**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 9th April 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,

Cllr. Ivor Lucas (District)

**Apologies.** Cllr. Elsie Fallows (District), Cllr. Jonathan Elliot, Cllr. Worthington (SCC)

**In Attendance:** Mr J. Redfern, Lengthsman.

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

1. **Chairman’s Report 2017/2018**

The Chairman read out a report of the last 12 months as follows:

1. Parish Councillors – Cllr. Colin Mabey tended his resignation on 3rd April and Jonathan Elliot was co-opted as Councillor on 5th June 2017.
2. Parish Clerk – Sadly the Clerk to OPC, Jeff Wood, suffered serious health problems in October, rendering him unable to continue, as a result of this, Carmen Giuliano-Worthington was recruited as Acting Parish Clerk.
3. Highways – Highway issues remain high on the Agenda. The only major work undertaken on the roads within the Parish, was repairs of Stoney Dale/Greendale Lane. The Parish Council will continue to press Highways for ongoing priority maintenance to the B5417 as it’s one of the main routes into Alton Towers.
4. Parish Maintenance – The Lengthsman continued to do a great job for the village, keeping the road drainage clear, trimming back overgrown vegetation and undertaking wall and fence repairs and keeping it generally tidy. 2017-18 was the first year that the Parish Council have not received funding from SCC. SMDC continue to financially support the Lengthsman service but this does not cover the full cost of his services.
5. Litter – We continued to employ the services of a Litter Picker to reduce the build-up of rubbish on the road verges.
6. Planning – As always, we diligently reviewed Planning Applications and commented on all that came before us. We prepared a submission opposing the Moneystone ‘Leisure Park’ appeal SMD/2014/0682/A, however, due to High Court decision to throw out a challenge to SMDC’s decision to grant outline planning permission the development under SMD/2016/0378, the appeal hearing was abandoned.
7. Transparancy Funding – Work started on the creation of the website and is expected to be completed early this Financial Year.
8. Finances – We continued to maintain relatively tight fiscal control, with no major projects. However, the loss of £699/p.a. Lengthsman funding from SCC will continue to challenge OPC finances. Our true 2017/18 Payments/Receipts balance was -£323.50, (includes £188.40 VAT refund received post account preparation, which will show in 2018/19 accounts.
9. Summary – OPC has had another largely successful year and our efforts to support the needs of our village and our parishioners will continue in 2018/19.
10. **Any other Matters Raised by Electors.**

No matters were raised.

**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm.**

Signed: ………………………………………………………… Dated: …………………………………………………