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

**HELD AT OAKAMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM**

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

**Parish Councillors**: Samantha Cunningham,

Peter Chell, Scott Watkins, Phil Charles,

Heidi Worthington-Harris, Glenys Beard.

**In Attendance:**  SMDC Cllr**.** Elsie Fallows.

Lengthsman.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**25.95 Apologies.**

District Cllr. James Aberley.

**25.96 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations.**

None.

**25.97 Minutes of meeting held on 2nd June 2025.**

***Resolved*** *that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2025, having been circulated be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.*

**25.98 Public Participation.**

Oakamoor Village Group sent a reminder of the Community Orchid's opening on 20th July 2025, to be celebrated with a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

**25.99 Churnet View Car Park.**

Email sent to Martin Owen (SMDC). Ongoing.

**25.100 Planning Matters.**

(a) Planning Applications.

**SMD/2025/0237** – Side Farm, Cotton Bank, Cotton.

Proposed Development: Siting of 4 no. glamping pods for overnight guest use, partially

covered external timber decking, associated footpaths, improvements to permeable track, new parking and turning area, secure bicycle storage, recycling/refuse storage, new septic tank and associated works.

Conclusion

No objections.

(b) To note decisions on previous applications.

None.

(c) Any Other Planning Matters

1. Laver Leisure (Oakamoor) SMD/2023/0532 Phase 2. Phase 2 has passed. (*Remove from agenda*).

**25.101 Ongoing Parish Affairs.**

a. Parking at the School

As outlined in the ‘May’ minutes. The issue remains a priority. Cllr. Chell has contacted County Cllr. Sue Beardmore. No response to date.

b. Traffic Speed on ‘Star Bank’

Ongoing.

c. Hawksmoor to Church Bank – Overgrown foliage. As outlined in the ‘November' minutes.

Continue to monitor.

d. Finger Post refurbishment

Cllr. Chell continues to pursue funding for the Finger Post.

e. Overnight Parking – Campervan Signage

As outlined in the ‘May’ minutes. The ‘No Fire’ signs have been erected and OPC are now waiting for the campervan signage. Ongoing.

f. Pothole –Woodbank on Church Bank. Reported 05.11.24. (4412983). Clerk to chase up with

David Rushton (SCC Highways). Additional potholes reported. Clerk to re-report.

(**Clerk to Action**).

g. War Memorial Repairs – As outlined in the ‘May’ minutes.

h. Other Highway Issues

Picnic Area – Issue of resident falling and breaking their ankle on the picnic area due to

uneven ground. To be raised with ranger. (**Cllr. Worthington-Harris)**.

Damage to bridge handrail. Clerk to re-report to Rights of Way and prioritise.

(**Clerk to Action**).

Cllr. Worthington-Harris has also contacted the ranger for an update on signs, dog poo

bins, give way signs, light on the toilet block.

**25.102 Defibrillator(s).**

1. Moneystone.

Ongoing.

2. Stoneydale.

Ongoing.

**25.103 Lengthsman.**

Cllr. Loynes read the Lengthsman worksheet.

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

Parish Assembly – Minutes circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

**25.105 Accounts for Payment (July 2025) Agreed and Ratified (To be paid via Bank Transfer)**

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| Carmen Giuliano-Worthington | Clerks Salary | £170.25 |
| John Redfearn | Lengthsman | £104.00 |
| Lloyds | Bank Charges (DD) | £4.25 |

Current bank statement circulated via email prior to the meeting.

**25.106 Updated Practitioners Guide and a .gov.uk domain.**

As outlined in the ‘May’ minutes. (*To be kept on the agenda*).

**25.107 Correspondence.**

Circulated prior to meeting.

**25.108 Items for next agenda.**

Sluice gates.

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

**The date of the next parish meeting will be held on** **Monday 4th August 2025 at 7.00pm at Oakamoor Village Hall.**