**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Vice Chairman:** Mark Fallows.

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

Glenys Beard, Tony Loynes,

Jonathan Elliot.

**In Attendance:** Mr J. Redfearn (Lengthsman), District Cllr. Elsie Fallows, District Cllr. Ivor Lucas, County Cllr. Mike Worthington and Carmen Worthington (Clerk).

**18.55. Apologies.**

None.

**18.56. Public Participation.**

None.

**18.57. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr. Meadows declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning App. SMD/2018/0195, M 18.60.

**18.58. Minutes of meeting held on 30th April 2018.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2018, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**18.59. Matters Arising.**

None.

**18.60. Planning Matters.**

**Applications.**

SMD/2018/0195 – Mr S. Robinson, Robinson Homes. Land Off Churnet View Road, Oakamoor. Proposed Development- Reserved matters application in relation to SMD/2015/0161 seeking consent for external appearance of the buildings and the landscaping of the site. Cllr. Fallows pointed out that the development lay within the Oakamoor Conservation Area. Given this fact, and the existing local building vernacular, Councillors raised their concerns regarding the building materials proposed.

**Action: Cllr. Charles and the Clerk to compile a response and circulate to Councillors prior to submitting comments to Planning.**

**b. To note decisions on previous applications.**

SMD/2017/0713 – Land Off Churnet View Road, Oakamoor. Variation of Condition 4 to App. SMD/2015/0161 – *Outline Application approved 25.4.18.*

**18.61. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways

i. Pot hole by the Cricketers Arms has now been filled.

Cllr. Loynes asked if the Armco barrier by Star Bank had been reported, as it has not been

repaired. Clerk said it had been reported. **Clerk to chase this up**.

ii. Cllr. Meadows has spoken to Highways reference ‘17265262’ regarding the white road lines

that were placed in the wrong location and **Cllr Meadows to keep Council updated.**

iii. The Lengthsman continues to carry out the essential job ‘unblocking highways drains’, although no funding was being made available from SCC through the Lengthsman scheme.

It was pointed out by Councillors that if Parishioners/OPC were to report the blocked drains, by the time Highways came out to unblock the drains, the entire village would be in a flood, due to its location, and therefore the Lengthsmans work in this regard was essential. The Clerk is to contact Helen Fisher, to ask if a donation/contribution towards the maintenance of the drains would be considered due to the circumstances. **(Clerk to**

**Action).**

iv. Public Footpath signs need replacing by ‘Crow Trees Farm’, Moneystone, Stoney

Dale and Hawksmoor as the signs are worn out. **(Clerk to Action)**.

1. Lengthsman – Cllr. Charles read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman and the litter picker. **Action:** Cllr Charles to remind the Litter Picker of his scheduled duties.
2. Website – Cllr. Loynes highlighted the requirements of the Transparency Code with regard to the website, which he had outlined in an email to Councillors. Cllr. Charles had discussed this with Clerk, who was compiling the information outlined for inclusion.

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

a. Parish Assembly – Nothing to report.

b. District Councillor Nothing to report.

c. County Councillor – Cllr. Worthington gave an update on potholes in the area.

**18.63. WW1.**

Cllr. Edwards will follow this up. To be carried to the next meeting.

**18.64. Bus Service.**

The Clerk received an email from Liz Greenwood, Alton Towers with a suggestion of the parishes in the area to band together to buy a 7-seater and using volunteer drivers to offer a Community Bus Service. Cllr. Worthington has said that he has spoken to County Council Cabinet Member, Mark Deaville, who intimated that it may be possible to purchase a vehicle, with parish councils funding the ongoing costs. Cllr. Charles said that the Parish is on a tight budget and may not be in a position to financially support this project.

OPC agreed to give this some consideration within our overall expenditure budget and any other proposed projects, and discuss at next meeting

**18.65. Community Speed Watch.**

Cllr. Loynes provided the Council with information for the cost of setting up a Community Speed Watch. He said with the ongoing complaints and vehicles speeding through the village it might be a benefit to the community to follow it through.

The initial set-up would be £354.48, which would cover the cost of 1 x Radar Device, 2 x mobile signs and 1 x tuning forks. The Partnership will also cover the cost of 6 x hi-vis waistcoats, 1 x tally counter, training and all relevant paperwork, including return envelopes.

There is a requirement of a minimum of 5 volunteers.

Cllr. Charles said that the council have not budgeted for this, but we may have sufficient surplus in 2018.19 budget to fund it if Council felt that this was a priority, and there was sufficient interest from Parishioners to become trained volunteers.

Suggestions were also made for creating awareness with possible fund raising at local events, and /or ask local businesses if they are willing to contribute towards to the cost.

Cllr. Meadows expressed concern as to whether there would be sufficient interest amongst Parishioners and ascertaining this was key to the decision making process.

To this end, Cllr. Charles suggested that as a first step, posters / signs could be put up on the noticeboard / website.

*(17.06.18 Postcript: Cllr.Lloynes has agreed to prepare and upload notices on the website, and Notice Board).*

**18.66. Data Protection.**

An update was given to Councillors and how it affects the Council.

**18.67. Accounts for Payment.**

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| **Name** | **Description** | **Chq. No.** | **Amount** |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary for May 2018 | 100877 | £166.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman for May 2018 | 100878 | £96.00 |
| The Ford Partnership | Internal Audit – Year Ending 31st March 2018. | 100880 | £120.00 |
| The Ford Partnership | Operation of Payroll Scheme for Tax Year to  5th April 2018. | 100879 | £168.00 |
| BHIB | Council Insurance 2018-2019 | 100881 | £418.06 |
| Oakamoor Village Hall | Hire of Hall for Meetings April 2017 – March 2018 | 100882 | £240.00 |
| Malcolm Price | Litter Picker – May 2018 (April and May schedule) | 100883 | £129.89 |

**18.68. Mazars – Certificate of Exemption.**

Approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**18.69. Mazars Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018.**

Approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**18.70. Mazars Accounting Statements 2017/2018.**

Approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**18.71. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

Conservation Area – Outstanding Action - The Clerk is to contact Gillian Bayliss, Conservation Officer, to arrange a visit for her to come to Oakamoor to give a talk to residents regarding the requirements of Planning and Development in the Conservation area. (**Clerk to Action**).

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**