**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 7TH AUGUST 2023**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors:** Glenys Beard, Samantha Cunningham,

Phil Charles

Scott Watkins

**SCC/District Cllr:** Cllr. Mike Worthington

**District Councillor:** Elsie Fallows

James Aberley

**In Attendance:** Lengthsman, one member of public and Cllr. Cooper (Cotton Parish Council).

**23.109 Apologies.**

Cllr. Heidi Harris-Worthington.

**23.110 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**23.111 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 3rd July 2023.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 2023, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**23.112 Public Participation.**

A member of OVG reported that the main ‘Notice Board’ in the village is looking worn and needs to be replaced. She suggested that OVG could look into obtaining funding on behalf of OPC for a new Notice Board. Cllr. Loynes said he would discuss with Peter Chell of OVG.

(**Cllr. Loynes to Action**).

The battery in the Defibrillator at OVH needs to be replaced and OVG asked if OPC would fund the replacement which costs £371.91. As OPC have previously funded the battery, there was no objection. OVG to provide the invoice at the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Loynes seconded by Cllr. Beard. *Carried*.

OVG has been successful in funding from SMDC Climate Change for a Community Orchard. Which should be completed by Spring.

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers.

Meeting arranged at Alton Towers Conference Centre on Thursday, 24th August at

1.30pm. Cllr. Loynes/Charles will be attending the meeting.

**23.114 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2023/0372** – Oakamoor Cricket Club, Mill Road, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Conversion of former cricket pavilion to form 1no. holiday let

and extension to changing rooms/formation of lower balcony.

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*).

**SMD/2022/0014** – Moneystone Quarry – Cllr. Charles to formulate a response to

Jane Curly (SMDC Planning) summarizing OPC’s objections. (**Cllr. Charles to Action**).

**SMD/2023/0299** - Revised Application for 18 Riverside. OPC noted the comments of the Conservation Officer and requested that the application be called in, if a refusal was recommended.

**23.115 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.  The trees have now been trimmed back but need to be trimmed further before installation of the fencing. (**Cllr. Charles to Action**). |
| 2. | The Willows  Tree Pruning | 05.10.20 | m.20.88 | Ongoing | Response received from Steve Massey (SMDC) and he will notify OPC when the contractors are assigned and works agreed. |
| **3.** | Parking at the School | 04.01.21 | m.21.12 | Ongoing | SCC Cllr. Worthington originally raised the double yellow lines as priority. It has now been said that the work cannot be carried out and David Greatbatch (SCC Highways), will write to OPC with an explanation. No email received. Cllr. Loynes sent an email on 18th May to David Greatbatch (SCC Highways. No response to date.  SCC Cllr. Worthington said he would forward the email he received from Dave Greatbatch (SCC Highways) to the Clerk to circulate to councillors.  (**SCC Cllr. Worthington to Action**). |
| **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. Cllr. Aberley raised the issue at the Highways Meeting held with Paula Lees (SCC Highways). Cllr. Aberley said that SCC Highways will not be carrying out repairs to pavements for next 2 years due to new broadband cable being installed prior. |
| **6.** | Picnic Area BBQ Signage (m.22.114) |  |  | Ongoing | Email sent to Steve Spackman (SCC ROW). Awaiting response. |
| **7.** | Bridge – Churnet View Road (m.22.162c). |  |  | Ongoing | Cllr. Cunningham has provided grippy tape for the Lengthsman to install. The tape is not sticking and the Lengthsman is trying an alternative method. |
| **8.** | Filler Line Road Markings completely worn away.  B5417 Beelow Lane to Cotton Lane junction | 07.08.23 |  |  | Cllr. Charles reported that the filler lines on the road have completely worn away on the B5417 Beelow Lane to Cotton Lane Junction. (**Clerk to Action**). |
| **9** | The Willows Riverbank – Overhanging tree |  |  | Ongoing | OPC will carry out the remedial work imminently. OPC received a quote from Hamps Valleys for £800 plus VAT. Clerk to obtain an additional quote.  (**Clerk to Action**). |

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

The lengthsman reported that he has been unable to clean out the drain on Church Bank just above the bend on the bank. and completely blocked and out of reach. He said it was a major concern especially in winter if it freezes over. Clerk to contact Darrell Vairs, SCC Highways as a priority. (**Clerk to Action**).

At the last meeting the Lengthsman was asked to clear the overgrown weeds on two parking spaces at the ‘Willows’. The Lengthsman has been unable to clear the area as there is a van parked permanently in one of the spaces. Cllr. Loynes said he would ask the owner of the vehicle to move it so the lengthsman can carry out the remedial works.

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

None.

**23.117 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**23.118 Accounts for Payment (August 2023). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | £153.40 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | £104.00 |

**23.119 Online Banking.**

The Clerk to contact Barclays Bank re switching to online banking. If not successful, the clerk to obtain application for Lloyds Bank. (**Clerk to Action**).

**23.120 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

* 1. **Finger Post Refurbishment.**

Cllr. Loynes and Cllr. Charles to meet up with Peter Chell (OVG) to look at the possibilities of obtaining funding for the refurbishment of the fingerpost. (**Cllr. Loynes/Charles to Action**).

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

Dave Cooper (CPC) attended the meeting to discuss and ask OPC support regarding Planning Application SMD/2023/0335 - New House Farm, Cotton Lane, Cotton, Staffs, ST10 3DT - Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion Requested in relation to a proposed development of a 35MW PV Solar PV development.

The proposal will have a significant impact on the area and is a serious concern to many in the community, it will have a significant negative visual impact, being sited in an elevated position and clearly visible over a wide area, it is likely to have a negative impact on wildlife and the general biodiversity of the area and the proposal is likely to have a negative impact on public footpaths/rights of way presently running through the site.

OPC agreed to support CPC with objecting to the application. *Carried*.

Cllr. Charles reported that the foliage on the B5417 from Oakamoor up to Cotton is encroaching onto the highway and is making visibility difficult for vehicles.

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 4th September 2023** at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.