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

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Mary Edwards

Glenys Beard

Tony Loynes

Scott Watkins

Robert Church-Taylor

SCC Cllr. Mike Worthington

SMDC Cllr. James Aberley

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

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

**22.24 Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows, SMDC District Cllr. Elsie Fallows.

**22.25 Public Participation.**

None.

**22.26 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**22.27 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7th February 2022.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2022, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

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

1. Rural Community Energy Fund (m.21.87) – Cllr. Loynes received an email to say the

current scheme will be coming to an end, but a replacement scheme will be put in place.

OPC agreed to inclusion of ‘Sustainability’ as an Agenda Item going forward. ***Action: Clerk***

2. Proposed Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton.

A meeting has been arranged for **Monday, 14th March at 1.00pm**. Cllrs. Loynes and Watkins to attend. The Clerk has notified Cotton PC, Alton PC, Farley PC, and Croxden. Denstone and Ellastone will also be attending. ***Action:******Chair/Clerk to prepare and circulate Agenda.***

**22.29 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

None.

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.***

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

A revised response to be emailed to SMDC Planning in due course. ***Ongoing.***

**22.30 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways

* Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence. Cllr. Charles has emailed the SCC Ranger but no response to date. It was agreed that OPC ask SCC to provide the fence and posts for OPC Lengthsman to install. ***Action:*** ***Cllr. Charles.***
* Picnic Area tree pruning – The Lengthsman has completed the remainder of the pruning. ***Complete.***
* Station Car Park – Further repairs have been made and holes have now been filled. ***Complete.***
* The Willows – Pruning of trees. Reported to SMDC (ref. PSHWNBPF 27.10.20). Re-reported 18.03.21 (ref. BLBCGMPC). No response to date. The Clerk has forwarded information to SCC Cllr. Worthington to progress. ***Action: SCC Cllr. Worthington.***
* 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. To be raised at meeting with AT. ***Action: Cllr. Loynes***
* Hawskmoor to Church Bank Footpath – Overgrown Foliage over the footpath has now been cleared. The general condition of base of footpath remains in a poor condition. 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. The information has been forwarded to Cllr. Worthinton to progress. ***Action:*** ***SCC*** ***Cllr. Worthington.***
* Large potholes reported on the road from Oakamoor to Alton, just before ‘Widness Farm’. The first one is approx. 100 meters southeast of Windas Farm, the other 4 approx. 50 meters northwest of Windas Farm. Reported 21.02.22 ref. 4271498.

Cllr. Edwards has reported 3 potholes on Churnet View Road, ST10 3AB. ***Action:*** ***Clerk to chase.***

* Churnet Valley Way – An email was received from Cllr. Dave Fowler (KPC) asking for assistance via OPC Lengthsman in maintaining the ‘Churnet Valley Way’ footpath. He advised that SCC will provide materials but no longer provide labour to maintain public footpaths. OPC concluded that clarification from County Council was required. ***Action: Clerk*** ***to contact SCC Rights of Way to clarify the issue.***

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

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

Moorlands Connect Service (SCC) – Cllr. Edwards attended a public information meeting and gave a brief update of the changes to the service.

**22.32 Accounts for Payment (March 2022).**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101035 | £133.67 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101036 | £96.00 |
| Oakamoor V Hall | Meetings | 101037 | £220.00 |

Payments Received: SMDC - £200.00.

Current bank statement read out to councillors.

**22.33 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

* Email received from parishioner regarding speeding in Oakamoor. OPC are aware of some speeding issues and currently prioritising looking into requesting speed limit reduction on B5417 Star Bank.
* Email received from Cotton Parish Council regarding concerns about parking on the B5417 around the Star Pub. OPC agreed that their concerns should be directed to SCC Highways. ***Action: Clerk to inform Cotton PC***

**22.34 Queens Jubilee.**

Cllr. Edwards said that Oakamoor Cricket Club will be celebrating the occasion and it will be a full day of activities and refreshments.

Councillors unanimously agreed to provide planters for the ‘War Memorial’ to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. ***Councillors to look at options available***

**22.35** **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

‘Oakamoor Village Group’ had written to OPC regarding repairs/issues in the village. A proposed response has been written, which the Chair read out. OPC have previously agreed to donate £200 to the group. ***Action: Clerk to forward letter to Village Group***

Cllr. Loynes informed councillors that a ‘Defibrillator Training Day’ will take place at Oakamoor Village Hall on 23rd April 2022 at 11.00am.

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall. This will be the ‘Annual Parish Meeting’, followed by the Monthly Meeting.**