**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5th February 2018**

**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, Tony Loynes.

**Apologies.** County Cllr. Mike Worthington, District Cllr. Elsie Fallows.

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

**18.12 Members’ Declaration of Interest.**

None.

**18.13 Approval of Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th January 2018.**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

* 1. **Public Participation.**

None.

* 1. **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes 5th January 2018.**

None.

* 1. **Planning Matters.**

1. Applications.

None received.

1. Enforcement. None.
2. Other Planning Matters.

Cllr. Loynes asked about Planning re: conservation area and it was suggested that the Clerk write to Gill Baylis of SMDC to see if she would be prepared to hold an open evening at the Village Hall for the local residents, to provide information regarding planning constraints, and additional requirements of planning applications made within a Conservation Area.

* 1. **Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highway Issues.

Clerk to contact SCC re: running water from the grid just off Farley Lane on the B5147. This has been fixed temporarily but to fix the problem, the drain needs to be dropped 3-4 feet. (**Clerk to Action**). Stone Bollard which has snapped after being hit by a vehicle on B5147 – Cllr. Edwards to contact Highways.

1. Lengthsman Scheme (SMDC only).

Mr Redfearn submitted his worksheet and invoice for January and the Chairman read out the work he did during the month. The Chairman thanked Mr Redfearn for his continued work.

Litter Picker, Malcolm Price, has asked for an increase in salary in line with “Living Wage”. Chairman reminded Councillors that we have a legal requirement to pay “National Minimum Wage” - Not Living Wage, and that we are currently compliant, however Minimum Wage would rise on April 1st.

(Minimum Wage from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 is £7.50, and from 1 April 2018 is £7.83).

Transparency Fund – Website.

As this has been an ongoing issue for a few months, it has been unanimously agreed to go ahead with the organisation ‘*Parish Council Websites’*

Cllr. Loynes is to contact the provider and provide costs and timescales information for the next meeting.

Cllr. Meadows will provide ‘*Parish Council Websites’* historical background for the website in due course.

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

1. 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)  Malcolm Price  (Litter Picker) | Cleared Debris, Drains and gutters  Litter Picking in Oakamoor and Greendale Lane, Star Bank to cross roads | 100863  100862 | 114.00  72.90 |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary – January | 100861 | 166.00 |

The Current Bank balance was read out to the Councillors.

* 1. **Correspondence.**

Samaritans Poster for Noticeboard given to Cllr. Edwards.

* 1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

To carry forward to the next Agenda, jobs that need to be done in the Parish i.e. repairs, maintenance, pavements.

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held o**n **Monday 5th March 2018 at Oakamoor Village Hall.**

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.53pm.**