**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

**Present**: **Chairman:** Tony Loynes

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

Scott Watkins.

**SMDC District Cllr.** James Aberley.

**In Attendance:** Three members of the public.

**22.105 Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows, SMDC District Cllr. Elsie Fallows, SCC Cllr. Mike Worthington.

**22.106 Public Participation.**

Three parishioners attended the meeting to follow up their concerns regarding overgrown areas and riverbank erosion. The Chair informed the parishioners that he had an onsite meeting with Steve Massey (SMDC) of which he gave a brief update of the outcome. Cllr. Charles suggested contacting Hemps Valley to ask them to look at the tree with cracks and advise. The prevention of erosion on the riverbank was discussed and ways to prevent further damage. The Chair agreed to contact Wildlife Trust and Canal River Trust to come and assess the riverbank, and OPC agreed to monitor the area. (**Chair to Action**).

It has been reported that Japanese Knotweed is growing along Churnet View Road on the land that belongs to Laver Leisure. OPC agreed to write to Laver Leisure to remedy the issue. (**Clerk to Action**).

**22.107 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**22.108 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 1st August 2022.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st August 2022, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**22.109 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. (m.22.104) – Request for bin from the ‘Willows’ to ‘Woodside’. The bin that was removed

was situated at the end of Churnet View Road near the garages. Clerk has emailed Nicola

Kemp (SMDC) and will contact her again with the exact location. (**Clerk to Action**).

c. (m.22.103) – Ironwork on the road from Oakamoor to Cotton – remedial work completed.

d. Co-option – Clerk to email document to Cllr. Edwards for the Noticeboard.

(**Clerk to Action**).

**22.110 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

None.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

None.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

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

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

3. (*m.22.98*) SMD/2020/0679 – The conclusion of OPC was submitted to SMDC and

reiterates previous comments.

**22.111 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 | Chair had an onsite meeting with Steve Massey (SMDC). Chair gave an update of the meeting, and a follow up report from Steve Massey (SMDC) was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Work will commence in due course. |
| **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. Chair to contact Paula Lees (SCC Highways) for an update. |
| **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. To be discussed at the next Alton Towers Liaison Meeting.  Concerns were raised regarding the speed of buses to/from Alton Towers. OPC to write to D & G Buses to make them aware of the complaints received and for them to talk to their drivers. (**Clerk to Action**). |
| **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 awaiting response from Paula Lees (SCC Highways). Ongoing. |
| **6.** | Suspected ‘Ash Die Back’ on trees on the island side of picnic area | 04.10.21 | m.21.117 | Monitor | Chair had an onsite meeting with Steve Massey (SMDC). Chair gave an update of the meeting, and a follow up report from Steve Massey (SMDC) was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Steve Massey confirmed that the tree does not have ‘Ash Die Back’ but will monitor the tree. |
| **7.** | Moneystone Notice Board |  |  | Ongoing | Cllr. Charles will advise Council on specific options obtain quotes for the next meeting. SMDC Cllr. Fallows and Cllr. Aberley 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 – No invoice received.

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

The Chair attended the ‘Parish Assembly’ and gave a brief update.

**22.113 Sustainability.**

The Chair to resend documents/information to councillors. Deferred to next meeting.

**22.114 Picnic Area – BBQ**

There have been reports of barbecues taking place in the picnic area and concerns regarding the safety of using them. It was concluded that the Clerk write to Paula Lees (SCC Highways) to ask for advice regarding legalities and signage for ‘No Barbecues’. (**Clerk to Action**).

**22.115 Accounts for Payment (September 2022). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101056 | £143.00 |

Bank Statement not received in time for the meeting.

**22.116 Online Banking.**

Ongoing.

**22.117 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

1. Community Volunteers Celebration Event organised by Karen Bradley (MP). Letter read out.
   1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

**The Chair 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 3rd October at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**