**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2018**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**Present**: **Chairman:** Philip Charles.

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

Glenys Beard, Tony Loynes,

Cllr. Elsie Fallows (District), Cllr. Ivor Lucas (District)

Cllr. Mike Worthington (SCC).

**Apologies.** Cllr. Mark Fallows, Cllr. Jonathan Elliot.

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

* 1. **Public Participation.**

None.

**18.23 Members’ Declaration of Interest.**

None.

**18.24 Approval of Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th February 2018.**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

* 1. **Matters Arising.**

None.

* 1. **Planning Matters.**

1. Applications.

SMD/2018/0068 – Mr Vaughan Thornton, 20 School Drive, Oakamoor. Proposed Development – extension to form larger lounge and hall with shower room, bedroom extensions over rear kitchen/dining extension. Outcome - supported by Council.

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

None.

* 1. **Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highway Issues.

All jobs requiring attention have been reported – awaiting action.Cllr. Meadows reported speeding is an ongoing issue going through the village and surrounding area. Alton Towers will be opening shortly, and it needs to be addressed. A parishioner in the village has also raised the question why Alton Towers buses cannot be used when passing through the village. Agreed that the Clerk to contact Liz Greenwood, Liaison Officer on both matters. (**Clerk to Action**).

1. Lengthsman Scheme (SMDC only).

Mr Redfearn submitted his worksheet and invoice for February and the Chairman read out the work he did during the month. The Chairman thanked Mr Redfearn for his continued work.

Hornbeam tree off Churnet View Road – Light pruning to commence

Litter Picker, Malcolm Price, submitted his invoice for payment for February. Notification to confirm rate increase to £7.83 from April 1st 2018 in compliance with NMW, & that agreed petrol rate was 25pence/mile, (not 50pence/mile) as per 2017 spreadsheet. (**Clerk to Action**).

1. Transparency Fund – Website.

Cllr. Lloynes provided the Clerk with the invoice for the build and maintenance of the website.

* 1. **Reports of Committees and Outside Bodies.**

1. Parish Assembly.

Nothing to report.

1. District Councillor.

Nothing to report.

1. County Councillor.

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Oakamoor Picnic Area.**

Clixbys Forestry Ground Prep Ltd (a local company) has offered to resurface the car park at Oakamoor picnic area free of charge. The Company are liaising with SCC directly and will keep OPC updated.

* 1. **Accounts for Payment.**

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

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| **Name** | **Description** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| John Redfearn  (Lengthsman)  Malcolm Price  (Litter Picker) | Cleared Debris, Drains and gutters  Litter Picking in Oakamoor Village and Greendale Lane, Star Bank to cross roads and surrounding areas. | 100867  100865 | 108.00  £31.79 |
| Hamps Valley Ltd. | Trimming of 2 x Yew Trees | 100866 | £720.00 |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary – January | 100864 | 166.00 |
| Netwise | Website Build, Domain Name & One Year Maint. | 100868 | £669.00 |
| SPCA | Annual Subs. | 100869 | £152.00 |

Bank Statement and Accounts for the Year End were produced and read out to Councillors in preparation for the Audit.

* 1. **Correspondence.**

None.

* 1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

1. The Clerk has compiled an up to date Procedures and Protocols for OPC to have to hand. The Chairman commended the Clerk on her work.
2. Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration Tenth Edition. The Clerk asked permission if the Council would contribute £20 towards the cost of the book. This was unanimously agreed.
3. Cllr. Lloynes reported that there is a section of a crash barrier that has an open end on Star Bank just before the Star Pub on the B5417 going east on the left hand side. If a car would hit this, it would cut straight through the vehicle. Clerk to contact Helen Fisher. (**Clerk to** **Action**).
4. Chairman reported that a large section of Moneystone boundary dry stone wall has recently collapsed (Close to turning from Whiston Eaves Lane to Blakeley Lane.) He suggested, and Council supported that we ask the owners; Laver Leisure, if they would be prepared to consider rebuilding it, as a show of commitment to the maintenance of local historic features, visual amenity, and site security. (**Clerk to action**).
5. Future Item for OPC consideration – repair of Dry Stone wall – top of Star Bank (Tree has pushed over)

**The date of the next parish meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the normal Council Parish Meeting, held on** **Monday 9th April 2018 at Oakamoor Village Hall.**

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.59pm.**