**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF OAKAMOOR PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 5TH AUGUST 2024 AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Scott Watkin, Glenys Beard, Peter Chell,

Heidi Worthington-Harris, Samantha Cunningham.

**In Attendance:**  SCC Cllr. Mike Worthington,

SMDC Cllr.James Aberley, SMDC Cllr. Elsie Fallows.

One member of the public and Lengthsman.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**24.109 Apologies.**

Cllr. Phil Charles.

**24.110 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**24.111 Minutes of meeting held on 1st July 2024.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July 2024, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**24.112 Public Participation.**

A resident of Oakamoor attended the meeting to discuss her concerns regarding motor homes stopping overnight by the railway station, concerns were raised about health and safety, particularly the disposal of chemical waste and the safety of children. She suggested installing a barrier to prevent overnight stays in the area. Cllr. Loynes said that OPC has had this issue on their agenda for a long time and that SCC is examining the wider area to determine appropriate signage. He encouraged residents to report their concerns to SCC to help expedite a resolution. The Clerk was instructed to contact David Rushton (SCC Highways), and Steve Spackman to discuss possible actions. (**Clerk to Action**).

**24.113 Actions and Updates from Previous Meeting.**

None.

**24.114 Planning Matters.**

(a) Planning Applications.

None.

(b) To note decisions on previous applications.

None.

(c) Any Other Planning Matters

1. Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) SMD/2023/0532.

SMDC Cllr. Aberley gave a brief update and informed OPC that Laver Leisure has a scheduled hearing at the end of September.

Cllr. Charles agreed to draft a response to the appeal. (**Cllr. Charles to Action**).

**24.115 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

a. Parking at the School

SCC Cllr. Worthington informed the council that David Greatbatch (SCC Highways)

has returned to work. He recommended that we promptly write a letter requesting the

implementation of road safety measures, with the preferred option being 'White Zig Zags'

outside the school. Cllr. Loynes to draft up a letter and send to SCC Cllr. Worthington to

expedite the request. (**Cllr. Loynes to Action**).

b. Traffic Speed on ‘Star Bank’

Cllr. Loynes met up with a representative from Alton Towers to discuss various issues in the area. He gave a brief update and he informed OPC that Alton Towers are supportive of the suggestions he put forward.

c. Hawksmoor to Church Bank – Overgrown foliage and resurfacing of the footpath.

It was said that works for the resurfacing of footpaths was put on hold due to the installation

of ‘fibre broadband’. It has been reported that this has now been done. Clerk to contact SCC

Highways to prioritise the repairs of the footpath. The issue has been re-reported

(*4388724*). Clerk to email Cllr. Mark Deavillle (SCC Highways) with issues that have been on

the agenda for over a year. (**Clerk to Action**).

d. Blocked Drain – Church Bank – reported (4359890)

A response was received from Mark Deaville (SCC Highways). He has assigned the work to

his team as a priority, and the work will be carried out imminently. However, no repairs

have been made to date. The Clerk will contact Mark Deaville (SCC Highways) to emphasise

the urgency of the issue. (**Clerk to Action**).

e. Finger Post refurbishment

Ongoing.

f. Power Points on ‘The Square’. Cllr Chell awaiting quotes. *Ongoing*.

g. Overnight Parking – Campervan Signage

Awaiting update from Steve Spackman. Discussed in Public Participation.

h. Warning Signs for floods on Mill Road

Cllr. Worthington-Harris to purchase signage and provide the invoice to OPC. *Carried*.

i. Other Highway Issues

Pot Hole – Half way down Church Bank. Reported (4399729).

**24.116 Noticeboard Policy.**

Ongoing.

**24.117 Defibrillator(s).**

1. Moneystone – OPC has received £200 towards the cost of the defibrillator in Moneystone from SMDC Cllrs. Fallows and Aberley. However, Cllr. Loynes has been unsuccessful in securing additional funding. Consequently, it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the defibrillator for Moneystone using OPC reserves. Proposed by Cllr. Loyne’s and seconded by Cllr. Watkins. Cllr. Loynes to liaise with AEDdonate. *Carried*..

2. The Pavillion – It has been noted that a defibrillator has been purchased by ‘Lightoak’.

No further action is required.

**24.118 D-Day Bench.**

Funding received and bench ordered. Carried.

**24.119 Lengthsman.**

Chair read out worksheet. The Lengthsman has been tasked with various jobs in the village.

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

None.

**24.121 Accounts for Payment (August 2024) Agreed and Ratified (To be paid via Bank Transfer)**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | £163.80 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | £130.00 |
| Belfast Metal Designs | D-day Bench | £1075.00 |

Current Bank Statement.

Circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**24.122 Barclays Bank**

Closure of Account. Cllr. Beard signed the document to close the account. Clerk to submit to Barclays Bank. (**Clerk to Action**).

**24.123 Correspondence.**

Circulated prior to meeting.

**24.124 Items of an Urgent Nature.**

None.

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

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**