**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2018**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present**: **Vice Chairman:** Mark Fallows.

 **Parish Councillors**: Frank Meadows, Mary Edwards, Jonathan Elliott,

Glenys Beard.

**County Councillor:** Mike Worthington

**In Attendance:** Mr J. Redfern, Lengthsman.

In the absence of the Chairman, Philip Charles, Mark Fallows chaired the meeting.

1. **Apologies.**

Cllr. Philip Charles, District Cllr. Elsie Fallows.

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

Cllr. Beard declared a pecuniary interest in Brambley Dell (0633).

1. **Approval of Minutes of the last meeting held 4th December 2017.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and correct record.

**Amended copy of the Minutes of 6th November December 2017.**

The amended copy of the Minutes was approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and correct record.

1. **Public Participation.**

None.

1. **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes 4th December 2017.**

None.

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

SMD/2017/06633 –Applicants Name: Mr & Mrs D. Hewins.

Location: Brambley Dell Cotton Dell, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Proposed Residential dwelling.

**Conclusion** **– The Parish Council do not support this application. The proposed build is within a designated conservation area and is totally out of keeping with the surrounding buildings. It will also affect all the dwellings around, cutting off both light and views and ruin the character of the village. The proposed build will damage the natural environment and is within a flood plain adjacent to Cotton Brook.**

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

None.

1. **Ongoing Parish Affairs.**
2. Highway Issues –Cllr. Worthington has provided the Clerk with the contact details for Trevor from Highways, to pass onto the Chairman.

Cllr. Worthington to contact Trevor at Highways as the chevron sign is down on the B5417.

Over the cold period the grit bins have been empty. The Clerk is to contact Highways to get them filled in the designated areas.

There is a grid that is damaged on the B5147 westside, opposite the junction by the entrance to a drive. The drains are blocked, and it is bubbling up. This is due to Planning (0669) Threeways which was granted. Also, opposite the police house on the B5147 there is a stone bollard that needs to be repaired. Both need to be reported to Highway.

1. Lengthsman Scheme (SMDC only).

Mr Redfern submitted his worksheet and invoice for December and Cllr. Fallows read out the work he did during the month. Cllr. Fallows thanked Mr Redfern for his continued work.

Litter Picker, Malcolm Price has asked for a hourly pay increase. After discussion, the Councillors agreed to keep the hourly rate he is currently getting paid. Reasons for this is because we pay for mileage and have put money towards boots.

Letter received asking Transparancy Fund.

The Clerk to check the date when we received the funding for the Transparancy Fund. This is to be carried forward to the next Parish Meeting as an Agenda Item.

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

Nothing to report.

1. District Councillor.

Nothing to report.

1. County Councillor.

Nothing to report.

1. **Accounts for Payment.**

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

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| **Name** | **Description** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| John Redfearn(Lengthsman) | Cleared Debris, Drains and gutters | 100860 | £96.00 |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary – November 17Clerks Salary – December 17 | 100858100859 | 166.00166.00 |

**9.1. Precept:** The Precept was discussed and agreed by Councillors. Amount of Precept for

 2018/2019 has been set for £6500. This was proposed by Cllr. Edwards and seconded by Cllr.

 Beard.

 Current Bank balance was read out to the Councillors.

1. **Correspondence.**

 Frank Meadows gave an update on STWA.

1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**
2. **The date of the next parish meeting will be held o**n **Monday 5th February 2018 at**

 **Oakamoor Village Hall.**

**The Vice Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.**

Signed: …………………………………………………(Chair) Signed: …………………………………………………(Clerk)

Date: …………………………………………..