**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

Scott Watkins.

**SMDC District Cllr.** James Aberley.

Elsie Fallows,

SCC Cllr. Mike Worthington.

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

**22.119 Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows, Cllr. Glenys Beard.

**22.120 Public Participation.**

Three parishioners attended the meeting to follow up their concerns regarding overgrown areas and riverbank erosion. Cllr. Charles contacted Hemps Valley to ask them to look at the tree with cracks and Hemps Valley advised that the main trunk of the tree had rotted. The tree is a ‘Goats Willow Tree’. The cost of removing the tree would be £600 plus VAT. It was the consensus view of OPC to contact Hemps Valley and for the work to be carried out. Cllr. Charles said they would not be able to carry out the remedial work for around 6-8 weeks due to their workload. *Carried*.

Cllr. Charles mentioned the ‘Willow Tree’ leaning over the river which Hemps Valley quoted £800 plus VAT for the removal. OPC to consider next year.

At the last meeting it was reported that Japanese Knotweed is growing along Churnet View Road on the land that belongs to Laver Leisure. A parishioner asked for an update regarding the issue. OPC to chase up Laver Leisure. The resident said that a neighbour had written to Laver Leisure and had received a response earlier that day, and that, they would carry out remedial work.

OPC agreed to contact Steve Massey (SMDC) to provide an update on remedial work that will be carried out by Hemps Valley. (**Clerk to Action**).

**22.121 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**22.122 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 5th September 2022.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2022, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers.

The meeting took place on Wednesday 7th September, 1.00pm at Alton Towers Resort Conference Centre. The report of the meeting was emailed to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Loynes and Cllr. Charles were unable to attend.

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

which was situated at the end of Churnet View Road near the garages has now been

replaced.

c. Co-option – Ongoing.

d. Picnic Area BBQ (m.22.114) – Email sent to Paula Lees (SCC Highways). Awaiting response.

The Chair informed councillors that signs/posters have been put in place from the Fire

Service.

**22.124 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2022/0483** – South View Moor Court, Farley Road, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Single storey side and front extensions, first floor side extension.

Conclusion

OPC have no objections.

**SMD/2022/0507** – 2 Kendal Cottages, Cotton Lane, Cotton.

Proposed Development: Two storey rear extension.

Conclusion

OPC have no objections.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

None.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

1. Conservation Area – As in September Minutes. (*To be removed from Agenda*).

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

**22.125 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 | Ongoing | Chair to contact Steve Massey (SMDC), to obtain an estimated start date of remedial work. (**Chair to Action**). |
| **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 awaiting response from Paula Lees (SCC Highways). Clerk to forward details to SCC Cllr. Worthington. (**Clerk to Action**). |
| **6.** | Moneystone Notice Board |  |  | Ongoing | Cllr. Charles emailed councillors proposed details of ‘Notice Board’ prior to the meeting. The cost of the Notice Board would be £681.Councillors unanimously agreed to proceed with the purchase. (**Cllr. Charles to Action**). |

1. Lengthsman – The Lengthsman provided invoices for the last two months, which included strimming, weeding, removing vegetation and repair work.

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

None.

**22.127 Sustainability.**

The Chair re-circulated documents/information to councillors prior to the meeting.

Councillors discussed the following:

Recycling Page on the OPC website – Cllr. Loynes to explore options.

Education Information.

Climate Change.

Producing a Parish Plan.

**22.128 Accounts for Payment (October 2022). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101059 | £143.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101060 | £143.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101061 | £164.00 |

Bank Statement read out.

**22.129 Online Banking.**

Cllr. Watkins has spoken to Lloyds Bank Application Team, and said that the following applies

to Parish Council bank account requests as follows:

* As this is classed as complex it does need to be done over the phone and cannot be completed online.
* The request is to be made by the clerk – the fact that the Clerk is not currently a signatory at Barclays is irrelevant, and as such she can complete the new account request.
* As the mandates are likely to be different, you will need to manually transfer the account from Barclays i.e. we wouldn’t be able to use the automated current account switching service.

Conclusion

The Clerk to open a new account with Lloyds Bank and liaise with Cllr. Watkins.

**22.130 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

* 1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**

1. It was reported that a historical finger post at the bottom of Church Bank has 2 fingers missing. The cost of repairing the finger post would cost around £470. SMDC Cllr. Fallows suggested contacting ‘Moorland Partnership Board’ for a grant. To be added as an agenda item at the next meeting. *Carried.*
2. Remembrance Sunday – Cllr. Edwards said the memorial monument will be 100 years old this year and suggested that OPC pay for a buglar as part of Remembrance Sunday. Cllr. Edwards to contact previous councillor for contact details. (**Cllr. Edwards to Action**).

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 7th November at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**