**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY 2023**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

Glenys Beard, Scott Watkins

**SMDC (Leader):**  Paul Roberts

**SCC Councillor:** Cllr. Mike Worthington

**District Councillors**: James Aberley

Elsie Fallows

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

**23.16 Apologies.**

Mark Fallows (PC).

**23.17 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**23.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th January 2023.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2023, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**23.19 Public Participation.**

At the last meeting, a member of the public said that the ‘Agendas/Minutes are not on the OPC’s website and have not been for a few months. The Clerk said that there is a problem with the website where the documents are automatically uploading to the ‘Archive’ section. The Clerk has now resolved the issue. *Carried*.

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers. The next meeting will take

place on ***Friday 24th January 2023*** at Alton Towers Hotel Conference Centre. The Chair

and Cllr. Charles will be attending.

b. Picnic Area BBQ (m.22.114) – Email sent to Paula Lees (SCC Highways). No response to

date.

c. Bridge – Churnet View Road (m.22.162c) At the last meeting, the Chair was looking into

the cost of purchasing grit from Amazon which could be used. Cllr. Paul Roberts (SMDC

Leader) said he had some in storage and would deliver it to the Clerk. OPC thanked Cllr.

Paul Roberts (SMDC Leader).

d. Telephone Box (Moneystone) – A parishioner has approached OPC to ask if the telephone

box could be used as a book swap. The Chair said this was discussed some time ago and OPC have no problem with this. He is currently making enquiries into housing a ‘Defibrillator’, at the request of another Moneystone resident. It can of course be both.

Cllr. Beard asked on behalf of Oakamoor Village Group if OPC had any objections to them

obtaining a telephone box to use as a ‘vegetable swap’. OPC said the cost would be too

high to purchase a telephone box, but the group might want to make use of the redundant bus shelters for this.

**23.21 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

None.

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).

**23.22 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 | Cllr. Charles confirmed that 24 stakes and posts have now been delivered and will be installed in due course. Cllr. Charles has spoken to the ‘Ranger’ who said a tree surgeon will look at the trees in spring/summer. |
| 2. | The Willows  Tree Pruning | 05.10.20 | m.20.88 | Ongoing | Awaiting response from Steve Massey (SMDC), to obtain an estimated start date of further remedial work.  Cllr. Paul Roberts (SMDC Leader) said he would chase this up. |
| **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. SCC Cllr. Worthington said he had a DHP meeting on 1st February and David Greatbatch (SCC Highways) is arranging to visit the site. |
| **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 added to the ‘Alton Towers Liaison Meeting’. *Ongoing*. |
| **5.** | Hawksmoor to Church Bank – Overgrown foliage on footpath | 02.08.21 | m.21.95 | Ongoing | Reported to SCC. (4251975) (4266248) No response to date. To be discussed at the  Highways meeting arranged with Paula Lees (SCC Highways) on 22nd March 2023.  (**Chair & Cllr. Charles to Action**). |
| **6.** | Moneystone Notice Board |  |  | Ongoing | The Notice Board has now been installed. |

1. Lengthsman – The Lengthsman provided an invoice, which included the erection of the ‘Notice Board’, strimming, weeding, removing vegetation and repair work.

The Lengthsman said there are abandoned road signs that are making the village look untidy. The Chair suggested collecting the signage and storing them at his premises and the Clerk to notify SCC Highways. (**Clerk to Action**).

Cllr. Edwards reported at the last meeting that the drains are blocked and full of sewage on the corner of Mill Road and further up Church Bank. Since the last meeting, it has been reported that they have been cleared.

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

None.

**23.24 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**23.25 Accounts for Payment (February 2023). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101072 | £153.40 |
| HMRC | Clerks PAYE | DD | £130.60 |
| Oakamoor Village Hall | Room Hire | 101073 | £240.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101074 | £130.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101075 | £70.00 |

**23.26 Online Banking.**

Ongoing.

**23.27 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

* 1. **Kings Coronation.**

The Kings Coronation will take place in May. The Clerk suggested gifting mugs for the children of Valley Primary School. The Chair has spoken to the school who are happy with the proposal of gifting mugs to the children. The samples of mugs were shown to councillors and OPC are happy to purchase. The Clerk to order 50 (Fine Bone China).

Cllr. Aberley confirmed that SMDC will be providing Parish Councils with a grant of £400 towards the cost. (**Clerk to Action**).

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

OPC Conservation Area

Cllr. Paul Roberts (SMDC Leader) provided the ‘Chair’ with the ‘Design Guide and Principle’ document. The Chair informed Cllr. Roberts of the problems and frustrations of the parishioners. The Chair informed that despite the character appraisal saying that “Design Guidance and a set of Design Codes should be produced as a priority to provide public information on the appropriate types of development which would be supported by the Local Planning Authority. This should reflect the specific characteristics of Oakamoor, which are unique and atypical of the wider Moorlands district”, these have never been produced. OPC have been pursuing this since 2016 with SMDC for residents of Oakamoor to no avail.

Cllr. Paul Roberts (SMDC Leader) said he will discuss the issue with the Conservation Officer and will report back to OPC.

District Cllr. Fallow asked if the Lengthsman could clean around the grit bin in Moneystone.

It has been reported that the grit bin on Church Bank Road has not been replenished. SCC Highways are currently filling the bins and it is on their list.

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.**

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**