLVED: The part schedule totalling £1442.96 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 £442.63 be approved.

Councillor Merry returned to the meeting and resumed as Chairman.

Total Oakthorpe Rec. Project payments for the month being £1885.59.

c) Clerk advised the deposit account balance held at NWLDC had increased to £7629.45, as net interest of £238.34 had been added to the balance outstanding as at 31 March 2004.

230/03 CLERK'S REPORT

- 1) Sport England Lottery Fund Application, Change in working practices - Noted.
- 2) Marlene Reid Centre, NWLCVS Mid Year Council Meeting – Cllr Warwicker to attend.
- 3) NWLDC, Payment of Precepts for 2004/2005 -Noted.
- 4) NWLDC, Parish Election Update – Clerk advised two candidates Mr John Hair And Mrs Pamela Stansbridge. Election date arranged for Thursday 6 May.
- 5) Winged Fellowship Trust, Donation Refusal - Noted.
- 6) Ashby de la Zouch Town Council Civic Service, Sunday 25 April 2004 – Cllr's Merry and Matkin to attend.
- 7) Peoples Forum North West Leicestershire, Mental Health Services - Noted.
- 8) Parish Street Planting, Acresford – Clerk advised awaiting response to letter sent to Andrew Warrington at LCC..
- 9) Parish Transport Grant – Clerk advised the Measham Mobility Bus started 16 April, but the NWLCVS were also running a bus alongside this service, clerk to rectify and advise.
- 10) Acresford Parish Notice Board – Clerk to send Section 106 agreement to Solicitors.
- 11) NWLDC, Service & Parade to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings on Sunday 20th June 2004 – Noted, no-one attending.
- 12) NWLDC, Residential Development, Moira Road Garage, Donisthorpe - Noted.
- 13) L & R PFA, Playgrounds Inspections Training Courses – Noted.
- 14) Acresford Quarry Restoration Liaison Meeting, Minutes from 30th March 2004 - Noted.

231/03 CORRESPONDENCE for DISCUSSION

- a) The Boundary Committee, Periodic electoral review of LCC (draft) – Noted.
- b) The Standards Board for England, Regulation and guidance re local authority monitoring officers – Noted, Cllr Warwicker sent a personal response, Cllr's require no reply.
- c) NWLDC Local Plan Proposed Alteration re Number Three, Housing Land Release – Noted, Cllr Warwicker took report.
- d) DTI, Partnership in rolling out broadband to rural communities – Noted.
- e) Leicestershire Constabulary, Community Support Officers – Noted.
- f) LRAPLC, Update and Event Notification – Noted.
- g) RCC, Annual Subscription – Annual subscription of £25.00 due for renewal.
Resolved: All Cllr's in favour or renewing subscription.
- h) NWLDC, Appeals procedures in respect of Standards Boards delegated decisions – Noted.
- i) LCC, Waste Management Service, Best Value Review – Noted, Clerk to return.
- j) Department for Transport, Application for proposed LCC (Ashby de la Zouch Canal Extension) order – Noted, Cllr Merry took brochure to read, and Cllr's Morris-Chapman and Hart require a copy. Clerk to arrange..
- k) RCC, Rural Services and Trends Report for the Countryside Agency 2004 – Noted, Cllr Merry to return.

232/03 GRANT APPLICATION – UNDER SECTION 137 - NIL.

233/03 ACRESFORD DUMPING GROUND

Previously discussed by residents, see questions from members of the public.

234/03 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Cllr Merry to advise Steve Berrill direct with information regarding Oakthorpe Sports & Leisure Centre. Cllr's agreed to Cllr Morris-Chapman producing Parish Newsletter page to forward onto Steve Berrill for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter. Cllr Hart requested the Parish Newsletter to be a regular Agenda item, so all Cllr's could review Parish Council news before being submitted to Steve Berrill for printing. Clerk advised previous printing costs were approx £30.00 therefore suggested a payment of £30.00 towards printing costs for each edition.

Resolved: Item to be added to monthly Parish council Agenda and all Cllr's in favour of £30.00 payment for each Parish Newsletter edition.

Cllr Mole left the meeting at 7.15pm.

235/03 DAVID WILSON ESTATE PLAY AREAS & ADDITIONAL LAND

Clerk read out email received from Clark Robinson.

Resolved: Clerk to request quotation from Les Baxter before notifying NWLDC, whether the Parish Council chooses to adopt the play areas. Clerk to request a map from Clark of particular areas for maintenance.

236/03 ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

Cllr Merry advised that Alcohol free Zones were being requested in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Measham and surrounding parish's, therefore he felt it was required to implement in Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford. The cost would be approx £1700.00 (£3400.00 in total) as 50% funding would be allocated by NWLDC.

Resolved: All Cllr's agreed to advertise and request views from parishioners in Parish Newsletter.

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:-

237/03 OAKTHORPE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Clerk advised she was still awaiting response from Cllr Merry to provisional document produced by Cllr Hart, which he produced to assist with forthcoming meeting. Clerk read out draft document which Cllr's amended.

Resolved: Clerk to update corrections and contact Mr Brian Jones to arrange a meeting.

Meeting moved out of confidential.

The date of the next Parish Council AGM meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 18 May 2004 to be held in Oakthorpe Sports & Leisure Centre at 6.00pm.

Meeting closed 7.45 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....