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

**In Attendance:** Lengthsman.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**23.166 Apologies.**

District Cllrs. Elsie Fallows, James Aberley

**23.167 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**23.168 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 6th November 2023.**

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

**23.169 Public Participation.**

None.

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

None.

**23.171 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2023/0539** – Clough House, Carr Bank, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Two storey rear extension, alterations to roofline of existing single storey rear extension, hard landscaping works, and replacement windows to front elevation.

Conclusion: OPC support the above application.

**SMD/2023/0532** – c/o Laver Leisure (Oakamoor), Moneystone Quarry, Cheadle Road, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Reserved matters application proposing details for the appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for Phase 2 of the leisure development comprising 60 lodges, archery centre, watersports centre, internal roads and car parking and hard and soft landscaping. (**Cllr. Charles to Action**).

Conclusion

Cllr. Charles to prepare and circulate for approval, a response based on discussions at the

meeting”.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

SMD/2023/0372 – Planning Permission approved. 17.11.23.

SMD/2019/0646 – Reserved Matters refused. 14.11.23.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

None.

**23.172 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 and the Ranger agreed that the works need to be carried out and will update Cllr. Charles in due course. |
| 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 sent email but no response to date. SCC Cllr. Worthington said he would chase up. (**SCC Cllr. Worthington 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.  11/23 - OPC received a letter from a resident regarding the parking outside the school, which was circulated. OPC agreed that it is unacceptable, and action is required. Cllr. Loynes sent a letter to Mark Deaville and also responded to the resident. Cllr. Loynes to monitor. |
| **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.  Cllr. Watkins met with a contractor who was able to clear the foliage at £35 per hour. OPC said it is the responsibility of SCC Highways to maintain. |
| **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. Cllr. Charles is waiting for Hamps Valley to call back, and he will update OPC at the next meeting. |
| **7.** | Bridge – Churnet View Road (m.22.162c). |  |  | Ongoing | Cllr. Cunningham sourced suitable strips for the bridge.  The Chair thank Cllr. Cunningham. |

1. Lengthsman

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

Cllr. Loynes reported pothole on Churnet View Road. (ref. 4351358).

The Lengthsman reported the drain on Church Bank, halfway up is completely blocked. He attempted to unblock it but to no avail. Clerk to report to SCC Highways and forward reference number to Paula Lees (SCC Highways) to pass it through as urgent. (**Clerk to Action**).

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

None.

**23.174 Sustainability.**

Cllr. Loynes put together a proposed sustainability policy. The proposal was circulated to councillors. It was unanimously agreed for OPC to adopt the policy. *Carried*.

**23.175 Accounts for Payment (December 2023). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary | £153.40 |
| J Redfern | Lengthsman | £117.00 |
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| RBL | Poppy Wreath | £20.00 |
| EP Chell | Tree | £70.00 |
| S. Cunningham | Grip tape for bridge | £64.50 |

**23.176 Online Banking.**

Ongoing.

**23.177 Correspondence.**

All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**23.178 Finger Post Refurbishment.**

As outlined at the September meeting. Ongoing.

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

None.

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 8th January 2024** at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.