



OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE & ACRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 by remote access at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs S McKendrick (Chair), N Antill-Holmes (Vice- Chair), J Antill, R Dyason, D Gelder, D Warren, M Warren,

Officers: Mrs L Weaver – RFO, Mrs K Grove - Clerk.

Also Present: Mr R Ashman District Councillor, Daphne Robinson NWLDC, 4 Members of Public.

2101 APOLOGIES

Cllr K Lauro, County Cllr S Sheahan

2102 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, to enable members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

NONE

2103 PUBLIC QUESTION SESSION

A member of the public asked about the Parish council's position the Oakthorpe Leisure Centre MUGA and what the working group done?

Also asked about A444 speed cameras. Cllr McKendrick said both these questions are covered under agenda items.

Another member of the public raised a question about the memorial which is also on the agenda

2105 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

None.

2106 POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Dyason reported sheds have been broken into in Oakthorpe and had been reported. Local updates available on the police.gov website.

2107 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of the Meetings held on 10th June 2020 were approved and signed as a true record.

2108 CLERKS REPORT

Request for support to create a permanent memorial to a soldier from the Parish who served in WW1. – Members of the public invited by chair to join in discussion Mr R Clay & A Kuchav Clerk to contact Reverend Elphick.

7.25pm Mr R Clay & A Kuchav left the meeting

Complaint from resident about cars/waste bins creating blockage on Coronation Lane Oakthorpe – NLWDC information shared about waste bin responsibility.
Cllr Warren to write in Three Views News about people being thoughtful re parking, bins and access on pavements throughout the parish.

DBS check needed for Leisure Centre staff – costing shared. Clerk to contact Marlene Reed Centre re DBS.

COSSH training need for Caretaker. Decision postponed until next leisure centre meeting

2109 CORRESPONDENCE

2109.1 Resident asked if they could use a metal detector on Donisthorpe Field.
Clerk to ask resident to provide -guidance on their use (standards they adhere to) protecting the land they are on and liability information.

2109.2 Resident on Ashby Road (no contact number left) has asked why there are no 30 speed signs on the road unlike other areas

Cllr McKendrick stated that you only need one speed sign coming into an area. There is a 30-sign coming into the village from Willesley /Ashby.

Councillor Ashman and Daphne Robinson (NWLDC) Cllr McKendrick said signs saying slow down were preferred to 30 signs by the Police.

NWLDC will refer clerk contact information to acquire bin 'slow down for life' / 30 stickers for bins

2109.3 RESOLVED: Council to acquire changed approach and to promote road safety.

2110 FINANCE COMMITTEE

2110.1 Update from Finance committee – council need to represent parish as a whole – a wish list produced for whole Parish.in no particular order. All dependant on costs and priority need.

1) Speed signs in Acresford evidence from borrowed signs. Posts already in place. Council to look at different camera/costs/ maintenance. Clerk to provide comparison chart for council to consider.

2) MUGA repairs – Working Group already set up

3)Ramscliff football pitch - improve drainage

4)Donisthorpe. A new play area

5)Replace fencing with railings and gate install gym equipment at Oakthorpe Play area

2110.2 RESOLVED: Zoom annual subscription

2110.3 RESOLVED Full review of Leisure Centre finances and structure

2110.4 Employee pension scheme discussed – Parish Council awaiting guidance information from Ellis Whitham.

2110.5 RESOLVED: Annual Wilson Todd contribution to local schools 2020.

2110.7 Council to review Wilson Todd scheme

2111 HR COMMITTEE

All paper work has been collected and shared with committee
Meeting to be arranged

2112 FINANCE

2112.1 RFO report ¼ year summary of receipt and payments – comparisons with budget P4 total receipts £32540 £29500 is precept -income is significantly down due to closure of leisure centre.

PC not eligible for grant

NWDC looking at information of losses sustained by parish councils during pandemic.

Council need to monitor budget carefully for remainder of year

Business rates demand in April was £0. County Council reviewed discretionary rate relief and the Parish Council is no longer eligible, so revised demand in June is £4600. Parish council has applied for small business rate relief.

2112.2 RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation statement up to end of June approved

2112.3 RESOLVED: July payments approved

2112.4 RESOLVED: Additional payment – schools Wilson Todd & Zoom subscription for 1 year.

2112.5 Training budget to be set up.

2112.6 Final returns have been submitted to the external auditor - Inspection for final accounts 2019/20.

2112.7 1 member of the parish requested to inspect the accounts, and this has taken place.

2113 GROUNDS AND RECREATION AREA

2113.1 Cllr McKendrick has a draft form for councillors. This is to be completed if there are issues about an area that needs to be raised with contractors. Chair to send to clerk to forward.

2113.2 Cllr Warren reported overgrown hedges restricting views and blocking paths in Oakthorpe.

Clerk to report to LCC.

2113.3 Clerk reported no issues raised by contractors.

2114.4

2114.1 RESOLVED: Council to keep play area closed at present to keep people safe and until council understands responsibility for keeping people safe.

2114.2 Cllr M Warren reported that Over hanging trees/ plants need lopping in Oakthorpe Play area.

RESOLVED Cllr M Warren to get quotes for lopper hire and jet wash.

2114.3 Acresford Memorial ground – complaints about being over grown. Cllr M Warren to investigate.

2115.4 MUGA Working group report shared – (report circulated to members. Copy attached to official copy of minutes) – looking at funding in two parts -surface & fencing, Green grants for lighting.

2115.5 Caretakers report received (circulated to members. Copy attached to official copy of minutes). – complaints about parking on road need to be reported to police by resident as Leisure Centre is not open at present.

2116 PLANNING

2116.1 Consultations

APPLICATION REFERENCE 20/00874/VCU – No Comment

Erection of three detached dwellings with ancillary garages and associated works without complying with conditions 2, 6, 9, 14, 18 and 19 to amend the site layout, access, tree planting area, northern boundary treatment and the design of the dwellings, Land Adjacent To 23A Ashby Road Donisthorpe Swadlincote Derby

8.26pm Councillor McKendrick left the meeting

APPLICATION REFERENCE 20/00776/FUL No comment

Extension of an external landing, The Church of St John The Evangelist Church Street Donisthorpe DE12 7PX

APPLICATION REFERENCE 20/00950/VCUM – No comment

Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 18/01383/REMM to amend Materials. Home Farm 25 Main Street Oakthorpe Swadlincote

APPLICATION REFERENCE 20/00893/VCUM No comment

Swadlincote Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/01383/REMM to amend and extend Plot 1 Home Farm 25 Main Street Oakthorpe

2116.2 Permissions

APPLICATION REFERENCE 19/00446/FULM

Erection of 10 no. log cabins for holiday accommodation and change of use of existing log cabin to use as permanent mangers accommodation at Land at Canal Street Oakthorpe

2117 Outside bodies –

Allotment society asks if council can support the society to purchase a new fence.

RESOLVED - Council would support a new fence – clerk to check by laws.

2118 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

No matters reported.

Cllr. Antill-Holmes raised on-gong footpath issues Measham / Oakthorpe re surface too large, causing issue with stones. Councillor Sheahan was aware of this. Clerk to follow up.

2119 NWLDC REPORT

2119.1 Cllr Robert Ashman updated the meeting on current matters: -

Talbot place garages removed

light issues at night – on going

Support Parish Council re-funding issues

Supporting Reverend with church plans

Monitoring Home farm is cleaning up after themselves. Report to planning enforcement if an issue arises.

2119.2 Cllr Dyason raised issues with Shoulder of mutton development narrowness of road and passing issues. Parishioners to write to Cllr Ashman. He will ensure planning enforcement follow up.

2119.3 Cllr Gelder raised issue that Cardboard recycling in Acresford missed – Cllr Ashman to follow up.

2119.4 Arcesford lane – reports of obstructions on lane and concerns over contents being used to fill old quarry, Land lifted by 20ft, Not seen from road Clerk has reported to planning enforcement. Cllr Ashman to follow up.

2120

(report circulated to members. Copy attached to official copy of minutes)

Complaints re car parking road if they are using the pitch. The centre is closed. Any car parking issues report to police.

Customers requesting, we reopen. Clerk discussed need for council to approve an action plan. – Cllr Antlil-Holmes proposed a working group –to let Clerk know if they are interested.

2121 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 12th August 2020, commencing at 7.00pm a remote zoom meeting.

District Cllr Ashman, Leisure Centre Caretaker, D Robinson NWLDC and 1 member of public leave the meeting at 9pm.

2122 CONFIDENTIAL - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider excluding the Press and Public from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

2122.1 Employer/Employee relationship considerations and opinions for resolutions. Awaiting information from Ellis Whittam

2122.2 Handyman – council awaiting cancellation letter.

2122.3 Clerk to re send Legionnaires quotes to council

Meeting closed 9.07pm