**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 6th AUGUST 2018**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

 **Parish Councillors**: Frank Meadows, Tony Lloynes,

Mary Edwards

**In Attendance:** One member of the public,Mr J. Redfearn (Lengthsman), District Councillor Elsie Fallows, and Carmen Worthington (Clerk).

**18.84. Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows, Cllr. Jonathan Elliot, County Councillor Mike Worthington.

**18.85. Public Participation.**

 None.

**18.86. Declaration of Interest.**

 Cllr Meadows declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application SMD/2018/0461.

**18.87. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd July 2018.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2018, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**18.88. Matters Arising.**

None.

**18.89. Planning Matters.**

1. **Applications.**

 i. **SMD/2018/0369** – Thompkinson, C/o Agent. Former Lord Nelson Inn, School Drive,

 Oakamoor. Proposed Development – Alterations and single storey side extension.

 ***Conclusion – Councillors have no objection to the application.***

ii**. SMD/2018/0436**- Mrs L. Mckechnie-Ryder, 5 Tennis Corner, Churnet View Road,

 Oakamoor. Proposed Development – Conversion of garage to form additional living

 accommodation. ***Conclusion – Councillors have no objection to the application.***

iii. **SMD/2018/0461** – Mr Vaughan Thornton, 20 School Drive, Oakamoor. Proposed

 Development – Two storey and single storey rear extension***. Conclusion – Councillors***

 ***have no objection to the application.***

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

None.

 c. **Other Planning Issues**.

Conservation Area – The Clerk informed the Councillors that a response had been received from the Conservation Officer, Gill Bayliss, who said it was difficult to give specific advice because as planning legislation is so complex. However Ms Bayliss had forwarded electronic links with generic Conservation Area planning related information which she believed would be helpful to residents in the conservation area.

***Action: Clerk to add the links to the OPC website.***

**18.90. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways – Armco barrier on Star Bank reported – reference 4128606 – Cllr. Charles said this is awaiting an inspector to visit.

Cllr. Meadows asked if there was an update on the white lines which were incorrectly marked in the wrong location earlier in January, the clerk had passed the information to County Councillor Worthington to chase up.

***Action: Clerk / Cllr. Worthington to update at next meeting***

1. Litter Picker – Cllr. Charles read out work carried out by the litter picker for the period of July.
2. Lengthsman – Cllr. Charles read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman for the period of July. Cllr. Lloynes asked if the tree branches on the Willows could be pruned as they are looking untidy.
3. Asset Register – The Chairman explained that OPC should have a definitive Asset Register.

It is understood that OPC owns the following assets:

* Land adjacent to River Churnet, known as The Willows. Chairman to endeavor to obtain a copy of the Title Register and Plan for this parcel of land.
* The War Memorial, although the whereabouts of the deeds is unknown. Chairman will discuss with Eric Whitehead Solicitors.
* Bus shelter (B5417 East Bound adjacent to Cricketers Arms).
* Notice board adjacent to War Memorial.
* Bench(es) in the village, there are no records of specifics.
* Once all the information is collated, Clerk will compile an up to date inventory which will be uploaded to the website.
1. Listed Building in Moneystone – At the last meeting Cllr. Elsie Fallows mentioned that she had been advised by Cllr David Fowler (Kingsley PC) that Leek & Moorlands Historical Buildings Trust were reviewing buildings / historical sites for potential application for Heritage listing. She also advised Council that Cllr Fallows had highlighted an asset he believed was in Oakamoor Parish which he believed should be considered, but was unsure of all the details.

The Clerk contacted Cllr. Fowler who informed her that the asset in question is a stone alley, in which there was a Bloomery, which was used to smelt iron. It is situated in Framewood which is part of the quarry complex and is situated on the Parish boundary between Oakamoor and Kingsley. ***Action: Chairman to obtain more information from Cllr. Fowler***

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

a. Parish Assembly – None.

b. District Councillor – None.

 c. County Councillor – Not present.

**18.92. WW1.**

No update.

**18.93. Community Speed Watch.**

Cllr. Loynes has said that there are 3 residents interested but nothing further to report.

Cllr. Edwards passed information to Cllr. Charles from Staffordshire Smart Alert for Community funding opportunity for road safety projects. This is a Grant Fund which will be open for applications from 1st August to 14th September 2018.

Applications for up to £5000 are invited from community-based groups within Staffordshire. Cllr. Loynes to enquire for ‘Safer’ road signs in the area for the next meeting.

Cllr. Loynes also mentioned that the Police & Crime Commissioner Officer also have grant available.

***Action – Cllr. Loynes to review options and report at the next meeting.***

**18.94. Fishing at the River Churnet.**

An email was received from a resident in the parish asking if permission was needed to fish in the River Churnet from the Willows.

Cllr. Charles said that although it is understood that we own the piece of land and Fishing Rights, as there are no deeds held by OPC, he would pursue Land Title and Title Plan from the Land Registry. (See 18.90, d)

Questions were raised by Councillors as to whether we should charge for the use, and whether we should promote this.

The Chairman advised that until the Land Title, Plan and insurance policy is checked that no fishing should take place.

***Action*** *–* ***Cllr. Charles to obtain Land Title and Plan. Clerk to check Insurance***

**18.95. Potential Projects for Grant Application – Peak Leader Grant**

Cllr. Charles highlighted two projects for consideration:

1. Repair of ancient stone bollard at the junction of the track to ‘Sunnyside’ & other houses and the B 5417, which had been damaged after being hit by a vehicle.
2. Repair of the Victorian signpost at the end of Mill Road.

Cllr. Elsie Fallows pointed out that there may be grant funding available from Moorlands Partnership Board also.

**18.96. Accounts.**

**a. Accounts for Payment – Agreed and Ratified.**

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| **To Whom** | **Details** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary for July | 100886 | £166.00 |
| ICO | Data Protection Fee | 100887 | £40.00 |
| SLCC | SLCC Membership  | 100888 | £29.40 |
| Malcolm Price | Litter Picker | 100889 | £55.43 |
| J. Redfearn | Village Lengthsman | 100890 | £120.00 |

 **b. Budget overview 2018-2019**

 The Chairman read out the budget overview.

 **c. Current Bank Statement.**

 The Clerk read out the current bank balance.

**18.97. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

i. It was mentioned that the litter Bins at the Admiral Jarvis, Mill Road were overfilled and

the litter was blowing away from the site. Cllr. Fallows advised that an email should be sent to Keith Parker at Staffordshire Moorlands. ***Action – Clerk to send email.***

ii. Councillors said that the Staffs Moorlands road sweeping vehicle had recently swept Carr Bank / Whiston Eaves Lane, however, it appeared that the vehicle had been deliberately pushing the verges back beyond the road edge. This follows incidences of a heavy vehicle driving on the grass verges in what appears to be a deliberate attempt to widen the road beyond the metalled surface. The combination of these activities is damage to the road surface at the highway edges.

 ***Action – Cllr. Charles/Clerk to draft a letter & supply photos to SCC/SMDC.***

**There being no further matters the Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**