



**Minutes of Council Meeting, held on
Wednesday 15th January 2025 @ 7pm at ME Sports East Midlands Centre aka
Oakthorpe Leisure Centre**

Present: Cllrs N Antill-Holme (Chair), T Hawke, H Tyler, D Warren, M Warren,
D Gelder,

Kelly Grove- Proper Officer / Manager / Responsible Finance Officer

Cllr Mike Ball (District Councillor)

Acronyms – explained

ODA- Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford

PC- Parish Council

LRALC – Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils

LCC- Leicestershire County Council

NWLDC – Northwest Leicestershire District Council

PSCO - Police community support officers

3VNs –Three Views News

MOP – Member of the Public

AKA -Also Known As

012501 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr A Hancock-George – personal -apology accepted unanimous

Cllr S Ellison – – personal -apology accepted unanimous

Cllr N Antill-Holmes - personal -apology accepted unanimous

012502 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**

012503 PUBLIC QUESTION SESSION

Members of the public should note that it is not possible to debate matters raised under this item. Questions must be addressed to the Chairperson **None**

012504 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on: - Wednesday 11th December 2024 and Wednesday 20th November

RESOLUTION: To approve as a correct record the amended minutes of the meeting held on: Wednesday 11th December 2024–. approved unanimous

RESOLUTION: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance meeting held on: Wednesday 20th December 2024–. approved unanimous

19.02 Cllr D Gelder arrived

012505 POLICE MATTERS

012505.1 Crime Commissioner Newsletter - noted

012505.2 Forest Beat December Newsletter – noted

Your next beat engagement event is on 23rd January 2025 at Age UK, High St, Measham with PCSO 6686 Fearn between 1030hrs and 1200hrs.

Please be aware published dates may change

012506 GROUNDS AND RECREATION AREAS

012506.1 To receive reports from councillors. - **None**

012506.2 The Manager to report on any items raised by the ground's contractor. – **Look into getting wheelchair access from Acresford Road onto PC Orchard land to connect with path. Manager to ask NWLDCouncil planning department if council could install a connected path for wheelchairs off of main highway. Would planning permission be needed and cost involved.**

012506.3 To consider any other matters in relation to grounds and recreation facilities: -

012506.31 Allotment – fencing -defer

A444 accident photos sent to Police/County Councillor. MP also informed of on going accident issues on A444/Measham Road Acresford

Manager to quest road sweeper for Acresford – mud – report

Pedestrian path outside Acresford Memorial Grounds is green – needs cleaning – Manager to report to LCC

012507 MANAGER'S REPORT

To receive the Manager's report advising members on the position of various matters.

012507.1 3VNs report – Cllr T Hawke to write

012507.2 Defib location map – Cllr T Hawke to be posted around Parish

012507.3 Location signs - defer

012507.4 Donisthorpe – match funded defibrillator – completed and in use
Manager & Cllr Warren to look positions of defibrillators, who is responsible, who maintains them, is all parish covered under recommended access to a defibrillator.

012507.5 Parish Council Training – defer

012507.6 Community engagement:-

012507.61 Council Fleeces cost has been approved at Nov meeting 112407.61 -
Cllr and staff sizes needed

012507.62 Council Chain of Office -Defer

012507.7 Motor Vehicle Automatic Sign (MVAS)

012507.71 Maintenance update – A444 MVAS returned/ Acresford Road Sent

012507.72 Future -moving MVAs – To consider future budget costs if councillors can move the MVAS following risk assessment protocol.

If present councillors cannot move the MVAS they stay on one position for too long. Councillors to find volunteers to help move MVAS to alternative locations – report back to manager.

012507.8 Network event Heart of Village Wednesday March 19th 6.30-9pm

Working party meeting 23rd Jan 12 noon

012507.9 NALC Council Awards Bronze

Dates given for process - noted

7.32pm Cllr H Tyler arrived

012507.10 Precept information –

RESOLUTION: Cllr Hawke & Cllr N Antill-Holmes to work with council and manager to make amendments to precept information. in preparation being sent to print. Approved unanimous.

Aim Precept information (updated for 2025) and council achievements to be delivered with March 3VNs edition.

CORRESPONDENCE

012508.1 Email - Copies sent.

012508.2 MOP1 -Bridge over Hooborough Brook reported with rotted boards has been closed off by NWLDC for safety and repair work.

Grid Reference SK30714 14531

012508.3 Burial Committee Update – Information -Cllr M Warren

012508.4 Devolution White Paper

Response on behalf of PC to be prepared by Manager -concerns as on the edge of County will be forgotten about, issues at present with traffic and accidents on boarder. LCC constantly reporting there is not a problem when residents and parish council feels there is. Concern information/help will be further lost between the counties.

Reports LCC are delighted over money – they will gain but will not support local things. Smaller communities will have their voice ignored. Big concerns majority of money will go inner county/ edge of city.

District Council has written a response

012508.5 MOP2 – flooding issues – Cllr Hancock-George reported to MP – South Derbyshire MP defer

012508.6 15-mile-long pipeline from Packington and Measham treatment works down to the River Trent. District councillor has heard nothing further. Cllr T Hawke to investigate - defer

012508.7 LCC -Acresford Highways report – not acknowledging issue with A444/Measham Road or accidents. No evidence of talking to neighbouring county or police force about incidents.

MP Samantha Nibbler talking on A444 –

Cllr Warren and Cllr Gelder to meet MP Luke Evans

Issue to not going away – Parish Council will keep pushing for road changes. Manager to write back to LCC to investigate further - asking them to talk to Derbyshire County Council/Police.

012508.8 The Manager to report on any items of correspondence received and not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

012508.81 Planning Application

APPLICATION REFERENCE 25/00029/FUL

Location: 43 Measham Road Oakthorpe Swadlincote Leicestershire

Hip to gable loft conversion resulting (with raised ridgeline) to include 2 no. dormer windows to the front elevation, erection of two storey rear extension, addition of new front porch and associated external alterations.

No Comment

012508.82 LRALC Development and Member Support Questionnaire 2024

RESOLUTION: Manager to complete

012508.83 NWLDC Budget consultation 2025 -complete by 26th January

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TqZw7vmd9UOAa3UfCcPNiBNXCbeO26ZCn_cEqBsf6CtUMkdOU0IDNEFRT0RaNjU0SVdIMINIUDYxUyQIQCN0PWcu

Councillors to complete

012508.84 Ashby Canal Trust meeting, which is next Tuesday, 21st January, 2pm at the Rawdon Room, Conkers Discovery, Rawdon Road, Moira. Cllr Hawke to attend

012508.85 LCC's Medium Term Financial Statement (MTFS) – noted

Manager attended meeting online – hole in pot 2026/27 due to costs of Special Needs/Social Care for children and adults. LCC does not have enough suitable places and the ones they do have are expensive. Transportation costs for the resources is expensive. To run/maintain.

012509 PLANNING

012509.1 CONSULTATIONS

APPLICATION REFERENCE: 24/01590/CLP

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use for the provision of an access with dropped kerbs (Off Ivy Close)

Location: 13 New Street Donisthorpe Swadlincote Derby

None

012509.2 Permissions/Refusal/Other

None

0125010. DISTRICT

To consider any matters to be put before the District/County Councillor.

Local plan -dec 75% new housing in Coalville – approved no alternatives

35% new development proposed near airport – traffic issues

Stainable villages – 5% housing requirement

More housing allocation needed – allocation due next week

Concerns over Ramscliff Land made up land to build on.

Vision Heart of the national forest – Cllr Ball pushing district council to work with national forest and district council paying for it – New plan has no plan in local plan – needs protection ,more footpaths, less houses more trees

District Ward councillors involved

Litter enforcement area on Ashby Road – has camera to catch cans being left - Cllr Ball working with senior officer.

MOP2 request to know what is happening with Ramscliff ~~community Centre land – Residents believed it was to become an allotment. Cllr Ball to investigate. – ongoing request plan

Parish Council has 10 litter pickers & equipment

0125011. COUNTY COUNCIL

To consider any matters to be put before the District/County Councillor.

Not present Cllr Robert Ashman (County Councillor) – personal - apology accepted unanimous

20.15pm Cllr Mike Ball leaves meeting

012512 FINANCE

012512.1 RFO to report on Council's current financial position

Precept request sent request for £104,317 Precept –

012512.2 Reserves - Oakthorpe Play area grounds cost

RESOLUTION: To move annual ground cost for Oakthorpe Play area £1200 (paid by parish council) from Oakthorpe Reserve Pot to a new pot for Donisthorpe Play Areas – approved unanimous

012512.3 3rd Quarter VAT return – noted

012512.4 To approve the Bank Reconciliation December 2024.

RESOLUTION: To approve December's Bank Resolutions - approved unanimous

012512.5 To approve December payments and receipts

RESOLUTION: To approve December's payment list – approved unanimous

012512.6 To receive and authorise payments as set out below.

None

012512.7 Any additional payments received since the agenda went to print will be reported at the meeting.

None

012513 PROPOSAL TO MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL

20.26 pm

012514 CONFIDENTIAL EXCLUSIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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.

012514 Leisure Centre update

Send a .list of dates to ME -to be approve / bimonthly

012514.1 Cancel March meeting at church.

20.28pm Out of confidential

012515 Date of next meetings: -

Full Council Wednesday 12th February 2025 Oakthorpe Leisure Centre / ME Sports

0125016. Meeting Closed: - **20.29pm**