**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

Glenys Beard, Mark Fallows

**SCC Councillor:** Cllr. Mike Worthington.

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

**22.132 Apologies.**

Cllr. Scott Watkins, SMDC District Cllr. Aberley, SMDC District Cllr. Fallows.

**22.133 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**22.134 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 3rd October 2022.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2022, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**22.135 Public Participation.**

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. No response received to date. Clerk to chase up Laver Leisure. The Chair pointed out that as the knotweed is on the land of Laver Leisure, it is not illegal. OPC concluded to contact SCC to ask them to approach Laver Leisure and alert them that it is encroaching the highway. (**Clerk to Action**).

Cllr. Charles updated the parishioners regarding the ‘Willow Tree’ leaning over the river. He informed that that Hamps Valley will carry out the work in due course subject to the approval of Steve Massey (SMDC). Clerk has emailed Steve Massey and is awaiting a response. (**Clerk to Action**).

Concerns were raised by parishioners regarding the number of trees that have been cut down at Cotton Dell. It is estimated that 60 trees have been cut down by ‘Staffordshire Wildlife Trust’, who said they cut down the trees to prevent flooding. The parishioner informed OPC that ‘Staffordshire Wildlife Trust’, have said that they will cosmetically tidy the area up.

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers.

Cllr. Charles said that there have been complaints regarding the acoustics coming from

Alton Towers Fireworks. Cllr. Charles to raise it at the next liaison meeting.

b. Co-option – Ongoing.

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

The Chair said that as the area is on SCC land, OPC should ask SCC if permanent signs could

be erected.

**22.137 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

None.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

SMD/2022/0483 – Planning permission approved 18.10.22.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

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

**22.138 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 clerk contact ROW to arrange delivery to Cricket Club car park. Lengthsman to erect the fence. |
| 2. | The Willows  Tree Pruning | 05.10.20 | m.20.88 | Ongoing | Clerk to contact Steve Massey (SMDC), to obtain an estimated start date of remedial work and inform them that Hamps Valley will remove the Willow tree with consent of SMDC. (**Clerk 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. Ongoing. |
| **6.** | Moneystone Notice Board |  |  | Ongoing | Cllr. Charles to place the order of the Notice Board. Payment to be made at time of order. Cllr. Charles to collect cheque from clerk before the next meeting.  (**Chair to Action**). |

1. Lengthsman – The Lengthsman provided an invoice, which included strimming, weeding, removing vegetation and repair work.

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

None.

**22.139 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**22.140 Accounts for Payment (November 2022). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101062 | £143.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101063 | £130.00 |
| Mick Beard | Willows Mowing | 101064 | £1000.00 |
| RBL | Poppy Wreath | 101065 | £20.00 |

Payments Received

Precept (2) £3534.50.

SMDC – Funding £200.00.

Bank Statement read out.

**22.141 Online Banking.**

Ongoing.

**22.142 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**22.143 Remembrance Day.**

Cllr. Edwards has tried to get a Bugler for the service, but none are available.

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

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.**

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