



OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE & ACRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council held by remote access on Wednesday 10TH June 2020 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 A Robinson – Minute Taker

Also Present: Mr S Sheahan County Councillor (joins at 7.35pm) Mr R Ashman District Councillor, Mr M Scrivener (Albert Village Juniors FC), 1 Member of Public

2084 APOLOGIES

Cllr K Lauro.

2085 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.

2086 PUBLIC QUESTION SESSION

No items.

2087 POLICE MATTERS

Cllr Dyason reported on a recent burglary and attempted shed break ins. The Chair read out the recent crime report. Further information is available on the police website.

2088 MINUTES (Appendix A)

Resolved: Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2020 were approved and signed as a true record.

2089 CLERKS REPORT

A number of documents had been circulated with the agenda for approval;

2089.1 Resolved: Financial Regulations approved.

2089.2 Resolved: Standing Orders approved.

2089.3 Resolved: Code of Conduct approved.

2090 CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Scrivener explained the current arrangements and future plans for the hire of the football pitch at the memorial grounds. Albert Village FC are affiliated with Donisthorpe until the end of next year and would then like to take on the licence themselves.

2091 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Gelder presented a report on behalf of the Finance Committee and updated the meeting on the Mercia Park Community Liaison Group. Grant scheme is now open for applications. Fairly serious decisions need to be made regarding the parish council's finances and a 3-5 year plan agreed.

2092 HR COMMITTEE

Cllr Dyason updated the meeting on the recruitment of a new clerk. 6 applications received. 4 shortlisted.

2093 FINANCE

2093.1 Mrs Weaver reported on the council's current financial position and gave an update on progress made regarding the Internal Audit recommendations. A note of thanks was given to Mrs Weaver for her assistance with the audit.

County Cllr Sheahan joins the meeting at 7.35pm.

2093.1.1 Finance Report presented. Financial Regulations provide for regular payments to be approved annually.

Resolved: In accordance with sections 5.6 and 6.7 list of regular payments approved with the exception of overtime payments.

2093.1.2 Bank Reconciliation presented and considered in conjunction with the payments list.

Resolved: Bank reconciliation approved.

2093.1.3 List of June payments presented.

Resolved: Payments for June approved. Additional payment of £156.55 for the website approved.

2093.1.4 Cllr D Warren presented an update on behalf of the MUGA grants working party. Report will be circulated to members.

Mr M Scrivener leaves the meeting at 8pm.

2094 GROUNDS AND RECREATION AREAS

2094.1 Members reported on maintenance items.

2094.1.1 Caretaker report forwarded to members. Cllr Warren advised he had found the picnic table that had been removed.

2094.1.2 Draft reporting form to be circulated. It was noted a list of litter bins and their ownership would be useful. District Cllr Ashman advised he would refer the request to the community focus officer.

2094.1.3 It was noted the grass has been cut in Acresford but the weeds need spraying.

2094.1.4 No items.

2095 PLANNING

2095.1 Consultations

20/00806/FUL – 43 Measham Road, Oakthorpe
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling.
Decision: No objection.

2095.2 Permissions

None.

2096 DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Cllr Ashman reported on district matters and HS2. NWLDC is working on restarting services. Grass cutting is underway and cardboard collections are to resume monthly. Meeting to be held to look at the Ramscliffe Centre.

Cllr D Warren reported on a complaint regarding the flats at Chapel View. Grass is high and is not being maintained despite residents paying a service charge.

2097 COUNTY COUNCIL

County Cllr Sheahan reported on county matters. Covid-19 bulletins continue to be shared. Cty Cllr Sheahan advised councils should be taking a stance against the HS2 route. District Cllr Ashman added it was too expensive to move the line but councils should be pushing strongly for mitigation.

Cllr M Warren advised all slots for Lount tip were booked for the next three weeks.

Cllr D Warren reported on street lighting at School Street Oakthorpe. County repaired lights previously.

The Chair reported water is pooling where there is a broken kerb and tarmac at Barklam Close leading on to Chapel Street in Donisthorpe.

2098 OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATIVES

2098.1 No items.

2098.1.1 Cllr Gelder reported on the J11 Community Liaison Group. Starting groundworks looking to make the least impact that they can. No meeting held but there is a direct line to report any issues.

Cty Cllr Sheahan, District Cllr Ashman and 1 member of public leave the meeting at 8.35pm.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meeting for discussion of the following items as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

2099 EMPLOYEE MATTERS

2099.1 Update on Caretaker vacancy presented and discussed.

Mrs L Weaver leaves the meeting at 9.05pm

2099.2 Update on recruitment of clerk presented and discussed.

Resolved: Offer of appointment approved as agreed. Mrs Weaver to continue to provide financial assistance for up to 2 months.

Mrs L Weaver re-joins the meeting at 9.11pm.

2100 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 8th July 2020, commencing at 7.00pm to be held by remote access.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm.