**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

Scott Watkins**,** Peter Chell

**District Councillors:** Elsie Fallows, James Aberley

 **SCC/District Cllr:** Mike Worthington

**In Attendance:** Lengthsman and one member of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**24.01 Apologies.**

Cllr. Charles, Cllr. Heidi Worthington-Harris.

**24.02 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

 None.

**24.03 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 4th December 2023.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December 2023, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**24.04 Public Participation.**

Parishioner said resurfacing and filling of pavement by Beehive is very poor and incomplete, this applies also by the bridge. She agreed to forward details including a customer service email address to the Clerk, in order to contact the contractor.

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

None.

**24.06 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

None.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

 SMD/2023/0388 – Planning permission approved. 14.12.23.

c. Any Other Planning Matters

**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 prepare and circulate for approval, a response based on discussions at the meeting”. (**Cllr. Charles/Loynes to Action**).

**24.07 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.Cllr. Loynes suggested that OPC move forward and instruct the Lengthsman to erect the fence. *Carried*. |
| 2. | The WillowsTree 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. District Cllr. Aberley said he would chase up. **(District Cllr. Aberley 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.It was suggested that weed killer be placed on the pavement, but it was agreed that the pavement would still be in a poor state.  |
| **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.** | Blocked Drain  | Dec 23 |  | Ongoing | Blocked drain Church Bank – reported ref. 4359890. |

1. Lengthsman

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

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

 None.

**24.09 Sustainability.**

Cllr. Loynes to email the Clerk a copy of the Sustainability Policy for file, which was adopted at the meeting in December 2023. (**Cllr. Loynes to Action**).

**24.10 Accounts for Payment (January 2024). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary (including backpay as per NALC | £247.00 |
| J Redfern | Lengthsman | £117.00 |

**24.11 Precept/Budget 2024/2025.**

Councillors were emailed a copy of the Precept/Budget prior to the meeting.

 Precept Requirement: £7212.00 based on Tax Base reported 253.

 £28.50 per household.

 Proposed by Cllr. Chell and seconded by Cllr. Watkins. *Carried*.

**24.12 Online Banking.**

Ongoing.

**24.13 Correspondence.**

 All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**24.14 Finger Post Refurbishment.**

Cllr. Watkins to obtain a revised quote. (**Cllr. Watkins to Action**).

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

 District Cllr. Fallows reported a deceased Badger going up Carr Bank.

 **(Clerk to report to Environmental Agency**).

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 5th February 2024** at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.