**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Vice Chairman**: Tony Loynes

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

Robert Church-Taylor, Mark Fallows.

**In Attendance:** One member of the Public,Lengthsman and Clerk.

**20.13. Apologies.**

District Cllr. Elsie Fallows, District Cllr. James Aberley, County Cllr. Mike Worthington.

**20.14. Declaration of Interest.**

None.

**20.15. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020.**

*The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2020, having been circulated were confirmed as a true and correct record, and signed off by the Chairman with one amendment.*

**20.16. Public Participation.**

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

A committee member of the Churnet Valley Conservation Society attended the meeting to ask OPC for support in getting the AONB status in the Churnet Valley. The Chair and members of OPC unanimously support the CVCS and will write a letter of support. Proposed by Cllr. Loynes and seconded by Cllr. Fallows. (**Clerk & Chair to Action**).

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

Actions:

* (*m.19.119a*) Grit Bin – Email sent to Paula Lees regarding permission of purchasing a grit bin and location. OPC to purchase grit bin and contact Paula Lees at SMDC for bin to be filled when installed. (**Clerk to obtain quotes for the next meeting).**
* (*m.19.119c*) Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence – Clerk contacted Nigel Hopkins and he is waiting for the fencing to be collected from Cannock Depot.

(m.19.148) Forestry Commission – Clerk contacted Forestry Commission regarding blocked pipes behind Woodside Cottages (ST10 3AE) which is causing flooding and they are looking into it. It was also mentioned that since the work they carried out had finished over 3 months ago, the work signs remain, and one is flapping. Clerk to contact them again, to ask them to remove the signs. (**Clerk to Action**).

**20.18. Planning Matters.**

1. **Applications.**

**SMD/2020/0022** – Mr S. Watkins, Old Star Farm, Beelow Lane, Cotton.

Proposed Development: Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension with balcony above.

Conclusion: OPC support the application.

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

None.

c. **Other Planning Issues**.

1. Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) SMD/2019/0646, SMD/2019/0716, SMD/2019/0725.

The comments for Laver Leisure were submitted on 31.01.20.

Cllr. Charles and Cllr. Church-Taylor will be representing OPC at the hearing which will take

place in March/April 2020.

2. Conservation Area – Cllr. Aberley remains in dialogue with SMDC Planning. In the absence

of District Cllr. Aberley, the Chair will contact him for an update. If there is no update, it was agreed by councillors that OPC write to Simon Baker (SMDC). (**Chair to Action**).

**20.19. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. **Highways**

* White Lines incorrectly located *(reference M.19.52.)* **Ongoing. (Clerk to chase up).**
* Armco barrier on Star Bank – *(reference 4128606)*. **Email sent to Paula Lees (County Highways). Still outstanding.**
* Blocked Road Drain – *(reference 4164925).* **No further Action.**
* Pothole, Churnet View Road – *(reference 4167999).* **Works order raised. Still outstanding.**
* (m.20.07) It has been reported that a litter bin is missing at the end of Mill Road, close to junction B5417. Clerk to contact SMDC Street Cleaning to ask for a replacement. **(Reported to SMDC ref.GDZRKRJX)**.
* Request for ‘Give Way’ sign, access road to Station Car Park. **Contacted Paula Lees who said it was SMDC. Clerk to re-report.**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to email County Cllr. Worthington to ask why everything OPC is asking for is not being actioned. (**Clerk to Action**).

1. **Lengthsman**

The Chair read out the Lengthsman works carried out for the period of January.

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

None.

**20.21. Accounts.**

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

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| **To Whom** | **Details** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| C. Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | 100949 | £133.67 |
| HMRC | Clerks PAYE | DD | £99.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 100950 | £96.00 |

**b. Precept for 2020-2021 (Agreed)**

Precept required: £6735.00 based on Tax base reported 243.

£27.72 per household.

Increase of 0.93%.

**20.22. Correspondence.**

All Correspondence received via email circulated prior to the meeting.

**20.23. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

1. Community Transport – Staffordshire Dial-a-bus and Dial-a-Ride Services.

Ashbourne Community Transport run a weekly service (Thursday) from Oakamoor to Ashbourne, which a number of parishioners use on a regular basis. The service was originally requested and supported by SCC, but funds were withdrawn in 2018. They have asked OPC for funding to support the organisation. OPC agreed to support Community Transport and to fund £500 towards the cost. Proposed by Cllr. Charles and seconded by Cllr. Church- Taylor. *Unanimous*. Clerk to inform Community Transport. (**Clerk to Action**).

2. It has been reported that there is an increase in rat infestation near to the bin outside ‘The Cricketers Arms’. Clerk to contact SMDC Pest Control. (**Clerk to Action**).

3. Cllr. Beard raised concerns about the speed limit outside ‘Faber School’. The Clerk said

that Cotton Parish Council had written to SCC Highways but had not received a response. (**Clerk to follow up**).

4. Registration of the Picnic Area as village Green – Cllr. Church-Taylor continues research.

**There being no further business The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.**

**The next meeting will be held on** **Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**