

MINUTES of OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE & ACRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL
meeting held on Monday March 18 2019 @ 6.30pm
Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre

<http://www.odapc.co.uk/> or www.oakthorpeclc.org

PRESENT: Cllrs Grove (Chair), Morris-Chapman, Warren, Gelder, Antill-Holmes, Antill, Dyason, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, County Cllr Sheahan, District Cllr Ashman, Sarah Howells, Neighbourhood Watch and Cllr Eddie Shepherd, neighbourhood security, two members of Police.

1925 APOLOGIES – Cllr Merry – accepted, unanimous.

1926 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Warren, agenda item 11d – accepted, unanimous.

Open forum for public questions and comments on agenda items & presentations - meeting to be adjourned to receive questions from members of the public, 3 minutes per person.

Cllr Shepherd reported that as crime is an issue often discussed at Council meetings, if Councils could unite as a group to help reduce crime and the impact it has on the community, then that would be a way forward – working together with the Police.

Police reported that there was a spike in crime in the area during 2018 and they are working closely with Neighbourhood Watch to reduce crime. Security items have been given out for free, but once funding for these items runs out then there will be no more. We need more co-ordinators.

Ms Howells reported that we need to actively encourage people to report crimes, information and communication are essential in preventing crime. A proposal to have an app for everyone to use to spread the word. A meeting to be arranged with Parish co-ordinators/Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

Members asked how many Police cover this area & we understand that cost cutting has impacted policing however, there are many disgruntled residents who feel they are not reacted to when a crime occurs.

All visiting attendees left the meeting.

Cllr Grove stated that the meeting was now in session – no interruptions from the public.

1927 MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on February 18 2019 - **RESOLVED** unanimous. Chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

1928 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – Nil to report.

1929 POLICING MATTERS – To check Police crime records log onto www.police.uk and type in postcode for area required – note, all details are at least 2 months out of date. www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk or www.leics.police.uk/support or www.leics.police.uk/haveyoursay. Police related queries to be directed to PC Lockley 1794, Archer 2916, Saad 4540 - contact number is 101 or 0116 222222. Crimestoppers, 0800 555 111, Weight Restriction reports to weight.restricted@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Police had reported that motorbikes on the trail were being dealt with, theft of a mobile phone, burglary in Jungle Madness, two thefts from motor vehicles & other crimes in the Parish.

1930 OAKTHORPE COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE

- a. **Report from Centre Caretaker** – the report was read out and noted.

- b. **Centre resolutions:**
Tony Torossian to be resident electrician for the centre, with Martin Soper as resident plumber – **RESOLVED** unanimous.
Approve proposal for electrical works to be carried out at £180 plus vat – **RESOLVED** unanimous.
Approve proposal for Technical Surfaces to carry out annual contract ‘Play’ on the muga at £1595 **RESOLVED** unanimous (also request costs for basic ‘sweeper’).
Approve proposal for Technical Surfaces to repair muga at £195 – **RESOLVED** unanimous.
Approve roof works quoted at £921, option two, with guarantee – **RESOLVED** unanimous.
Approve fascia repairs quoted at £279 – **RESOLVED** unanimous.
Approve quote for Centre web site and simple booking system (standalone system from the PC web site, with link) – **RESOLVED** unanimous.
Approve quote for new loft access – defer until Ellis Whittam H&S visit, unanimous.
Approve legionnaires testing quote – defer until Ellis Whittam H&S visit and obtain more quotes, unanimous.

1931 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. *19/00159/FUL 7 The Green Donisthorpe, proposed double garage & car port – no comment.*
- b. *18/01577/FUL 17 Moira Rd Donisthorpe erection of 3 detached dwellings & carports & office for Plot 1 – planning re-consultation – previous objections stand, major concern re access & vehicle congestion.*
- c. *19/00273/FUL Shoulder of Mutton public house Oakthorpe, part demolition of existing pub & conversion to a single dwelling and erection of two new dwellings – no comment.*

1932 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

- a. 9a School St Oakthorpe, proposed two storey side extension & garage, granted.
- b. 15 Canal St Oakthorpe, demolition of dwelling & erection of 5 no. dwellings, access & parking – granted.

1933 REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES & THE CLERK

- a. **Speed traffic signs** – Cllrs to meet with LCC and County Cllr Sheahan on 09/04/19, to include ‘gate village entrance signs’ too.
- b. **Donisthorpe woodland park** – residents concerned over behaviour of horses on the land – causing damage and disregard to pedestrians – Clerk reported this to LCC.
- c. **HS2** – no formal communication received.
- d. **Elections May 2 2019** – the Clerk gave an update on procedure and handed out election packs.
- e. **Parish Council web site** - future plans for administration of the site – all agreed the Clerk will also add agendas and minutes to the web site, but a proposal was put forward to have professional management of the site – defer to May 2019 meeting.
- f. **Oakthorpe play area** signage – a new comprehensive sign has been produced and will be fitted in the play area. CCTV signage is required – all agreed this to be purchased.

1934 FINANCE

a) Parish Council Accounts for payment

- RESOLVED:** The bank reconciliation and payments list & cash spreadsheet from Oakthorpe Centre be approved for payment, accepted unanimously - Chairman signed the bank reconciliation and payments lists.
- b) Approve updated bacs payment list if amended, approved & signed.
- c) Burial Board financial management solutions – members agreed that a resolution could not be agreed upon until a full joint Council meeting with Ashby Woulds TC had taken place, all members of ODA PC to attend the meeting on 28/03/19 at 6.30pm, Moira Replan.
- d) Members **RESOLVED** unanimous that £250 should be given as S137 grant towards Oakthorpe school and FOV (friends of Oakthorpe Village) spring planting project.

1935 THREE VIEWS NEWS ARTICLE – Cllr Dyason March and Cllr Grove for April 2019.

Cllr Grove proposed the meeting move into confidential – unanimously agreed.

1936 Confidential Item, exclusion of public and press

- a. Assistant Caretaker update – re-advertise the position – **RESOLVED** unanimous.
- b. Proposals to improve working conditions at the Centre and improve risk assessment – all proposals **RESOLVED** unanimous. Separate notes to members only.

The meeting moved out of confidential – unanimously agreed.

Meeting closed @ 8.30pm

The date of the Annual Parish meeting has been arranged for April 15 2019, Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre, 6.30 pm – followed by the Parish Council meeting