**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 4TH APRIL 2022 AT 7.00PM AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL**

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

 **Parish Councillors**: Mary Edwards, Glenys Beard,

Tony Loynes, Robert Church-Taylor

 **County Councillor:** Mike Worthington

 District Councillor(s) James Aberley, Elsie Fallows

**Apologies.** Cllr. Mark Fallows), Cllr. Scott Watkin.

**In Attendance:** One member of Public.

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

1. **Chairman’s Report 2021/2022.**

The Chairman read out a report of the last 12 months as follows:

1. Covid-19

 Zoom meetings continued until June 2021, when we returned to in person meetings at

 the Village Hall.

             2. Finance

 Again, a prudent approach to spending allowed us to operate within our budget. There

 was no major capital expenditure in 2021/22. A detailed budget has been prepared for 2022/23 and there has been no increase in the precept.

 3. Planning

 A number of Planning Applications were reviewed – the majority recommended for

 approval, and any material planning considerations highlighted where necessary. We

 continued to lobby the District Council to produce Planning Guidance notes for residents

 living in the Conservation Area, however, this has so far fallen on deaf ears. We will

 continue to push for these.

 4. Maintenance

 The Lengthsman continues to do an excellent job for the village and will be retained for

 2022/2023. Mr Beard also continues to do a great job mowing the Willows and the Picnic

 Area. OPC purchased and installed Defibrillator directional notices on the Picnic Area,

 Lime Kilns and Station Car Parks and speed awareness signs on Churnet View Road. The

 War Memorial was cleaned, and trimming of the Yew Trees approved, this will take place

 in April. A £200 donation to Oakamoor Village Group was approved and will be

 presented early in FY 2022/23.

5.   Highways

 There were no major highways issues, minor issues were reported and completed,

 however – like other Parish Councils - we remain frustrated at the lead times between

 reporting and repair.

Give Way signage and markings were installed by SCC at our request at the junction of the Sports Ground/Station Car Park access road and Mill Road.

 With the support of County Councillor Worthington, Parking outside the Valley Primary

 School has been raised as a District Highway Priority with The County Council.

             6. Alton Towers

 A liaison forum was re-introduced, and the first meeting with A.T. management and neighbouring Parish Councils was held in March.

 Summary

 Oakamoor Parish Council has had another largely successful year, and efforts to support

 the needs of our village and our parishioners will continue in 2022/23.

 **3. Any Other Matters Raised by Electors.**

 None.

**There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.**

Signed: ………………………………………………………… Dated: …………………………………………………