**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER 2021**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Mary Edwards

Glenys Beard

Tony Loynes

Robert Church-Taylor

Scott Watkins

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

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

**21.133 Apologies.**

District Cllr. Elsie Fallows, Cllr. Mark Fallow, SCC Cllr. Mike Worthington.

**21.134 Public Participation.**

None.

**21.135 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**21.136 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 1st November 2021.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November 2021, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**21.137 Co-option Vacancy.**

OPC received one application for co-option from Scott Watkin, which was emailed to councillors prior to the meeting. It was concluded that he would be co-opted onto OPC. Proposed by Cllr. Phil Charles and seconded by Cllr. Tony Loynes. (Unanimous). Cllr. Watkin was welcomed to the Council and signed the ‘*Declaration of Office*’ and was given the ‘*Declaration of Interest*’ form to complete and submit to SMDC.

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

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

2 Proposed Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers – Kate McBirnie

(Alton Towers), is happy to participate on behalf of the resort. Clerk/Chair have written to

neighbouring parishes – Cotton PC, Alton PC, Farley PC, Croxden and Denstone PC. OPC are

trying to arrange a meeting in mid-January 2022. (Ongoing).

**21.139 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*).

**21.140 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways

* Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence. (Ongoing).
* Picnic Area tree pruning – Work has commenced and will be completed in due course. (*Chair to contact the Ranger for an update*).
* 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). Clerk to contact Paula Lees, SCC Highways. (**Clerk to Action**).
* 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. No response received to date. (Ongoing).

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

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

None.

**21.142 Accounts for Payment (December 2021)**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101022 | £133.67 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101023 | £108.00 |
| JME Controls | Flood Lighting | 101024 | £86.40 |
| RBL | Poppy Wreath | 101025 | £17.50 |

Current bank statement read out to councillors.

**21.143 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**21.144 War Memorial.**

The Lengthsman has been tasked to trial clean a small section of the war memorial.

**21.145 Oakamoor Village Group.**

The Clerk received a letter from OVG who have relaunched their group. The Chair read out the letter which included itemised actions for various improvements/repairs in the village.

**21.146** **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

Cllr. Edwards informed councillors that the grit bin in ‘Moneystone’ has been replenished.

**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 10th January 2021 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**