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

**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 2members of the Oakamoor Village Group.

**23.30 Apologies.**

Mark Fallows (PC).

**23.31 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

 None.

**23.32 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6th February 2023.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th February 2023, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**23.33 Public Participation.**

A representative from OVG reported that there has been an increase of people stopping overnight in camper vans on the SCC land down by the station. She suggested that there should be signage saying, ‘No Overnight Camping Allowed’. SCC Cllr. Worthington suggested contacting SCC Mark Deaville. *Carried*. (**Clerk to Action**).

State of path that runs up towards Farley Road has been reported. Ongoing.

OVG are looking at funding for a Community Orchard, SMDC Cllr. Aberley said SMDC has funding available.

OVG have written a letter to Laver Leisure and when/if they receive a response, will forward a copy to OPC.

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers. The meeting arranged on

 ***Friday 24th January 2023*** *was cancelled*.

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. Ongoing.

**23.35 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

 SMD/2023/0094 – The Laurels, Star Bank, Oakamoor.

 Proposed Development: Change of use from C1 (Hotel) to C3 (Dwelling).

 Conclusion

 OPC support the above application.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

 SMD/2022/0630 – Planning permission refused 17.02.23.

 SMD/2022/0561 – Planning permission approved 22.02.23.

 SMD/2021/0679 – Planning permission approved. 23.02.23.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

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

**23.36 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 WillowsTree 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. Ongoing. |
| **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 had a DHP meeting on 1st February and David Greatbatch (SCC Highways) is arranging to visit the site in due course. |
| **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**). |

 The Highways meeting arranged with Paula Lees (SCC Highways) has been cancelled. Paula Lees

 to contact Clerk with next available date.

1. Lengthsman – The Chair read of the work carried out by the Lengthsman.

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

 None.

**23.38 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**23.39 Accounts for Payment (March 2023). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary  | 101076 | £153.40 |
| Net Wise UK | Website Maintenance | 101077 | £354.00 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101078 | £130.00 |

**23.40 Online Banking.**

 Ongoing.

**23.41 Correspondence.**

 All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

* 1. **Kings Coronation.**

The Clerk provided samples of the personalised china mugs.

Councillors agreed to purchase 100 personalised mugs with presentation boxes. *Carried*. (**Clerk to Action**).

* 1. **Turning Point – End of Churnet View Road.**

Councillors looked at the plan regarding the turning point and agreed no action is required but agreed to monitor.

* 1. **Finger Post Refurbishment.**

Refurbishment will commence when the weather improves. Ongoing.

* 1. **Town and Parish Elections – Thursday 4th May 2023 Nomination Paper Pack.**

The Clerk distributed the Nomination packs for the election to the councillors. All Nomination papers may be delivered on any working day after the Notice of Election which

is published on 22nd March 2023. The deadline for delivery is 4.00pm on Tuesday, 4th April 2023.

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

Cllr. Edwards reported that tarpaulin has been dumped by the gateway to the entrance of Carr Wood off Carr Bank. (**Clerk to Action**).

A bench that is in disrepair is to be removed in the village. The plaque is to be re-instated on another bench.

Cllr. Watkins raised his concerns regarding D & G buses driving too fast through the village and suggested writing a letter to D & G buses. Councillors unanimously agreed.

(**Cllr. Watkins/Clerk to Action**).

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.**

**The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the normal meeting to be held on** **Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**