**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Vice Chairman:** Mark Fallows

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

Mary Edwards, Glenys Beard, Jonathan Elliot

**In Attendance:** Elsie Fallows (District Councillor), Ivor Lucas (District Councillor), Mr J. Redfearn (Lengthsman), Carmen Worthington (Clerk), and 11 members of the public.

**18.98. Apologies.**

Mike Worthington (County Councillor).

**18.99. Public Participation.**

A number of members of the public were present to demonstrate support for Planning Application SMD/2018/0389 - Bluebell Barn - proposed extension to form ground floor bedroom and wet room for a disabled person.

A petition was put forward to Council in support of the said application. Cllr. Charles read out the covering letter.

Members of the public made representations in support of the application.

Cllr. Loynes explained the role of the Parish Council in the planning process, and stated that a Parish Council can only make recommendations and not decisions.

Cllr. Charles said that OPC had not yet reviewed the application, as it had been received since their last meeting, and it would be reviewed in the Planning section of this meeting, however, his understanding was:

a) The decision date for this application had been retarded from 29.08.18 to 28.09.18.

b) The Application had been “Called in” by District Councilor Lucas, and would therefore not be decided by an officer, but by the Planning Committee.

c) The application had not yet been reviewed by SMDC Conservation Officer Gill Bayliss.

Cllr. Charles advised the parishioners that their views should be communicated directly to SMDC via the Planning Portal, but to be aware that only ‘material planning considerations’ would be valid.

Cllr. Lucas advised that he is in full support of the application.

The subject of potential impact of ‘Conservation Area’ status on planning applications was also discussed. Council and members of the public present felt that there was still insufficient definitive information available.

Cllr Charles thanked the members of the public for attending and sharing their views.

**18.100. Declaration of Interest.**

None.

**18.101. Minutes of meeting held on 6th August 2018.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2018, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**18.102. Matters Arising.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows raised a question regarding the request OPC had received for fishing in the River Churnet from the banks of ‘The Willows’. (18.94)

Cllr. Charles stated that at present he is investigating the whereabouts of the Title Deeds **(18.104.c)** to confirm ownership of both ‘The Willows’ and Fishing Rights before we are able to go any further.

**18.103. Planning Matters.**

1. **Applications.**

i. **SMD/2018/0389** – Applicant’s Name: Mr & Mrs D. Arnold, Bluebell Barn, Church Bank,

Oakamoor. Proposed Development – Extension to form ground floor bedroom and wet room for a disabled person.

Conclusion – Councillors unreservedly support the Planning Application. ***Action Cllr. Charles / Clerk to prepare response***

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

SMD/2018/0368 – Moor Court Hall – Listed Building Consent Approved 24.08.18.

c. **Other Planning Issues**.

Further to discussions earlier in the meeting Cllr. Loynes highlighted that page 49 of the SMDC ‘Oakamoor Conservation Area Appraisal’ had stated that ‘Design Guides and a set of Design Codes should be produced as a priority’, and that these were still outstanding.

Cllr. Charles said he would endeavor to contact Gill Bayliss to discuss this.

**18.104. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. **Highways**

* Armco barrier on Star Bank reported – reference 4128606. This is still outstanding and needs to be re-reported as priority. ***Action: Clerk to re-report***
* White lines incorrectly located (January 2018) - Cllr. Meadows stated that he had re-reported this, and asked if there was an update. The clerk informed the Council that the information had been passed to County Cllr Worthington as requested. Cllr. Charles asked if the Clerk could invite Cllr. Worthington to the next Parish Council Meetingto update Council. ***Action: Clerk to invite Cllr. Worthington***
* Road Sign quotes – Cllr. Loynes reported the cost of road signs would be between £2-3k. Cllr. Charles asked Cllr. Loynes if he would contact ‘Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership’ to enable Council to better understand the funding structure.

***Action: Cllr. Loynes to contact Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership***

1. **Lengthsman**
   * Cllr. Charles read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman for the period of August.
   * Cllr. Meadows reported a blocked storm drain outside ‘The Beehive’, Churnet View Road (4134435). ***Action: Clerk to report***
   * Cllr. Charles reported that halfway up Carr Bank, opposite the derelict caravan, cut vegetation had been deposited in a drainage ditch which needs removing. ***Action: Lengthsman to remove the vegetation.***
2. **Asset Register**

The Chairman reported that he had been researching Oakamoor Parish assets to obtain documentary evidence, and was now able to clarify the following:

* Land adjacent to River Churnet, known as ‘The Willows’ – The Deeds are held at Chesworths Solicitors, Trentham Road, Stoke on Trent (Title no. SF469142) date of transfer: 09.04.2003. Title plan to be viewed and boundary to be determined. ***Action: Cllr. Charles to arrange visit to Chesworths Solicitors.***
* The War Memorial – The documents are held at Eric Whitehead Solicitors, Cheadle (Title no. SF594888). No further action.

d. **Other assets**

* Bus shelter (B5417 East Bound adjacent to Cricketers Arms).
* Notice board adjacent to War Memorial.
* Bench(es) ***Action:******Cllr. Edwards to list benches and their locations which the Parish Council own.***
* Redundant telephone box in Moneystone – Cllr. Elliot informed the Councilors that residents of Moneystone have shown interest in repainting the telephone box and using it to house tourism related literature. Cllrs. would have no objection to this, however Cllr Charles advised that until we confirmed ownership, OPC could not give permission. ***Action:*** ***Cllr. Charles to speak to former OPC Chairman Mr. Creswell, to ascertain ownership.***
* Cllr. Charles said that he had been advised by Chesworths, that OPC own a further parcel of land, which came into their ownership in 1971, and will visit Chesworths Solicitors to ascertain location. ***Action – Cllr. Charles.***

e. **Listed Building in Moneystone**

**Bloomery in ‘Framewood’** – Cllr. Charles has spoken with Leek & Moorlands Historical Buildings Trust representatives who are currently compiling a list of Moorlands assets for Heritage Listing consideration. They will write to OPC in due course.

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

a. Parish Assembly – None.

b. District Councillor – None.

c. County Councillor – Not present.

**18.106.Accounts.**

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

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| **To Whom** | **Details** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary for August | 100891 | £166.00 |
| J. Redfearn | Village Lengthsman | 100892 | £132.00 |
| M. Price | Litter Picker | 100893 | £28.37 |

**b. Current Bank Statement.**

The Clerk read out the current bank balance.

**18.107. Correspondence.**

a. All Correspondence received via email is circulated prior to the meeting.

b. Chairmans’s Charity Ball – Letter circulated.

c. Receipt of Data Protection ICO Certificate, (To be retained by Clerk).

**18.108. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

1. Cllr. Lloynes informed the Council that a ‘Music Festival’ is planned to take place in the village and he will keep Council informed of the dates.
2. Cllr. Elliot asked whether the Notice Board in Moneystone was owned by OPC, as it was becoming dilapidated. Cllr Edwards confirmed that it was. Council agreed that it should be repaired. ***Action 1: Cllr. Elliot to obtain quotes for repair Action 2: Clerk to add to OPC Asset List***
3. Cllr. Charles reported that he had written to Ivor Lucas, District Councillor and Helen Fisher, County Highways regarding repeated driving on the verges of Whiston Eaves Lane between Oakamoor village and Moneystone quarry entrance, and the consequent damage to the road edges. He has requested signs at each end of this section of road ‘Do not drive on verges’ to deter recurrence of the activity. Cllr. Charles has also written to SMDC concerning the activity of the street cleansing lorry, which has removed large sections of the grass verges on Whiston Eaves Lane between Oakamoor and Moneystone Quarry entrance. ***Action: Cllr. Charles to update at next meeting***
4. Flooding has been reported by the road at the Old Pumping Station situation at Stoney Dale Road, Stoneydale, itappears that there may be a leak from the pumping station.

***Action: Clerk to contact STWA***

**There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**