**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Mary Edwards

Glenys Beard

Tony Loynes

Scott Watkins

Mark Fallows

SCC Cllr. Mike Worthington

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

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

**22.13 Apologies.**

SMDC District Cllr. Elsie Fallows, SMDC District Cllr. James Aberley, Cllr. Robert Church-

Taylor.

**22.14 Public Participation.**

None.

**22.15 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**22.16 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10th January 2022.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held 10th January 2022, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

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

1. Rural Community Energy Fund (m.21.87) – Cllr. Loynes to check eligibility for funding and

cost of project. 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, and Croxden. OPC will arrange

meeting to be held late Feb/mid-March 2022. Cllr. Loynes and Cllr. Watkins agreed to

represent OPC.

Clerk to chase up Kate McBirnie (Alton Towers) to arrange a date. (**Clerk to Action**).

**22.18 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2019/0646** – Laver Lesisure – Consultation of Revised Information.

Conclusion: An extension has previously been requested for the revised information.

**Clerk to check with SMDC Planning.**

**SMD/2022/0016** – Del House, Cotton Dell, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Replacement windows and doors.

Conclusion: OPC support the application.

**SMD/2022/0026** – Dell House, Cotton Dell, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Extensions and alterations. Removal of later single storey

extension and flat roof to the north and west elevations required to facilitate proposed

two storey rear extension.

Conclusion: OPC support the application.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

None.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

1. 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.

**22.19 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways

* Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence. Cllr. Charles has emailed the SCC Ranger for an update. (Ongoing).
* Picnic Area tree pruning – The majority of the pruning is now completed. The Chair proposed that the Lengthsman complete the remainder. *Carried*.
* Station Car Park –The area has been repaired but requires further work as it remains in a poor condition. Chair has emailed SCC Ranger.
* 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. No response to date. Clerk to forward information to SCC Cllr. Worthington to chase up. (**Clerk to Action**).
* 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).
* Traffic speed on Star Bank - Proposal to approach SCC to request 30mph speed limit. – Chair has discussed with John Allerton, Cotton Parish Councillor. Cllr. Charles will attempt to attend the next CPC meeting to raise the issue. Ongoing.
* Hawskmoor to Church Bank Footpath – Overgrown Foliage over the footpath, and general condition of base of footpath. Reported to SCC Highways (ref. 4251975). Re-reported (4266248) to request resurfacing the pathway. Ongoing.
* 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. Clerk to forward information to SCC Cllr. Worthington to chase up. (**Clerk to Action**).

SMDC District Cllr. Aberley has arranged a meeting with SCC Highways Officer, Paula Lees on **Friday,** 18th February from 10.00am, at Oakamoor Village Hall. The Clerk to provide a list of current issues to discuss at the meeting. (**Clerk to Action**).

Large pothole reported on the road from Oakamoor to Alton, just before ‘Widness Farm’. (**Clerk to Action**).

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

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

None.

**22.21 Accounts for Payment (February 2022).**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101031 | £133.67 |
| HMRC | Clerks Payee | DD | £100.00 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101032 | £108.00 |
| NetWise | Website Hosting | 101034 | £324.00 |

Current bank statement read out to councillors.

**22.22 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Severn Trent Community Fund – Cllr. Charles read out a letter received from Karen Bradley (MP) regarding funding. OPC to forward letter to ‘Oakamoor Village Group’ for information. (**Cllr. Edwards to Action**).

**22.23** **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

Cllr. Charles read out a letter received from ‘Oakamoor Village Group’ regarding repairs/issues in the village. The Chair/Clerk to formulate a response to the group. (**Chair/Clerk to Action**).

Queens Jubilee – Cllr Edwards suggested a Beacon to commend the event. Cllr. Edwards to speak to the school to see if they have any plans in place. To be added as an agenda item at the next meeting. *Carried*.

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**