**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 3RD APRIL 2023**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

Glenys Beard, Scott Watkins, Mark Fallows

**SCC Councillor:** Cllr. Mike Worthington

**District Councillors**: James Aberley

Elsie Fallows

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

**In the absence of Cllr. Loynes (Chair), Cllr. Charles Chaired the meeting.**

**23.47 Apologies.**

Cllr. Loynes.

**23.48 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**23.49 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6th March 2023.**

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

**23.50 Public Participation.**

None.

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers. OPC received an email from

Kate McBirnie, they are unable to hold the next meeting at AT Conference room, so she

has asked if the meeting can be held at Oakamoor Village Hall. The Clerk to forward

available dates to Kate McBirnie for a meeting with neighbouring parishes.

(**Clerk to Action**).

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

date. To be discussed at the next ‘Highways Meeting’. The Clerk has emailed Paula Lees

(SCC Highways) for next available date for a meeting. (**Clerk to Action**).

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.

(*To be kept on Agenda until delivered*).

d. Overnight Parking at Station Car Park (23.33) – Response received from Dan Saberton

(SCC Country Parks Manager). They are looking at replacing signage for several of the Country Parks and countryside sites and will see if something can be done as a priority, or even a temporary fix whilst they arrange a permanent solution. *Carried*.

**23.52 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*).

**23.53 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. Cllr. Charles said the tree surgeon needs to cut down the trees prior to the installation of the fence. Cllr. Charles to chase up.  (**Cllr. Charles to Action**). |
| 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. Ongoing.  (**Clerk to chase 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 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  Next Highways meeting with Paula Lees Meeting date to be arranged.  (**Clerk to Action**). |

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

The Lengthsman reported that the lamppost at the War Memorial has pulled itself out of the ground. In order to estimate the cost of repair for the Lengthsman to complete the necessary work, Cllr. Charles and the Lengthsman will examine the situation. (**Cllr. Charles to Action**).

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

None.

**23.55 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**23.56 Accounts for Payment (April 2023). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | 101079 | £153.40 |
| Rainbows Décor | Kings Coronation Mugs | 101080 | £429.60 |
| SPCA | Annual Subs | 101081 | £197.02 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | 101082 | £166.00 |

Bank Statement read out.

**23.57 Online Banking.**

Ongoing.

**23.58 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Coach trip to London and tour of Westminster – Friday 12th May 2023. (Circulated).

A Year of Reasons to Visit the Moorlands. (Circulated).

* 1. **Finger Post Refurbishment.**

Refurbishment will commence when the weather improves. Ongoing.

* 1. **Items of an Urgent Nature.**
* Cllr. Edwards reported various potholes on the Station Car Park. Clerk to contact Steve Spackman (ROW), to ask if they can resurface/repair the area. (**Clerk to Action**).
* Cllr. Beard reported 3 large potholes on Churnet View Road. (**Clerk to Action**).
* Hill gradient Signs on Carr Bank and Church Bank have rusted brackets and need attention. (**Clerk to Action**).

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

The next meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting, to be held on **Monday 15th May 2023** at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.