**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2018**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Tony Loynes, Mary Edwards

Glenys Beard

**In Attendance:** Mike Worthington (County Councillor),Elsie Fallows (District Councillor), Ivor Lucas (District Councillor), Mr J. Redfearn (Lengthsman), Carmen Worthington (Clerk).

**18.109. Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows, Cllr. Frank Meadows, Cllr. Jonathan Elliot.

**18.110. Public Participation.**

None.

**18.111. Declaration of Interest.**

None.

**18.112. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2018.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2018, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman, with one minor error which has been corrected.*

**18.113. Matters Arising.**

Fishing at the Willows – To be discussed under Agenda item 7.c.

**18.114. Planning Matters.**

1. **Applications.**

i. **SMD/2018/0305** – Applicant’s Name: Mr Kieren Carnwell, Dell Filling Station, Star Bank,

Oakamoor. Proposed Development – Demolition of existing derelict concrete blocks/asbestos roofed building and replacement with timber building for use as café/shop.

Conclusion – Cllr. Elliot submitted some concerns via email as he was not present at the meeting. The application was discussed, and in principle supported, the Chairman is to email the Clerk with a response.

***Action: Cllr. Charles/Clerk to prepare response.***

ii. SMD/2018/0565 – Applicant’s Name: Carl Worthington, 10 The Island, Mill Road,

Oakamoor. Proposed Development: Proposed utility and stairwell with bathroom over and pitched roof to replace existing flat roof.

Conclusion: Councillors unreservedly support the Application. ***Action: Clerk.***

iii. SMD/2018/0576 – Applicant’s Name: Mr & Mrs Neill, Rose Bank House, Star Bank,

Oakamoor. Proposed Development: Proposed single storey rear extension.

Conclusion: Councillors unreservedly support the Application.

**Action: Clerk.**

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

Decisions on previous applications were noted as follows:

*SMD/2018/0436 – Proposed conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation – Planning permission refused on 3.9.18.*

*SMD/2018/0461 – Proposed two storey and single storey rear extension – Planning permission refused on 11.9.18*

c. **Other Planning Issues**.

None.

**18.115. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. **Highways**

* Cllr. Loynes said that he had contacted Staffs Safer Road, SCC and Police Community Support regarding the funding for ‘Safer’ Road Signs and has not received a response from either. As the date of submission for funding has now passed, the Chairman suggested that we put it on hold and prepare for when the next round of funding is available.
* Armco barrier on Star Bank reported – reference 4128606. The fault has now been categorized by an inspector, and the Armco barrier marked. Awaiting works to fix the fault.
* White lines incorrectly located (January 2018) - County Cllr Worthington said that he had written to Helen Fisher, County Highways and is awaiting a reply. He will keep the Councillors updated.
  + Blocked storm drain outside ‘The Beehive’, Churnet View Road reference: 4134435. Fault categorized by inspector. Awaiting works to fix the fault.

1. **Lengthsman**
   * Cllr. Charles read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman for the period of September.
   * Chairman reported that there is water bubbling out of Carr Bank road, just below Alcove Cottage.

**Action: Clerk to report to Highways.**

* + The Clerk has received a response regarding the Highway Drains (minute 18.78c). Cllr. Charles read out the email which was not the response we anticipated. It was agreed that the Clerk is to log the hours the Lengthsman spends clearing out the gullies and drains over the next few months and share the costs with Staffs County Council Highways. **Cllr. Worthington said that he would bring this issue up at his next County meeting.**
  + Litter Picker – Cllr. Charles read out the work carried out by the litter picker.

1. **Asset Register**

The Chairman continues to research the assets of OPC and to date has clarified that we own the following:

* War Memorial
* 3 Benches at War Memorial
* 2 Benches near the Sluice Gates
* 1 Bench near Cotton crossroads (Needs slats replacing. Lengthsman had previously costed repairs at £80. Cllr. Charles and Lengthsman to review the repairs required with a view to reducing cost).
* 1 Bench half way up Star Bank
* Bus shelter (B5417 East Bound adjacent to Cricketers Arms).
* Notice board adjacent to War Memorial
* Notice Board – Moneystone. (The Lengthsman is currently repairing to the Noticeboard)
* Redundant Telephone Box, Blakeley Lane, Moneystone – (There has been a request from residents at Moneystone asking if they can use the box to house tourism related literature, and if they can paint it. The Council support this project, and have agreed in principle to fund the paint cost. **Action Cllr. Elliot to liaise with Moneystone residents and advise council.**)
* Land adjacent River Churnet (The Willows) – Copy of Title plan and deeds in Chairman’s possession, originals at Chesworths Solicitors. Fishing rights – it is not stated in the title plan whether fishing rights are owned by OPC. **Action: Chairman to further investigate**
* Land incorporating a section of Churnet View Road from the road junction with School Drive to ‘The Willows’, and (running adjacent to ‘The Willows’) from Churnet View Road to a point level with the Sluice Gates. The land was conveyed 8/07/1971, and was leased to SMDC for 30 years from 11/06/1996

The Chairman is continuing to pursue investigations into any other OPC land ownership via various law firms OPC may have historically used.

An Asset Register is being collated which will be maintained by the Clerk, and once all investigations into land assets are complete, it will be uploaded onto the OPC website.

Insurances will then be reviewed to ensure they accurately reflect the Assets contained in the Register.

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

a. Parish Assembly – None.

b. District Councillor – None.

c. County Councillor – None.

**18.117.Accounts.**

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

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| **To Whom** | **Details** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary for September | 100894 | £166.00 |
| Malcolm Price | Litter Picker | 100895 | £63.21 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 100896 | £104.00 |

**b. Current Bank Statement.**

The Clerk read out the current bank balance.

**18.118. Correspondence.**

All Correspondence received via email is circulated prior to the meeting.

**18.119. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

a. Cllr. Charles reported that he received a response from Helen Fisher, County Highways

(minute 18.108.iii) regarding repeated driving on the verges of Whiston Eaves Lane between Oakamoor village and Moneystone quarry entrance, and the consequent damage to the road edges. She was to speak with her officers and respond. Cllr Lucas said he had spoken to a Mr Robert Cummings (SMDC) who would contact the Chairman regarding the matter.

b. Flooding by the road at the Old Pumping Station situation at Stoney Dale Road, Stoneydale,

has been repaired. **COMPLETE**

c. Cllr. Beard reported that there is a light out on ‘The Willows’ car park next to Churnet View

Road. Light number (1).

***Action: Clerk to action.***

d. Cllr. Charles has spoken to Gill Bayliss, Conservation Officer to express Councils concern regarding lack of guidance notes on Planning in the Conservation Area. She agreed that guidance notes needed to be written but unfortunately, there was an issue with resourcing the activity. Cllr. Charles reported that he was awaiting contact back from Ben Haywood, (Operations Manager SMDC Development Services) to discuss further.

**There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 12th November at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**