**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER 2017**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present**: **Chairman**: Phil Charles

**Parish Councillors**: Frank Meadows, Mary Edwards, John Elliot,

Glenys Beard, Tony Loynes.

**District Councillor**: Ivor Lucas, Elsie Fallows.

**County Councillor**: Mike Worthington.

**In Attendance:** One member of the public andMr J. Redfern, Lengthsman.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In the absence of Jeff Wood the Chairman welcomed Carmen Worthington, who will be the ‘Acting Parish Clerk for Oakamoor Parish Council.

Subject to approval by the Parish Council, Carmen Worthington and Councillor Worthington were asked to leave the meeting whilst her temporary appointment was confirmed by fellow councilors.

The Chairman informed Carmen the Councillor’s were unanimous in their approval of her appointment as Acting Parish Clerk.

1. **Apologies.**

Councillor Mark Fallows, Jeff Wood, Clerk, (due to illness).

1. **Members’ Declaration of Interest.**

None.

1. **Approval of Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd October 2017.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
2. **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes of 2nd October 2017.** Councillor Edwards said the trees that are overhanging the river close to the weir belong to the land owners and Oakamoor Parish Council.
3. **Public Participation.**

A parishioner questioned the Appeal to SMDC regarding Moneystone Quarry. The Chairman in his response gave precis on what he was going to say at the forthcoming appeal on Moneystone Quarry.

1. **Planning Matters.**
2. Applications.

None.

1. Enforcement. None.
2. Other Planning Matters.

Re: Appeal Ref: SMD/2014/0682/A Moneystone Quarry, Whiston.

The Chairman will not be able to read out his statement due to work commitments, but in his absence, Councillor Elliot has kindly volunteered to read it out on behalf of the Parish.

1. **Ongoing Parish Affairs.**
2. Highway Issues – Speeding needs to be dealt with, priority/reflectors/arrows put in place at Oakamoor on the corner. It was previously turned down, it was suggested that we enquire about reflective markings or rumble strips at Star Bank – District Councillor Mike Worthington to forward contact details for Trevor to the Chairman so he can be invited to the next meeting. Councillor Loynes pointed out that this is an issue which needs to be addressed by Staffordshire County Council.
3. Lengthsman Scheme (SMDC only).

The Chairman thanked Mr Redfern for his continued efforts within the Parish. Worksheets and invoices were submitted by Mr Redfern (lengthsman), to the sum of £120. Litter Picker, Malcolm Price, submitted his invoice for 10.5 hours. Malcolm has asked if we can contribute towards his work boots which he has split the cost between four parishes’. The Chairman is to speak to the others involved. District Councillor Ivor Lucas who is Chairman for Kingsley said that his parish had already contributed their share.

1. Transparancy Fund.

Councillor Loynes has contacted the parishcouncilwebsite.org.uk and will gather information together for the website. Councillor Meadows obtained documentation from the Oakamoor filing cabinet with useful resources which can be used for the Oakamoor website.

1. **Reports of Committees and Outside Bodies**
2. Parish Assembly.

District Councillor Elsie Fallows gave a brief report of the Parish Assembly meeting which they discussed the Local Plan and Village Boundaries.

1. District Councillor.

Nothing to report.

1. County Councillor.

Councillor Worthington confirmed that he will also be speaking at the appeal in favour of refusing Lavor Leisure proposals to turn the quarry into a huge leisure development.

1. **Accounts for Payment.**

**The following payments were approved for payment:**

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| **Name** | **Description** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| M Beard | Willows grass mowing for 2017. | 100851 | **£800.00** |
| John Redfearn (lengthsman) | Cleaned Algae off posts by War Memorial, repairs to Park fence, strimming, repairs and painted bench and other repairs and maintenance. | 100849 | **£120.00** |
| Malcolm Price | Litter picking. | 100850 | **£119.75** |

**NB. Clerk to contact SLCC to clarify how the previous Clerk, Jeff Wood, is to be paid.**

* + 1. Current Bank Balance

The current bank balance was read out to the Councillor’s.

1. **Correspondence**

None.

1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**
   1. Remembrance Sunday – A contribution of £25 was agreed for the Bugler to the Royal British Legion.
   2. Councillor Meadows said there was a sycamore tree growing out of the wall at No. 2 Brookside, The Square and was causing concern.
   3. Road cracks appeared on Churnet View Road, Oakamoor – Councillor Worthington to report.
   4. Street lights – these are now working.
   5. Abandoned cars are now being dealt with very quickly.
2. The date of the next parish meeting will be held on **Monday, 4th December 2017 at**

**7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.**

Signed: …………………………………………………(Chair)

Signed: …………………………………………………(Clerk)

Date: …………………………………………..