**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th DECEMBR 2017**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Vice Chairman:** Mark Fallows.

**Parish Councillors**: Frank Meadows, Mary Edwards, Jonathan Elliott,

Glenys Beard,

**District Councillor**: Elsie Fallows.

**In Attendance:** One member of the public andMr J. Redfern, Lengthsman.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies.**

Councillor Tony Loynes.

1. **Members’ Declaration of Interest.**

None.

1. **Approval of Minutes of the last meeting held 6th November 2017.** The minutes of the last meeting were read, with two minor errors, therefore will be signed at the next meeting.
2. **Public Participation.**

None.

1. **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes 6th November 2017.**
2. The Sycamore tree growing out of the wall at no.2 Brookside, the Square – This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but Clerk is to contact Jill Bayliss of SMDC to report that the tree is in the conservation area and is causing damage to the wall.
3. **Planning Matters.**
4. Applications.

SMD/2017/0669 – Mr Andrew Shaw, ASD Contracts, Land adj. to Threeways, Farley Road, Oakamoor. Construction of 4 no. 3 bed semi- detached houses with associated car parking and landscaping. **Conclusion** **– Providing there is sufficient room for 8 cars, without causing danger on the road. Also, geologically to ensure full consideration is given for the stability of the land on which the development is being built and the surrounding area.**

1. SMD/2017/0713 – Mr B. Wilcox, Land off Churnet View Road, Oakamoor. Variation of condition to application SMD/2015/0161. **Conclusion: Councillors to email the Clerk by the end of the week, to enable her to email Rachel Simpkin with our comments by 21st December 2017.**
2. **Enforcement.** None.
3. **Other Planning Matters.**

Re: Appeal Ref: SMD/2014/0682/A Moneystone Quarry, Whiston – Laver Leisure.

Appeal has been withdrawn by Laver Leisure on the 2nd day of the hearing in Leek. This is due to the appeal court in London throwing out the challenge on Planning Application No. 0378. This means Laver Leisure are now able to proceed with the Development as outlined in 0378.

1. **Ongoing Parish Affairs.**
2. Highway Issues –Clerk to chase up District Councillor Mike Worthington to forward contact details for Trevor to the Chairman so he can be invited to the next meeting.
3. Lengthsman Scheme (SMDC only).

The Chairman thanked Mr Redfern for his continued efforts within the Parish. Worksheets and invoices were submitted by Mr Redfern (lengthsman). Litter Picker, Malcolm Price, also submitted his Invoice for November.

1. Transparancy Fund.

This is to be carried forward to the next Parish Meeting as an Agenda Item.

1. **Reports of Committees and Outside Bodies**
2. Parish Assembly.

Nothing to report.

1. District Councillor.

Nothing to report.

1. County Councillor.

Nothing to report.

1. **Accounts for Payment.**

**The following payments were approved for payment:**

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| **Name** | **Description** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| John Redfearn  (Lengthsman) | Prepared and applied 2 coats clear matt varnish to posts at war memorial. Pruned oncoming traffic on bridge and various other job in the area. | 100854 | **£90.00** |
| Malcolm Price  (Litter Picker) | November Invoice for litter picking, expenses and part-payment of footwear which was agreed with Cotton and Kingsley Parish Council. | 100853 | **£81.64** |
| Frank Meadows | Cash Expenses incurred - Bugle for the RBL. | 100855 | **£25.00** |
| Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal | Poppy Wreath | 100856 | **£20.00** |
| Scott Ellis | Christmas Fairy LED Lights, Connectable, White Cable for the Parish. | 100857 | **£71.96** |
| Grant Thornton | Audit Fees. | 100843 | **£120.00** |

**It was noted that Jeff Wood the previous Clerk is not due any further payments.**

* + 1. Current Bank balance was read out to the Councillors.

1. **Correspondence**

Opening of your local Samaritans branch in Leek. Email was read out and poster given to Councillor to display on the Notice Board.

1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**
2. Replacement Christmas lights were purchased for the village from Festive Lights for £71.96. This was proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Beard. Councillor Worthington agreed that the monies can come out of the community fund. The Clerk is to download the form on the SCC website to apply for the funding and give it to Councillor Worthington for submission.
3. Clerk to contact SMDC to see why we are not receiving email notifications of weekly planning and Scrutiny Meetings.
4. The trees at the war memorial need to be pruned, Councillor Mark Fallows will contact the contractor and obtain a quote to get the work done. Proposed by Councillor Elliot and seconded by Councillor Edwards.
5. Councillor pointed out that the speed limited outside Faber School is still national speed limit and needs to be changed. Clerk to bring this up at the next Cotton Parish Council Meeting.
6. Planning Application SMDC2017/0633 – This was sent to the previous Clerks house and will be reviewed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
7. Councillor Meadows reported to Highways that people are parking in front of disabled parking areas in Carr Bank – two wheelchair access places near Crickers Arms and The Square. Ref. 17265262.
8. **The date of the next parish meeting will be held o**n **Monday, 8th January 2018 at 7.00pm at**

**Oakamoor Village Hall.**

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

Signed: …………………………………………………(Chair) Signed: …………………………………………………(Clerk)

Date: …………………………………………..