**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM**

**Attendees**: **Chairman:** Philip Charles

 **Vice Chairman**: Tony Loynes

**Parish Councillors**: Glenys Beard, Mary Edwards

**SCC Cllr.** Mike Worthington

**SMDC District Cllr.** James Aberley

 Elsie Fallows

**No Members of the Public.**

**21.1. Apologies.**

 Cllr. Frank Meadows, Cllr. Robert Church-Taylor, Cllr. Mark Fallows.

**21.2. Declaration of Interest.**

 None.

**21.3. Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020.**

*The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020, having been circulated were confirmed as a true and correct record. (Unanimously agreed).*

**21.4. Public Participation.**

 None.

**21.5. Actions and Updates from Previous Meetings.**

a. (m.20.29) Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence (m.20.29)

Ongoing.

**21.6. Planning Matters.**

1. **Applications.**

**SMD/2020/0679** – Little Ranger Youth Hostel, Greendale, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Siting of two woodland holiday cabins.

Conclusion: Recommend refusal: Overdevelopment, Ecological Impact, Saturation of Wooden Holiday Lodges in Southern End of Churnet Valley, Chair to put together a summary of the Councillors views for submission to SMDC Planning. (**Chair to Action**).

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

 None

 c. **Other Planning Issues**.

1. Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) SMD/2019/0646, SMD/2019/0716, SMD/2019/0725.

 The comments for Laver Leisure were submitted on 31.01.20. (Ongoing).

2. Conservation Area – Chairman felt it was unlikely that we could get any further with our

 request for specific guidelines relating to Oakamoor. Cllr. Loynes has requested pre

 application planning advice for a development, and will revert to Council with an

 assessment of the quality of advice given.

 Councillors should advise Parishioners that (free) pre-application planning advice is

 available from SMDC planning officials.

**21.7. Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. **Highways**
* Pothole, Churnet View Road – 20 yards from junction on School Drive (ref. 4206495) remains unrepaired (**Clerk to re-report**).
* (m.20.07) Litter bin is missing at the end of Mill Road, close to junction B5417. OPC concluded that the replacement bin be located as an addition to the one situated at Station car park. Clerk has contacted Andrew Owen (SMDC). (**Clerk to chase up).**
* Request for ‘Give Way’ sign, access road to Station Car Park at the junction with Mill Road. SCC Head Ranger is pursuing this on behalf of OPC.
* The Willows – Since SMDC planted the trees, they have not been maintained and now are overgrown. The Clerk contacted SMDC on 27.10.20 (ref. PSHWNBPF), to see if they would arrange pruning of the trees. Since the last meeting, one of the trees has fallen. Cllr. Loynes will forward pictures to Clerk to send to SMDC. (**Clerk to chase up**).
* Cllr. Loynes asked about the signage for the bins. Chair has ordered signs, and arranged with Lengthsman to mount them on posts and install when available (**Chair to Action**).
1. **Lengthsman.**

 The Lengthsman has cut back foliage near the bend on Star Bank.

 The Chair informed councillors that the Lengthsman spends 2 hours a month for a period of

 6 months cleaning the drains and 30 minutes a month for the other 6 months. Total 15

 hours/pa. The Chair also reported that the Lengthsman had seen a sizeable increase of chippings which were blocking the drains due to insufficient sweeping after gritting. The Chair suggested writing to SCC David Williams (Highways) to highlight OPC concerns. (**Clerk to action**).

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

None.

**21.9. Accounts.**

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

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| **To Whom** | **Details** | **Cheque No.** | **Amount** |
| C. Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | 100985 | £133.67 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman |  |  |
| S. Ellis | Christmas Lights (Paid last month) | 100984 | £50.39 |
| Netwise Ltd. | Website Maintenance | 100986 | £250.00 |

**21.10. Correspondence.**

All Correspondence received via email circulated prior to the meeting.

**21.11. Budget/Precept.**

The Clerk emailed councilors the up-to-date accounts and the budget/precept summary proposal prepared in conjunction with the Chairman. Council unanimously agreed not to increase the Precept per household for 2021-2022. Proposed by Cllr. Loynes and seconded by Cllr. Beard.

**21.12. Items of an Urgent Nature.**

- It has been reported that there is no grit in the new grit bin on Blakely Lane Moneystone. Clerk to contact Paula Lees and ask if this can be filled together with refilling of Beehive,

Carr Bank, Church Bank. (**Clerk to Action**).

- The Chair reported that four overhanging trees on the road to Station Car Park were leaning precariously. The Chair to speak to the Ranger to request cutting back. (**Chair to Action**).

- Pothole on School drive – highlighted to Council by a Parishioner, who advised it was already reported and marked (twice). Re-report **(Clerk to action)**

 - Parking outside the Valley School. – Highlighted to Council by a Parishioner - regarding dangers created by parking in the turning area outside the school. (Three accidents and numerous near misses witnessed) and requesting assistance in highlighting the need for measures to prohibit it to the Highways Authority.

OPC agreed that this was an issue and measures should be pursued, and that the most effective method would be a combined approach to SCC by the Parishioner(s), OPC, School Teaching staff / Board of Governors.

In the first instance Cllr. Edwards will discuss the issue with the Head Teacher, to ascertain the Schools views.

Cllr. Loynes to email Parishioner to thank them for bringing this to Councils attention.

Cllr. Edwards also suggested that a possible short-term measure might be for the school to locate cones around the perimeter of the turning area.

County Cllr. Worthington offered to support any approach but had some misgivings as to whether road markings would stop the problem.

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

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, 1st February 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom.**