**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2022**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

 Glenys Beard, Scott Watkins

 **SCC Councillor:** Cllr. Mike Worthington

 **District Councillors**: James Aberley

 Elsie Fallows

**In Attendance:** Lengthsman and onemember of the public.

**22.145 Apologies.**

Cllr. Mark Fallows.

**22.146 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

 None.

**22.147 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7th November 2022.**

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

**22.148 Public Participation.**

A member of the public asked for an update re Japanese Knotweed along Churnet View Road on the land that belongs to Laver Leisure. The Clerk has contacted Laver Leisure but no response to date. Cllr. Charles updated the parishioner regarding the ‘Willow Tree’ leaning over the river. He said that Hamps Valley will carry out the work in due course subject to the approval of Steve Massey (SMDC).

Concern was raised regarding the bridge on Churnet View Road which is slippy. The Clerk to contact ROW to see if they can place something down to prevent any slippage/accidents. (**Clerk to Action**).

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers. Ongoing.

b. Co-option – Ongoing.

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

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

 be erected. Awaiting response from SCC.

**22.150 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

 **SMD/2022/0561** – Valley Primary School, School Drive, Oakamoor.

 Proposed Development: Proposed removal of existing vertical bar railings and gates.

 Installation of new vertical bar railings and gates, paladin mesh fencing and gates, bow

 top railings and timber post and rail fence.

 Conclusion

 OPC support the above application.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

 None.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

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

**22.151 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 | Clerk contacted Steve Spackman (ROW). He requires confirmation of number of posts and an alternative delivery address. Clerk to email details to Cllr. Charles to arrange. (**Cllr. Charles to Action**). |
| 2. | The WillowsTree Pruning | 05.10.20 | m.20.88 | Ongoing | The Willow tree has now been removed. Awaiting response from Steve Massey (SMDC), to obtain an estimated start date of further remedial work. No response to date. |
| **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). Chair to contact Paula Lees (SCC Highways) for an update. (**Chair to Action**). |
| **6.**  | Moneystone Notice Board |  |  | Ongoing | Order placed for the new Notice Board. Delivery expected within the next 2 weeks. |

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

The grit bin on Church Bank is empty and needs to be replenished. Clerk to contact Paula Lees (SCC Highways). (**Clerk to Action**).

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

 None.

**22.153 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**22.154 Accounts for Payment (December 2022). Agreed & Ratified.**

Clerks Salary – Scale 20 at £13.75 per hour at 13 hours month, was agreed at the October meeting. Notification received from National Association of Councils that the increment increased for Scale 20 as of April 2022 to £14.75 per hour which should take immediate effect. The updated rate of pay this month (including backpay) will be £226.20. Thereafter, £153.40 will be payable to the Clerk.

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| Hamps Valley Ltd | Removal of Willow Tree | 101066 | £720.00 |
| Noticeboard Company | New Notice Board | 101067 | £840.57 |
| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary (including backpay) | 101068 | £226.20 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101069 | £130.00 |

**22.155 Online Banking.**

 Ongoing.

**22.156 Correspondence.**

 All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

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

 None.

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**