**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024**

**AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM**

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

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

Peter Chell, Phil Charles,

 Heidi Worthington-Harris

**District Councillors:** Elsie Fallows

 **SCC/District Cllr:** Mike Worthington

**In Attendance:** Lengthsman and 6 members of public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**24.16 Apologies.**

Cllr. Scott Watkins, District Cllr. James Aberley.

**24.17 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

 None.

**24.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th January 2024.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2024, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.*

**24.19 Public Participation.**

A Parishioner said resurfacing and filling of pavement carried out by Cadent, by Beehive is very poor and incomplete, this applies also by the bridge. Also, the lack of communication regarding road closure prior to works being carried out. OPC to write to Cadent asking that if any future work is to be carried out, to notify parish council, residents and to include work description. (**Clerk to Action**).

A parishioner attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding lack of consultation regarding ‘The Oakamoor Community Garden’, which would affect the privacy of residents who back onto the field. Cllr. Chell informed residents that this will not be going ahead.

A representative from ‘Connect Fibre’ came along to the meeting to introduce their Company. They are a community focused company who operate a full fibre network service providing faster broadband to customers. They are looking at holding an event locally to engage with the wider community.

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

1. Online Banking – The Clerk is now in receipt of documents for Signatories to sign. Ongoing.

2. Notice Board – The order has now been placed for the Notice Board and a 50% deposit is required. Timeframe – 6-8 weeks for completion.

**24.21 Planning Matters.**

a. Applications.

**SMD/2023/0649** – Longhurst Farm, Dimmingsdale, Oakamoor.

Proposed Development: Proposed rear and side single storey extension and alterations to existing elevations.

Conclusion

OPC Support the above application.

b. To Note SMDC decisions on previous applications.

 None.

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**).

**24.22 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 | The lengthsman has installed the fence but requires an additional section. (**Clerk to Action**).Steve Spackman emailed OPC (30.01.24), to report that there are no immediate worries. They will continue to monitor and deal with any emergency jobs as they arise and plan that area in with future tree work. |
| 2. | The WillowsTree Pruning | 05.10.20 | m.20.88 | Ongoing | Response received from Steve Massey (SMDC) on 26.01.24. He confirmed the tree work schedule for the trimming of the trees at the car park at Churnet View Road will go out to contractors for completion as soon as they can programme it into their workload. Email circulated to councillors. |
| **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 send a further letter to SCC Dave Williams (**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’. Awaiting meeting date from A.T. |
| **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 £880 plus VAT. OPC awaiting a date from Hamps Valley to carry out the work. |
| **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 which included the installation of the chestnut and wire fence.

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

 None.

**24.24 Sustainability.**

Ongoing.

**24.25 Accounts for Payment (February 2024). Agreed & Ratified.**

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| Carmen G. Worthington | Clerks Salary  | £163.80 |
| J Redfearn | Lengthsman | £130.00 |
| J. Redfearn | Lengthsman | £195.00 |
| Signs of Cheshire | Notice Board | £1179.00 (Deposit 50%) |
| Netwise UK | Web Hosting | £354.00. |

 Bank Statement – Read out.

**24.26 Seeking Agenda Items.**

Cllr. Chell asked for Agenda Items to be circulated at least one week prior to the next meeting to ask council members for any additional Agenda items to be added. *Carried*.

**24.27 Parish Council Tasks.**

Cllr. Chell asked if councillors could be assigned to represent specific issues. The Chair said this is discussed at the Annual Council meeting. *Carried*.

**24.28 Correspondence.**

 All correspondence is circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Trip to London and Private Tour of Westminster – Thursday 14th March 2024.

(Letter circulated).

**24.29 Finger Post Refurbishment.**

Cllr. Watkins emailed the clerk a revised quote for the refurbishment of the finger post. OPC are happy with the quote and Cllr. Chell agreed to look into funding/grants for the project. (**Cllr. Chell to Action**).

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

Cllr. Fallows raised the poor state of potholes in the area and the lack of repair in the area. OPC agreed that potholes in the area are repeatedly reported but no repairs are being made. It was agreed that OPC write to David William (SCC Chief Executive). **(Clerk to Action).**

**The Chair thanked everybody for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 4th March 2024** at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.