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

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

Heidi Worthington-Harris, Scott Watkins**,**

Peter Chell, Phil Charles

**SCC/District Cllr:** Mike Worthington

**District Councillor:** None

**In Attendance:** None.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**23.152 Apologies.**

District Cllrs. Elsie Fallows, James Aberley

**23.153 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**23.154 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 2nd October 2023.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October 2023, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**23.155 Public Participation.**

None.

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

None.

**23.157 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2023/0499** – 20 School Drive, Oakamoor.   
 Proposed Development: First floor rear extension.

Conclusion

OPC support the above application.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

None.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

None.

**23.158 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 meeting with the Ranger Service on 21/11/23.  (**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. Clerk to chase up. (**Clerk to Action**). |
| **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**). SCC Cllr. Worthington said he has a meeting with David Greatbatch on 17th October and he will update OPC at the next meeting.  Cllr. Worthing informed OPC that David Greatbatch is on sick leave at the moment. OPC to contact Mark Deville to ask who the contact is in his absence. (**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. Clerk to ask Cllr. Charles to contact Hamps Valley to arrange for the works to be carried out.  (**Cllr. Charles to Action**). |
| **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. Cllr. Cunnigham to get costs for another option. |
| **8.** | Filter Line Road Markings completely worn away.  B5417 Beelow Lane to Cotton Lane junction | 07.08.23 |  | Ongoing | 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).  These have now been replaced. |

1. Lengthsman

The new 30mph sign on Farley Road has been knocked over. (**Cllr. Loynes to Report**)

Drain blocked in Stoneydale. (**Cllr. Worthington-Harris to Report**)

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

None.

**23.160 Sustainability.**

Cllr. Loynes has put together a proposed sustainability policy for OPC. To be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

**23.161 Accounts for Payment (November 2023). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | £153.40 |
| J Redfern | Lengthsman | £104.00 |
| M Beard | Mowing at the Willows | £1000.00 |

**23.162 Online Banking.**

Ongoing. Clerk to update at next meeting.

**23.163 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**23.164 Finger Post Refurbishment.**

Ongoing. As outlined at the September meeting.

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

Cllr. Charles to lay the OPC wreath at the village Remembrance service.

Cllr. Cunnigham has reported the Whiston Eaves Lane road closure as an ongoing issue.

Cllr. Cunnigham has heard motorcycles in the woods above the church. Cllr. Loynes to check possible entry points.

Overnight stays in campervans increasing in the village. Cllr. Charles to speak with Steve Spackman.

Cllr. Worthington-Harris suggested that a depth gauge be erected on Mill Road. Recent flooding caused a driver to become stranded. Cllr. Watkins to explore the production of this.

Cllr. Chell informed that the Lottery funding had now be deposited and will request that the clerk orders the new noticeboard.

OPC agreed to fund the village Christmas tree at the War Memorial. *Carried*.

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.**

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