**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2021**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Mary Edwards

Glenys Beard

Tony Loynes

**SCC Councillor:**  Mike Worthington

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

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

Prior to the meeting, on behalf of OPC, the Chair thanked former Cllr. Meadows for 37 years he served as a Parish Councillor and presented him with a hamper and card.

**21.122 Apologies.**

District Cllr. Elsie Fallows, Cllr. Mark Fallow, Cllr. Robert Church-Taylor.

**21.123 Public Participation.**

None.

**21.124 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**21.125 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 4th October 2021.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 2021, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**21.126 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. The Clerk has written to Kate McBirnie (Alton Towers) who is happy to participate on behalf of the resort. Clerk/Chair to email neighbouring parishes to update them and schedule meeting dates. (**Clerk/Chair to Action**).

3. Parish Councillor vacancy advertised via Facebook/website. Co-option will take place at

the December meeting.

**21.127 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

None.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

SMD/2021/0427 – Approved 22.10.21.

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. Cllr. Loynes said there has been no further progress.

Council agreed that it might be useful to establish if other Parish Councils with Conservation Areas were having similar issues. Cllr. Aberley to discuss this subject with Rudyard Parish Council.

**21.128 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways

* Give way sign and road lines on the access road to Station Car Park – Completed.
* Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence. (Ongoing).
* 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 he has been informed that this will be put on the priority list for repair.
* 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).
* 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**).
* Suspected ‘Ash Die Back’ on the trees on the island side of the picnic area. Reported to Steve Massey (SMDC) on 06.10.21. (Ongoing).

1. Lengthsman – The Chair read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman.

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

None.

**21.130 Accounts for Payment (November 2021)**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101018 | £133.67 |
| P Charles | Signage | 101021 | £3.78 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101020 | £120.00 |
| M. Beard | Mowing Willows | 101019 | £800.00 |
| HMRC | Clerks PAYE | DD | £100.00 |

Current bank statement read out to councillors.

**21.131 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**21.132** **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

Cllr. Beard said that the ‘Yew Trees’ (war memorial) are in need of cutting back. The Chair retrieved the cost of the previous pruning from the Accounts, and has obtained quote for the work. Council agreed to use the previous contractor who will be commence work in the New Year. (*carried*).

Remembrance Day service discussed, and confirmed necessary arrangements in place.

**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 6th December 2021 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**