**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2021**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

 **Parish Councillors**: Mark Fallows

Robert Church-Taylor

Mary Edwards

Glenys Beard

Tony Loynes

 **SCC Councillor:**  Mike Worthington

**In Attendance:** One member of the public.

**The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**21.111 Apologies.**

District Cllr. Elsie Fallows, District Cllr. James Aberley.

**21.112 Public Participation.**

 None.

**21.113 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

 None.

**21.114 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6th September 2021.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2021, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

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

 1. Rural Community Energy Fund (m.21.87) Ongoing.

 2. (m.21.109) Sat Nav Issues in the Parish and Neighbouring Parishes.

 The Clerk has liaised with neighbouring parishes who have agreed that a ‘Parish Liaison

 Group’ with Alton Towers would be beneficial to the communities. (**Clerk to Action**).

**21.116 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

 None.

 b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

 None.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

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

 Comments for Laver Leisure proposed development were submitted on 31.01.20.

 The hearing is not expected until later in the year. SCC Cllr. Worthington advised that SCC have served Laver Leisure and a Mr Philpott with enforcement notices with regard to demolition of buildings, site restoration and the aftercare scheme

 2. Conservation Area – District Cllr. Aberley and Cllr. Loynes attended the meeting at the

 Service Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee Meeting and it was announced that a **Guidance for the Conservation area will be ready in the New Year.** (*To be kept on the Agenda*). A discussion took place regarding the weight of the conservation officers’ advice to planning officers and the impact this has on applications within the Conservation Area.

**21.117 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways
* a. (m.20.29) – Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence and ‘Give Way’ sign on the station access road: The Chair reported that one side of the wire fence has been re-erected, but the other side remains outstanding. (**Chair to Action**). The Chair has spoken to the Ranger and the ‘Give Way’ sign has now been purchased. The Ranger will erect the sign and place white lines at the junction.
* Picnic Area tree pruning – Work has commenced and will be completed in due course.
* Station Car Park –The Chair has emailed the SCC Ranger and will update at the next meeting. (**Chair to Action**).
* Missing Bin at the end of Mill Road – Reported to SMDC (GDZRKRJX). Email received from Andy Owen (Alliance Env.) 18.01.21. Clerk emailed Andy Owen on 25th May 2021. (Ongoing). **Chair emailed Robin Cummings**, **a/w reply.**
* The Willows – Pruning of trees. Reported to SMDC (ref. PSHWNBPF 27.10.20). Re-reported 18.03.21 (ref. BLBCGMPC). District Cllr. Aberley is awaiting a response from Neil Rogers SMDC. **Cllr Aberley to be asked to request a response from SMDC on OPC behalf (Ongoing).**
* Parking at School. County Cllr. Worthington has raised this as a priority with SCC, and will keep OPC updated as to progress, (two other requested schemes ahead of this). (Ongoing).
* Directional signage for Defibrillator – Purchased and Installed.
* 30mph sign – Farley Lane – has fallen to the ground. Clerk to contact SCC Highways for re-erection. Reported to SCC Highways (ref. 4251974). (Ongoing).
* Traffic speed on Star Bank - Proposal to approach SCC to request 30mph speed limit. – Chair has discussed with John Allerton, Cotton Parish Councillor, who will discuss at next Cotton Parish Council Meeting. (**Chair to Action**).
* Hawskmoor to Church Bank Footpath – Overgrown Foliage over the footpath, and general condition of base of footpath. Reported to SCC Highways (ref. 4251975). OPC discussed the issue and have asked the Clerk to contact SCC Highways to request resurfacing the pathway. (**Clerk to Action**).
* Complaints have been received from Cotton PC regarding overgrown signage on the approach to Cotton crossroads from Farley/Alton Towers, which lies in OPC. Reported to SCC Highways (ref. 42521114). (Ongoing).
* Cllr. Loynes said the trees on the island side of the picnic area look like they have ‘ash die back’ disease. Clerk to contact Steve Massey, SMDC to investigate. (**Clerk to Action**).
1. Lengthsman – The Chair read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman.

 Requested to look at low wall on perimeter of willows which has become partially dismantled.

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

 None.

**21.119 Accounts for Payment (October 2021)**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary  | 101015 | £133.67 |
| Phil Charles | Signage | 101017 | £111.37 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101016 | £108.00 |

Current bank statement read out to councillors.

Payments Received: Precept (2) - £3423.50.

**21.120 Correspondence.**

 All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**21.121** **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

 Cllr. Beard said that the ‘Yew Trees’ (war memorial) are in need of cutting back. Council agreed, and the Chair offered to retrieve the cost of the previous pruning from the Accounts, and then ask the contractor who undertook the work to quote. (**Chair to Action**).

With the resignation of Cllr. Frank Meadow. There is now one vacancy which will be

advertised in due course.

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**