**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st AUGUST 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present**: **Parish Councillors**: Glenys Beard, Phil Charles, Mary Edwards,

Mark Fallows, Scott Watkins.

**SCC County Councillor:** Mike Worthington

**SMDC District Cllr.** Elsie Fallows, James Aberley.

**In Attendance:** Lengthsman and 3 members of the Oakamoor Village Group.

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr. Charles chaired the meeting.

**22.93 Apologies.**

Cllr. Beard and Cllr. Loynes.

**22.94 Public Participation.**

Members of Oakamoor Village Group attended the meeting to raise their concerns regarding overgrown areas, riverbank erosion, build-up of silt, condition of trees on the riverbank and the spread of Himalayan Balsam both on the Willows and the land between the Willows and Woodside.

The Group have undertaken some ‘clean up’ activity and asked if they could continue. Council confirmed that they were happy for the Group to continue in the area they were working on.

The Lengthsman said that he believed that accessing the ‘fenced off’ area was may be dangerous due to it being potentially unsafe ground. Council agreed that a Risk Assessment by a qualified assessor would be required before any work could be undertaken in this location.

Cllr. Edwards pointed out that OPC used to maintain the area by the sluice gates, however there had been concerns raised by parishioners regarding the impact of this on wildlife.

Cllr. Charles said he believed that dealing with some of the issues highlighted would require funding, which OPC may be willing to support. In general, due to the size of the issues raised, he felt that a collective approach would be necessary, with OPC, parishioners, the Village Group and other interested parties involved.

District Cllr. Fallows said that CVCS may also wish to become involved.

Cllr. Charles thanked the members of the group for their input, and agreed to appraise the Chairman of the detail, such that the Village Group could be updated at the next OPC meeting.

**22.95 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**22.96 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 4th July 2022.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2022, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th September, 1.00pm at Alton Towers Resort Conference Centre. (Ongoing).

b. OPC received an email regarding the implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

SCC is proposing the implementation of a 30mph and ‘No motorised vehicles except for

access’ within the area South East of Alton Towers resort. Cllr. Charles pointed out that

this designation was necessary for Farley Road. Council agreed to raise at the next AT

liaison meeting.

**22.98 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2020/0679** – Little Ranger Youth Hostel, Greendale, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Siting of two woodland holiday cabins.

Conclusion:

Councillors to view the application, if there is no substantive change to the previous

rejected application then the response of OPC should mirror that which was submitted for

that application on 06.01.21 **Action: Councillors to view application and advise Clerk.**

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

None.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

**1.** Conservation Area – As in July Minutes. Ongoing.

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

* 1. **Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

1. Highways

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|  | **Issue** | **Start Date** | **Reference** | **Status** | **Action** |
| **1.** | Damaged Chestnut and Wire Fence | 02.09.19 | m.19.113 | Ongoing | The fence is ready for collection. Cllr. Charles to arrange delivery and the lengthsman to erect the fence. |
| **2.** | The Willows  Tree Pruning | 05.10.20 | m.20.88  Ref. PSHWNBPF BLBCGMPC | Ongoing | Ongoing. To be raised at the SMDC Parish Assembly. Cllr. Loynes will update at the next meeting. |
| **3.** | Parking at the School | 04.01.21 | m.21.12 | Ongoing | SCC Cllr. Worthington raised as priority with SCC and will keep OPC updated as to progress. It will be included in 2022/23 schedule. |
| **4.** | Traffic Speed on Star Bank | 02.08.21 | m.21.95 | Ongoing | OPC agreed that it should be a 30mph and a proposal should be put forward to SCC.  The Chair & Cllr. Charles to liaise with the support of Cotton Parish Council. |
| **5.** | Hawksmoor to Church Bank – Overgrown foliage on footpath | 02.08.21 | m.21.95 | Ongoing | Reported to SCC. (4251975) (4266248) Discussed at Highways meeting with Paula Lees, who will look into it.  Clerk to contact Paula Lees (SCC Highways) for an update. (**Clerk to Action**). |
| **6.** | Suspected ‘Ash Die Back’ on trees on the island side of picnic area | 04.10.21 | m.21.117 | Ongoing | Reported to Steve Massey on 06.10.21. Ongoing. Information forwarded to SCC.  Cllr. Worthington on 10.02.22.  To be raised at the SMDC Parish Assembly.  Cllr. Aberley to advise Clerk of names of new Tree officers. |
| **7.** | Potholes on Churnet View Road. | 07.03.22 |  | Completed | No further action. |
| **8.** | Moneystone Notice Board |  |  | Ongoing | Cllr. Charles will advise Council on specific options obtain quotes for the next meeting. SMDC Cllr. Fallows and Cllr. Aberlrey agreed to contribute £200 towards the cost.  Peter Chell advised that The Village Group would be prepared to make a contribution. Council agreed that a board of sufficient quality to last was required. |

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

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

Cllr. Loynes attended the ‘Parish Assembly’ and will update OPC at the next meeting when he

will be present.

**22.101 Sustainability.**

In the absence of the Chairman, this item was deferred to the next meeting. *Ongoing*.

**22.102 Accounts for Payment (August 2022). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101056 | £181.68 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101057 | £114.00 |

Bank Statement not received in time for the meeting.

**22.103 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

1. Email received from parishioner regarding dangerous dropped ironwork on the road from Oakamoor to Cotton. Email circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Charles has reported it to SCC Highways and Cllr. Watkins said he would also report it. Cllr. Charles asked the Clerk to forward the email to SCC Cllr. Worthington to action. (**Clerk to Action**).
   1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**
2. Cllr. Edward said there is no bin from the ‘Willows to ‘Woodside’ for anyone who wishes to dispose their dog poo bags. The Clerk was asked to contact Nicola Kemp at SMDC to request a bin. SMDC Aberley to forward email contact to Clerk. (**Clerk to Action**).
3. Co-option Vacancy – Ongoing
4. Banking – Difficulty with moving to Online Banking with Barclays. Cllr. Watkins has a business banking contact at Lloyds who he will approach – and will update at next meeting.

**Cllr. Charles thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.24pm**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 5th September at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**