**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON MONDAY 5th August 2019**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Vice Chairman:**  Mark Fallows

**Parish Councillors**: Tony Loynes, Robert Church-Taylor

Frank Meadows, Glenys Beard

**District Councillors**: Elsie Fallows

**In Attendance:** Carmen Worthington (Clerk).

**19.88. Apologies.**

Mary Edwards, County Cllr. Mike Worthington, District Cllr. James Aberley.

**19.89**. **Co-Option.**

OPC received one application for co-option from Robert Church-Taylor, which was emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was concluded that he would be co-opted onto OPC. Proposed by Cllr. Meadows and seconded by Cllr. Loynes. (unanimous). Cllr. Church-Taylor was welcomed to the Council and signed the ‘Declaration of Office’ and was given the ‘Declaration of Interest’ form to complete.

**19.90. Public Participation.**

None.

**19.91. Declaration of Interest.**

Cllr. Loynes declared a non-pecuniary interest in ‘Hill Climb’ event. Cllr. Charles declared a pecuniary interest in planning application SMD/2019/0463 (at which he left the room during discussions).

**19.92. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 1st July 2019.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**19.93. Matters Arising.**

None.

**19.94. Planning Matters.**

1. **Applications.**

**SMD/2019/0405** – Mr & Mrs Ball, Cotton Bank Farm, Cotton Bank. Proposed Development: Proposed front and rear extension to form a garden room, relocate the existing staircase, form a new 3rd bedroom to the first floor and internal alterations.

*Conclusion*: Councillors have no objection to the application.

**SMD/2019/0416** – Mr Patrick Naish, Oak Cottage, Greendale. Proposed Development: Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural building to stable with lean to hay store. *Conclusion*: Councillors have no objection to the application.

**SMD/2019/0463** – Mr P Charles & Mrs K. Seaton, Orchard Farm, Carr Bank, Oakamoor. Proposed Development: Proposed single storey rear extension with porch and proposed detached garage. *Conclusion*: Councillors have no objection to the application.

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

None.

c. **Other Planning Issues**.

Conservation Area –No update.

**19.95. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. **Highways**

* White Lines incorrectly located *(reference M.19.52)* (**Ongoing**).
* Armco barrier on Star Bank – *(reference 4128606)* **(Ongoing).**
* Blocked road drain – suspected to be caused by tree root – Mill Road, Oakamoor, ST10 3AG (opposite pedestrian access to Picnic Area car park) **Reported** *(reference 4164925)*
* Pothole – top of Church Bank B5417 by Bank Farm adjacent to inspection cover. (**Clerk to Action**).
* Pothole – Churnet View Road, next to car park entrance. (**Clerk to Action**).
* Cllr. Meadows raised his concerns regarding speeding through the village and that there are a number of residents also concerned. Cllr. Charles suggested that we put a notice on the ‘Notice Board’ inviting residents to the next Parish Council meeting to express any concerns. (**Clerk to Action**).

1. **Lengthsman**
   * Cllr. Charles read out the Lengthsman works carried out for the period of July. It was also noted that the lengthsman will apply preservative to the posts around the War Memorial before winter.
   * Work carried out by the litter picker for the period of July was read out.

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

a. Parish Assembly – Oakamoor representative Cllr. Fallows was unable to attend the last meeting, however information “Making Effective Planning Representations” was circulated via email to Councillors.

b. District Councillor – Cllr. Elsie Fallows requested a grit bin in Moneystone some time ago. The Clerk was asked to follow this up. **(Clerk to Action**).

Cllr. Elsie Fallows informed Councillors that there will be a ‘District Surgery’ at the Village Hall on Saturday, 31st August 2019 from 9.00am to 10.00am.

c. County Councillor – None.

**19.97. Hill Climb Event.**

OPC have received two emails highlighting concerns and one letter of support from parishioners regarding the Hill Climb Event.

OPC had responded to the letter writers and forwarded their comments to the Festival Committee and Event Organisers.

One parishioner had written a further letter of complaint regarding the forwarding of their correspondence relating to this matter.

Cllr. Charles advised that any communications to Parish Councils are effectively put into the public domain.

Cllr. Charles also said that whilst OPC does not have a general view on the event. This because it was a privately organised function held on public roads and Staffordshire County Council owned land, which had been authorised by Staffordshire County Council. However, OPC should act as a conduit between Parishioners / Attendees and the Event Organisers and the Festival Committee by relaying any concerns made known to Council.

Issues raised in letters received by OPC from Parishioners, and observations communicated verbally by Parishioners and event attendees to Councillors since the event were;

1. Insufficient car parking provision
2. Congestion and danger to pedestrians caused by parking on both sides of B5417
3. Hill climb runs not synchronised with advertised times
4. Hostile attitude of steward(s) towards residents requiring vehicular access to properties within the Parish
5. Air pollution from exhaust gasses
6. Noise pollution
7. Inconvenience for local residents
8. Insurance aspects
9. Danger to property and spectators from both participating vehicles, and from round hay bales sited on Carr Bank
10. Spectators walking on graves located in the Free Church cemetery
11. Barriers blocking the driveway to the Free Church on Saturday and Sunday
12. Loss of the Festival Weekend to local residents
13. Inappropriate activity in Conservation Area

**Action: Clerk to forward the list of concerns to Event Organisers and Festival Committee, and to email resident regarding the forwarding of their concerns**

**19.98. Rural Bus Services.**

Cllr. Charles received an email from Cllr. Aberley regarding rural bus services. Cllr. Sybil Ralphs, SMDC leader is to be invited to the September meeting, to discuss what provision we would like. (**Clerk to Action**).

**19.99 Accounts.**

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

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| **To Whom** | **Details** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Salary | 100929 | £133.67 |
| HMRC | Clerks PAYE | Direct Debit | £33.00 |
| Malcolm Price | Litter Picker | 100930 | £57.92 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 100931 | £108.00 |

**a. Current Bank Statement.**

The Clerk read out the current bank balance.

**19.100. Correspondence.**

All Correspondence received via email circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that OPC received three emails from residents concerning the ‘Hill Climb Event’.

**19.101. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

A resident of Moneystone asked Cllr. Loynes if OPC would support purchase of a defibrillator in the telephone kiosk at Moneystone. OPC are in full support and asked Cllr. Loynes to make further enquiries.

**Action: Cllr. Loynes**

**There being no further business the Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.**

**The next meeting will be held on** **Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**