**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

Tony Loynes, Robert Church-Taylor

 **SCC County Councillor:** Mike Worthington

 **SMDC District Cllr(s)** James Aberley, Elsie Fallows

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

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

**22.36 Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows, Cllr. Scott Watkins.

**22.37 Public Participation.**

None.

**22.38 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

 None.

**22.39 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7th March 2022.**

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

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers.

Cllr. Loynes & Cllr. Charles gave a brief update of the meeting which took place on 14th March 2022, attended by Alton Towers, Croxton PC, Ellastone PC, Denstone PC, Cotton PC, and Farley PC. Alton PC were unable to attend. It was concluded at the meeting that neighbouring parishes to email OPC Clerk the information by mid-April with identified lanes they wish to have considered. The Chair and Clerk to put together identified roads in Oakamoor. OPC to collate and forward to Janet (AT).

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th May 2022 at Alton Towers (Conference Room) at 1.00pm. The Clerk to email neighbouring parishes who have not submitted their request to forward asap to OPC Clerk. ***Clerk to Action.***

b. Queens Jubilee

It was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting that OPC to provide planters at the ‘War Memorial’ to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. The Chair agreed to look at planter options and will report back at the next meeting. ***Chair to Action****.*

**22.41 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.***

**22.42 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways
* Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence. Cllr. Charles has spoken to the SCC Ranger, who informed him that he is resigning from the position. Contact has been made to OPC by Nigel Hopkins SCC Ranger Service who can supply the fencing for the Lenthsman to install. Chair has identified and communicated quantity required – Awaiting response from SCC.
* 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.*** No response has been received to date. The Chair agreed to contact Ben Heywood (SMDC) to progress the issue. ***Chair 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 - ongoing. to be submitted via Alton Towers liaison group.
* 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. 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. The information has been forwarded to Cllr. Worthinton to progress. ***Action:*** ***SCC*** ***Cllr. Worthington.***

The Chair has agreed to contact Ben Heywood (SMDC) to progress the issue. ***Chair to Action****.*

* Large potholes reported on Red Road, 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.

It has been noted that the fence between the Picnic Area car park and Mill Road is in a poor state and needs to be replaced. Clerk to contact Ranger Service. ***Clerk to Action***.

The Notice Board in Moneystone is damaged and beyond repair. The Chair proposed a new Noticeboard. *Carried.* The Chair to get costs and report at next meeting. ***Chair to Action***.

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

Cllr. Beard gave an update on behalf of Oakamoor Village Group. She said they were having a clear up on Sunday 10/02/22 and planting flowers in 13 tubs across the village. Chair asked Cllr. Beard to pass on information to the Village Group regarding availability of funds from Alton Towers for small improvement projects. *Action Cllr. Beard.*

**22.44 Sustainability.**

Cllr. Loynes asked at the last meeting to add ‘Sustainability’ as an agenda item, to identify needs of the environment, economically and the social aspect of the village. Councillors agreed that this is an important issue in the village. Cllr. Loynes agreed to share via email proposed actions for review at next meeting. To be discussed at the next meeting. ***Cllr. Loynes to Action****.*

**22.45 Accounts for Payment (April 2022).**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary  | 101038 | £133.67 |
| SPCA | Annual Subs | 101039 | £159.92 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101040 | £54.00 |
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| Oakamoor Village Group | Donation | 101042 | £200.00 |

**22.46 Correspondence.**

 All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**22.47** **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

**The Chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.12pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 2nd May 2022 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall. This will be the ‘Annual Council Meeting’.**