**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 2nd September 2019**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Tony Loynes, Robert Church-Taylor

Frank Meadows, Glenys Beard, Mary Edwards

**District Councillors**: Elsie Fallows, James Aberley

**County Councillor:** Mike Worthington

**In Attendance: Council Leader SMDC –** Sybil Ralphs

Two members of the public,Carmen Worthington (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed Council Leader, Sybil Ralphs to Oakamoor Parish Council.

**19.102. Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows.

**19.103. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr. Loynes declared a non-pecuniary interest in the ‘Hill Climb’ event.

**19.104. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 5th August 2019.**

*District Councillor Fallows pointed out that the minutes should record that Cllr. Charles left the premises during the review of Planning Application* SMD/2019/0463.

*Notwithstanding the above, resolved* *that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2019, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**19.105. Public Participation.**

None.

**19.106. Actions and Updates from Previous Meetings.**

a. Hill Climb Event (m.19.97) – Email sent to Event Organisers, Festival Committee and

Parishioner.

**19.107. Rural Bus Service.**

Cllr. Sybil Ralphs, SMDC Council Leader was present to discuss the potential future provision of bus services for Oakamoor as part of her campaign to reinstate rural bus services across the Staffordshire Moorlands.

A lengthy discussion with the input of parishioners present ensued.

Following recommendations by OPC, Cllr. Ralphs agreed to approach D & G Buses who currently transport Alton Towers employees from Stoke on Trent and Leek to suggest pick-ups through villages.

Cllr. Worthington said he would be attending a Liaison Meeting at Alton Towers next week and will raise the issue.

Cllr. Fallows suggested the Cheadle Town bus route to be extended for one or two day(s) per week to include Oakamoor, Cotton, Farley, Alton for shopping trips.

Cllr. Ralphs suggested a bus once a week to Leek would also be useful. It was suggested that if the approach to Alton Towers was successful, then the Leek D & G service could be utilised

**19.108. Planning Matters.**

1. **Applications.**

None.

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

SMD/2019/0333 – Woodside View, Farley Road, Oakamoor – Outdoor kitchen and garden hut. Planning permission approved on 12.08.19.

c. **Other Planning Issues**.

Conservation Area – Cllr. Aberley is in dialogue with SMDC Planning and will update OPC with progress.

**19.109. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. **Highways**

* White Lines incorrectly located *(reference M.19.52)* (**Ongoing**).
* Armco barrier on Star Bank – *(reference 4128606)* **(Ongoing).**
* Blocked Road Drain – *(reference 4164925)* **Awaiting works**.
* Pothole, Top of Church Bank – *(reference 4167997)* **Awaiting works.**
* Pothole, Churnet View Road – *(reference 4167997)* **Awaiting works.**
* Stoneydale from Mill Road to Greendale – Overhanging vegetation needs cutting back. (Clerk to contact Highways)
* Speeding on B5417 (m.19.95a) – **Action outstanding** Clerk to prepare notice to be installed on Notice Boards requesting parishioners to attend the October meeting to share their concerns with OPC. **(Clerk to Action).**

Cllr. Loynes reported that the visibility when crossing the road from the picnic area to the bus shelter is very poor, and suggested a mirror on the road to improve visibility. Cllr. Loynes and Cllr. Charles agreed to investigate the siting and possible location it could be erected. **Action: Cllr Charles & Cllr Loynes.**

* Grit Bin, Moneystone (m.19.95b) – email received from David Greatbatch, to advise that OPC will be updated in due course.
* Cllr. Elsie Fallows received a letter from Faber School regarding the speed limit by the school. It is currently 60mph and Faber have asked the support of District Councillors and Oakamoor Parish Council to write to highways to support the reduction of the speed limit to 30mph. She emphasised that the playing fields opposite the school are used during the day and the current speed limit needs to be reduced for safety of the children. (**Clerk to Action**).

1. **Lengthsman**
   * Cllr. Charles read out the Lengthsman works carried out for the period of August.
   * Work carried out by the Litter Picker for the period of August was read out.

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

None.

**19.111 Accounts.**

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

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| **To Whom** | **Details** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Salary | 100932 | £133.67 |
| Malcolm Price | Litter Picker | 100933 | £37.24 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 100934 | £108.00 |
| SLCC | Clerks Annual Subscription | 100935 | £31.20 |

**a. Current Bank Statement.**

The Clerk read out the current bank balance.

**19.112. Correspondence.**

All Correspondence received via email circulated prior to the meeting.

**19.113. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

Cllr. Charles said the chestnut & wire fence adjacent to the bridge on the access road to the station car park and sports ground is in poor condition and has fallen and needs to be repaired or replaced and re-erected. Clerk to contact SCC Rights of Way, Ranger. **(Clerk to Action)**.

Cllr. Charles informed OPC that the junction which exits from the Station car park has no ‘Give Way’ sign or road markings to signify that it is a junction. Council agreed for Clerk to contact SCC to request installation. **(Clerk to Action).**

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

**The next meeting will be held on** **Monday 7th October 2019 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**