

MINUTES of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council held on Tuesday 22 June 2004 in Donisthorpe Community Centre @ 6.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Hair (Chairman), Cllr's Dolman, Matkin, Merry and Warwicker.
Bob Finch a previous Councillor also attended.

APOLOGIES received from Cllr's Hart, Mole and Morris-Chapman

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Bob Finch stated that the wheelie bin at the cemetery had disappeared. He contacted NWLDC to notify them and they advised that their had been a mix up with Donisthorpe Church.

026/04 ADDENDUM ITEMS

1. Planning Application – 04/00941/FUL, Erection of one detached dwelling and detached garage, Land Adj 125 Moira Road, Donisthorpe, Swadlincote (To be allocated as Agenda item 7c).
2. Planning Application - Appeal Decision, Land at Maerimore, The Peterleas, Off New Street, Donisthorpe, Swadlincote (To be allocated as Agenda item 8d).
3. Correspondence – NWLCVS Joint Initiative (To be allocated as Agenda item 11i).
4. Correspondence – LCC, Annual Meeting between Parish and Local Councils and the County Council (To be allocated as Agenda item 11j).
5. Civic Service – Date and time proposal (To be allocated as Agenda item 21).

027/04 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2004 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 May 2004, after adjustments to representatives on outside bodies were made, were signed as a true record of the proceedings by the Chairman.

028/04 REPORT UNDER CRIME AND DISORDER ACT INCLUDING POLICE REPORT

No police were present.

Cllr Hair advised that there had been a few break-ins in properties in Chapel Street, Donisthorpe.

029/04 APPROVAL FOR ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

The following action was taken under delegated powers.

Planning observations required prior to 28 May 2004

- a) 04/00747/FUL – Raising of land levels (amended scheme) , Land Adj Hooborough Brook, Burton Road, Acresford – The Parish Council **strongly object** to this application on the following grounds:
1. Application does not state what the land is to be used for
 2. Site is too close to the A444, therefore the site entrance is on a fast road on a dangerous location/junction (Highways Issue)
 3. Acresford residents strongly oppose, as the site is currently used to race quad bikes, distributing noise pollution, which may become a permanent fixture if application is passed
 4. Site is in the River Meas catchment, where there are a lot of conservation issues (SAC's)
 5. Raising of the land is within the flood plain area (as advised by the Environmental Agency) and therefore should not be allowed.
- b) 04/00811/FUL – Erection of detached double garage/workshop (amended scheme), 87 School Street, Oakthorpe – **No objections.**
- c) 04/00843/FUL – Erection of two storey side extension and formation of access, 8 Measham Road, Acresford – **No Objections.**

030/04 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Hair advised he had received a letter regarding a meeting at Donisthorpe School from John Palmer Associates regarding the playing fields to the rear of the school. The letter suggested providing provisions for two football fields, bmx track, netball facilities and cricket pitch. Clerk to be issued with report when investigation completed.

Cllr Hair noted that the Ashby Woulds Regeneration Forum is to be altered, however two representatives will still be required from the Parish Council.

Cllr Hair stated that he had been advised by LCC that enough waste had now been put into Acresford Quarry, but the company KSD had put in an application requesting to take in further rubbish. Cllr Dolman stated that the lorries full of rubbish were still going through Donisthorpe.

Cllr Matkin asked why the post box had been located opposite the Engine Public House on Chapel Street, as it is in a dangerous location. She was advised the Post Office located the post box it was nothing to do with the Parish Council. It was suggested that the post box should be repositioned by the phone box in Donisthorpe Lane. Clerk to find out how post box can be relocated and advise at next meeting.

Cllr Hair stated, by the substation at the cemetery, the curb was still dropped so the rainwater was still causing flooding. Also cars were parking in the entrance to Donisthorpe Orchard, opposite the Engine Public House. He requested Clerk to add this item on to next months Agenda.

031/04 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Cllr Warwicker attended meetings at Moira Replan and advised that they were not properly organised. He advised that the trustees stated that they were to make redundancies, and Burton College are using their facilities.

County Councillor Sean Sheahan entered the meeting at 6.25pm.

Cllr Merry attended a meeting with Ashby Canal Forum and stated that they have received the result from DEFRA regarding the canal extension. The main objection came from British Waterlife, regarding the decline of dragonflies, resulting in a public enquiry. He noted there is currently a leak in the Donisthorpe canal, which they are hoping to cure. He also advised that a professional fishing company are to be employed to do a study into what types of fish are in the canal, and a fishing licence may then be granted.

032/04 SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE REPORT

a) **Centre Brochure** – Cllr Merry had still not had time to produce.

b) **Public Liability Insurance** – Clerk advised that she had spoken to NWLDC who advised that the centre does not require additional public liability insurance for hirers. The current policy is sufficient and runs along the same conditions as all other venues whereby the hirer is required to obtain additional insurance to cover themselves for personal accidents, as stated in the hire agreement form.

c) **PMP Post Completion Monitoring Visit** – Clerk advised she had received an email from Andrea Murphy a PMP representative, requesting additional information. She advised that when Sport England notify her of when they are to pay monies owed she will contact the Clerk.

033/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 2001/0451/07 – Restoration of Acresford Quarry – The Cllr's stated that they would like to see a larger grassed area than that stated in the plan, and the lagoon areas need to be fenced. Clerk to write back with response.

b) JK/01/00868/FUL – Erection of warehouse/distribution building with associated offices, car parking, service yards and landscaping, Land at Westminster Industrial Estate, Measham - **No objections.**

c) 04/00941/FUL - Erection of one detached dwelling and detached garage, Land Adj 125 Moira Road, Donisthorpe - **No objections.**

034/04 DECISION NOTICES

a) 04/00549/FUL, Erection of single storey extension to form conservatory and insertion of side dormer window, at 36 New Street, Donsithorpe – **Granted.**

b) 04/00590/OUT, Erection of one dwelling (outline – all matters reserved), at lands adjacent to Hollybush Inn, Main Street, Oakthorpe – **Refused.**

c) 04/00600/FUL, Demolition of garden chalet and erection of replacement garden chalet at Springfield Farm, Chapel Street, Oakthorpe – **Granted.**

d) Appeal Decision, Land at Maerimore, The Peterleas, Off New Street, Donisthorpe – **Dismissed.**

035/04 FINANCE

a) Financial Statements and Budget figures to date.

Resolved: The statements be accepted up to the end of May 2004.

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

Resolved: The schedule totalling £10967.74 be approved for payment.

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

Resolved: The part schedule totalling £1302.91 be approved for payment.

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

Resolved: The payment of £445.49 be approved, but Cllr's requested item to be added to next months Agenda to discuss, and Chairman stated that he would request a meeting through the Clerk with Sheila Merry to discuss current working hours.

Total Oakthorpe Rec. Project payments for the month being £1748.40.

Councillor Merry returned to the meeting.

c) Deposit Account

Clerk advised that she had received a letter from NWLDC advising that the deposit account rate would increase from 3.5% to 4% effective from 12 July 2004.

d) Audit 2003/4

Clerk advised, the Annual audit for 2003/4 had been completed by Ian Fraser, with no issues.

Chairman answered Statement of Assurance questions 1 –8, all answered yes and signed Audit paper along with Clerk. Clerk to issue relevant audit 2003/4 documents to Hacker Young.

036/04 CLERK'S REPORT

1. Leicestershire Rural Partnership, Website Training – Noted, Clerk to attend a session in Ashby de la Zouch on 23rd July 2004. Cllr's all in favour of Clerk adding names, addresses and telephone numbers to the site.
2. Leicestershire Rural Partnership, Annual Conference, 08/07/04 - Noted.
3. LCC, Donisthorpe Woodland Park - Noted.
4. LRAPLC, 2004 AGM Update - Noted.
5. LCC, Restoration of Acresford Quarry - Noted.
6. Gourmet Society, Parish Council Scheme (20% off membership) - Noted.
7. Parish Clerk Vacancy, Charley Parish - Noted.
8. The Countryside Agency, Map re Rights of Way Act 2000 – Noted.

037/04 CORRESPONDENCE for DISCUSSION

a) Inn Court, Change of licence at Masons Arms. Donisthorpe – Noted.

b) Oakthorpe Primary School, Naming Ceremony of the ICT Room, 2nd July 2004 – Noted.

c) NWLDC, Joint Initiative re noise nuisance caused by motorcycles on private land – Noted, Clerk to put notice in parish newsletter.

d) LCC, Strategic Overview of the Leicestershire Environment April 2004 – Noted, Cllr Warwicker to read and return to Clerk.

f) Leicestershire Footpath Association, Membership – Noted.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of paying yearly subscription, Clerk to action.

g) LCC, Waymarking and maintenance of public rights of way – Noted, Cllr Hair took map to advise on landowners in Donisthorpe, Cllr Hart to be approached to advise on Oakthorpe.

h) LCC, L&R Archaeological Network – Noted.

i) NWLCVS Joint Initiative - Noted, Cllr's not interested.

j) LCC, Annual Meeting between Parish and Local Councils and the County Council – Noted, Cllr Warwicker to attend and Clerk to advise.

038/04 GRANT APPLICATION, UNDER SECTION 137 – Staunton Concert Band

Resolved: All Cllr's declined to offer donation. Clerk to advise.

039/04 RISK ASSESSMENT

Clerk advised she had updated the risk assessment document.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour and document signed by Chairman.

040/04 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Clerk advised that due to Cllr Morris-Chapman's absence she would send Steve Berrill the Parish Council's news to be included in next months edition.

Resolved: All in favour.

041/04 PARISH TRANSPORT

Clerk advised Cllr's of the new schedule detailing dates, times, provider and destination of the weekly Parish Transport service. Clerk to issue copies to all Cllr's with next months Agenda.

042/04 TOWN-TWINNING WITH FRANCE

Clerk advised Cllr Morris-Chapman requested this Agenda item. Due to his absence the item will be added onto next months Agenda.

043/04 TRAFFIC ISSUES, OAKTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clerk had received an email from Steven Cross at LCC regarding a meeting for traffic outside Oakthorpe School. The email was read out and County Cllr Sheahan who attended the meeting detailed in the email, said they were out looking at the school traffic issues, so they also looked at the visibility from School Street onto Measham Road.

Resolved: Cllr Hair requested the item to be added onto next months Agenda so Cllr's can view traffic issues themselves at Oakthorpe School. All Cllr's in favour.

044/04 STREET DECORATION/PLANTING

Due to the lack of response from previous request to position a planter in Acresford the Clerk requested the location of the other two planters to be positioned in Donisthorpe and Oakthorpe. She stated that if she request authorisation now, she might receive a response in time for next summer.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of positioning Donisthorpe Planter under sign opposite Talbot Place, and Oakthorpe planter under sign on Measham Road. Clerk to write to Andrew Warrington.

045/04 PARISH LITTER PICKER

Resolved: All Cllr's agreed to leave issue, as at the moment the litter within the parish was not too bad.

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:-

046/04 OAKTHORPE ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Clerk read out the agreement drawn up from the meeting held by Cllr's Hart and Merry with John Collier and Brian Jones of Oakthorpe Athletic Football Club.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour of the agreement and Clerk to issue to Football Club for their approval. Clerk to advise outcome at next meeting.

Meeting moved out of confidential.

047/04 CIVIC SERVICE

Clerk advised she had sent email to Rev Burgess requesting his attendance at the annual Civic Service. Rev Burgess had responded and requested a date of Sunday 26th September 2004 to be held in St John's Church, Donisthorpe.

Resolved: All Cllr's in favour and Clerk to respond back to Rev Burgess to advise.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 20 July 2004 to be held in Acresford Methodist School Room at 6.00pm.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm