**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Mary Edwards

Glenys Beard

Tony Loynes

Scott Watkins

SCC Cllr. Mike Worthington

SMDC District Cllr. James Aberley

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

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

**22.01 Apologies.**

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

**22.02 Public Participation.**

Parishioner asked if the Clerk could contact ROW to clarify what designation the byway is regarding public footpath on Churnetside. Reference no. 01672. (**Clerk to Action**).

**22.03 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**22.04 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6th December 2021.**

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

**22.05 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. Clerk to chase up Kate McBirnie (Alton

Towers) to arrange a date. (**Clerk to Action**).

**22.06 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. Ongoing.

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.** Ongoing.

**22.07 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 area has been repaired but requires further work as it remains in a poor condition. Chair to email SCC Ranger. (**Chair to Action**).
* 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 will 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. Ongoing.
* 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 re-report. (**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).

SMDC District Cllr. Aberley has arranged a meeting with SCC Highways Officer, Paula Lees on Friday, 18th February from 10.00am, venue to be arranged at either Kingsley Village Hall or Oakamoor Village Hall. The above issues to be raised at the meeting.

1. Lengthsman – The Chair read out the work carried out by the Lengthsman which included cleaning of the War Memorial.

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

None.

**22.09 Accounts for Payment (January 2022).**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101026 | £133.67 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101027 | £108.00 |
| J. Redfearn | War Memorial Cleaning | 101028 | £142.00 |
| G. Beard | Memory Tree | 101030 | £40.00 |

Current bank statement read out to councillors.

Payment received from SMDC re Lengthsman Scheme £396.00.

**22.10 Precept/Budget 2022/2023 (Agreed).**

Councillors were given a copy of the budget/spreadsheet.

Precept required: £7069.00 based on Tax base reported 255.

£27.72 per household.

SMDC District Cllr. Aberley informed councillors that he has £200 available in funds to

donate to OPC. OPC agreed to complete the application and to donate the funding to Oakamoor Village Group towards maintenance and enhancements in the village. The Chair thanked Cllr. Aberley.

**22.11 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

OPC were please to receive notification to reduce the speed limit to 30mph along Cotton Lane which covers the properties/accesses and primary school which will slow the traffic down and provide a safer environment for the properties, primary school, children and pedestrians.

**22.12** **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

Cllr. Loynes asked if OPC wish to plan ahead for the Queens Jubilee. Chair suggested that councillors should come back with any ideas at the next meeting.

**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 7th February 2022 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**