**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 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

**In Attendance:** Three members of public.

Prior to the meeting, OPC councillors presented retired Cllr. Edwards a gift in appreciation for 30 years of service.

**23.123 Apologies.**

Cllr. Heidi Worthington-Harris, District Cllr. Abberley.

**23.124 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**23.125 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 7th August 2023.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th August 2023, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**23.126 Public Participation.**

A member of OVG gave a brief update regarding the progress of the ‘Community Orchard’.

The work will start 17th September 2023. OVG are using local companies to provide materials and planting should start around October/November.

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

a. Liaison Committee with neighbouring parishes/Alton Towers.

Cllr. Loynes attended the meeting at Alton Towers Conference Centre on Thursday,

24thAugust and gave a brief update. The notes of the meeting were circulated to

councillors prior to the meeting.

Litterpicking – Alton Towers emailed OPC a list of areas that they litter pick. Email

circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

**23.128 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2023/0394** – Former Lord Nelson Inn, School Drive, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Alteration and single storey side extension.

Conclusion

OPC support the above application.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

SMD/2023/0299 – Planning Permission Approved 16.08.23.

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. Fallows said there will be

a meeting at Whiston Village Hall on 13th September where a leaflet will be provided

summarizing objections.

**23.129 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 forwarded the email he received from Dave Greatbatch (SCC Highways) to the Clerk. Email circulated to councilors prior to the meeting.  Cllr. Loynes to write a response to David Greatbatch (SCC Highways) and cc SCC Cllr. Worthington. (**Cllr. Loynes 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. Discussed at the ‘Alton Towers Liaison Meeting’. |
| **5.** | Hawksmoor to Church Bank – Overgrown foliage and resurfacing of the 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.** | Overhanging Tree – Willows Riverbank |  |  | Ongoing | OPC will carry out the remedial work imminently. OPC received a quote from Hamps Valley for £800 plus VAT. |
| **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.** | Filter Line Road Markings completely worn away.  B5417 Beelow Lane to Cotton Lane junction | 07.08.23 |  |  | Cllr. Charles reported that the filter lines on the road have completely worn away on the B5417 Beelow Lane to Cotton Lane Junction. Reported (4338278). |
| **9.** | Drain – Church Bank (blocked) | 07.08.23 |  | Ongoing | Drain Church Bank completely blocked just above the bend on the bank.  Reported (4338278). Work has taken place, but we have not had heavy rain since this was undertaken. |

1. Lengthsman

None.

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

None.

**23.131 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**23.132 Accounts for Payment (September 2023). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | £153.40 |
| Pulse | Defibrillator Battery | £371.94 |

**23.133 Online Banking.**

The Clerk is now in receipt of the ‘Mandate Change Form’. Cllr. Loynes, Cllr. Beard, Cllr. Watkins, Cllr. Charles and Clerk to be signatories. *Carried.*

**23.134 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**23.135 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.**

Cllr. Beard informed OPC that the land is being promoted on a ‘Camping’ website. The Clerk to contact SCC to make them aware of the issue. (**Clerk to Action**).

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.03pm.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 2nd October 2023** at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.