

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14TH FEBUARY 2022 AT 7PM

Present: Councillor D Rutter, Councillor A Bell, Councillor F Goodier, Councillor R Gilbert-Bratt and Councillor D Wheeler.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks, Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge and two members of the public.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Councillor D Rutter welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor J Edwards sent his apology for the meeting. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather sent his apology for the meeting.

2 Vacant Seats for Parish Councillors

Councillor A Gore resignation was dated 1st February was received by email. It was addressed to the Chair, Parish Clerk and to Parish Councillors and was emailed to all.

There was a discussion about Councillor's A Gore resignation as Parish Councillors wanted to know if she could be contacted, she might have changed her mind.

The clerk confirmed that both the vacant Delamere seats have now been advertised with Cheshire West and Chester Council following the resignation of Councillor A Gore and the non-attendance by Councillor S Addiscott. The Parish Council thanked Councillor A Gore for all that she had done for Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council.

A further four Oakmere seats remain vacant. Councillor A Bell will post an advertisement on the local Facebook pages.

3 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

Councillor F Goodier declared an interest in relation to the planning application for 8 Frith Avenue as this was her home address. Councillor A Bell declared an interest in relation to the planning application for 8 Firth Avenue the as neighbours where his relations.

4 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public asked Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge regarding potholes. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge reported that all potholes have to be reported online and they are done in date and/or priority order.

5 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 17th January 2022 be approved as a correct record.

6 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk had created a complaint log and confirmed that all outstanding items had been chased up as detailed on the complaint log.

Councillor F Goodier reported that the flooding of sewerage had reoccurred onto Station Road and the clerk will report this again to United Utilities.

Interactive Speed sign on Abbey Lane still had an intermittent fault as such Councillor H Tonge will chase this up with Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor F Goodier reported that there was mud on the footpath from the Abbey Arms towards J&S accessories and from the Abbey Arms to the community centre. The clerk will report this to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention and add this to the complaint log.

With regards to the orange temporary netting not providing security for pedestrians over the railway bridge on Station Road Delamere, this was the responsibility of Forest England. Councillor D Rutter will take this up with the manager of the forest and request another meeting.

7 Correspondence

The clerk had received an email for the Chair of the Parish Council relating to the Parish Council's decision regarding the planning application for Crown Quarry. The clerk had forwarded this to the Chair and copied in all Parish Councillors for their attention.

The clerk had received an email dated 11th February 2022 regarding maintenance issues at the Eddisbury Hill caravan park.

8 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to 14th February 2022 were considered.

- (a) 21/05024/FUL, Single storey front, side and rear with associated alterations, 8 Frith Avenue Delamere.

Councillor F Goodier left the meeting at this point. Councillor A Bell had declared an interest. There were only three Parish Councillors remaining in the room, Councillor D Rutter, Councillor D Wheeler and Councillor R Gilbert-Bratt as such the Parish Council was not quorate as four Parish Councillors were required. No decision or comment with regards to the proposed planning application for 8 Frith Avenue could therefore be made.

RESOLVED that;

- (b) No objections were to be made to 22/00074/FUL, Demolition of existing garage, erection of new garage, single storey side extension and addition of doors to rear extension, 19 Mere Crescent Oakmere.

9 Finance

The clerk reported that the current bank balances were as follows and bank statements showing these amounts were presented and signed by the Chair.

Bank account balance is £21,781.25 as at 31st January 2022.

No unpaid cheques and no income.

Earmarked funds as follows;

£2,500 for Frith Avenue project, Parish Council resolved to spend £2,000 in November 2019 minutes and £500.00 received from Lane End in September 2021 minutes.

£1,500 for speed limit reduction for Chester Road Delamere, resolved to spend in March 2021 minutes.

£1,500 received from Tarmac for installation of yellow lines in September 2021 minutes.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Method of payment	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for Feb	£386.96
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees' contribution for Feb	£143.86
001151	Joanne Monks	Clerk Expenses for Feb	£45.32
001152	St Peters Church	Grant/donation	£664.00
001153	Delamere Community centre	Grant/donation	£350.00
001154	Oakmere Cricket Club	Grant/donation	£100.00
001155	Northwest Air Ambulance	Grant/donation	£100.00
001156	Oakmere Methodist Church	Grant/donation	£100.00
001157	Joseph Clarke Tree Care	Work to trees in Little Wood	£350.00

10 Tree survey for land at Frith Avenue and Little Wood

The clerk reported that the Parish Council had a duty to inspect and maintain trees both on Frith Avenue and in Little Wood. Local authorities are legally required to suitably and sufficiently manage the risks and hazards posed by the trees within their responsibility remit and as such have routine inspection programme in place.

Councillor D Rutter will contact the Forestry Commission to see if they could do a tree survey for both Frith Avenue and Little Wood.

Councillor R Gilbert-Bratt will contact Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the clerk will try and obtain quotes from contractors with regards to a tree survey.

11 Little Wood

Councillor D Rutter stated that there were a lot of damaged trees in Little Wood.

The clerk was asked to contact the legal department of Cheshire West and Chester Council asking for wording in order to put a notice up stating that people enter the wood at their own risk and that the Parish Council could not be liable for anything due to its present condition.

12 Field at Frith Avenue

Councillor F Goodier had spoken to residents to discuss what they would like on the field at Frith Avenue.

The clerk confirmed that Cheshire West and Chester Council mowed the field at no cost, the frequency of this was unknown.

Councillor D Rutter would send the details of three mole specialists to the clerk and the clerk was asked to obtain quotes for this at the next meeting.

Councillor D Rutter will research the cost of sleepers in order to make raised planters for bedding. The maintenance of these raised planters would have to be done by local residents.

The clerk was asked to research the cost of pergola for some of the current seating for the next Parish Council meeting.

13 Queens Jubilee Event

Councillor F Goodier stated that the Abbey Arms pub would be a better location than Frith Avenue due to parking issues and she had contacted the landlord regarding having an event on Sunday 5th July.

Councillor F Goodier will lead this event and liaise with residents and the landlord to organise this event.

The clerk informed the Parish Council that as it was an organised event by the Parish Council they would need the following;

Parish Council insurance for events

Risk Assessment for the event.

Catering vans need own public liability insurance if used.

Nominated first aider.

The clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

14 Village Signage

The clerk had contacted Cuddington and Sandiway Parish Council. They confirmed that they had purchased village signage from Glasdon at the cost of £780.69 each plus VAT. The cost of installation was £400 which was undertaken by a local builder.

Any signage would have to be approved by the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council and they would require specific details regarding the number of signs required and specific proposed locations on a map with the proposed sites marked on. Once approved the Parish Council would then have to apply for a Street Licence from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Two sites were proposed for signage. Councillor F Goodier will email the clerk with the details and then the clerk will ask the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council if these sites are suitable.

15 Cheshire West and Chester Wildlife strategy

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge outlined the wildlife strategy in which the council had been working with Chester Zoo and the Eden project to identify suitable council owned sites to plant wildflowers. The public open space around the play area at Chrimes Drive has been identified as a potential site in the area.

16 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge reported there was a budget meeting shortly from Cheshire West and Chester Council and the proposed Council Tax increase for 2022/2023 is 3%.

17 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor A Bell reported that the current editor of the Delamere and Oakmere news is retiring and is looking for someone to take over the editorial of the magazine.

Councillor D Wheeler stated that there is a new police officer for the area and asked the clerk to invite them to the next Parish Council meeting.

18 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 14th March 2022 at 7pm at Delamere Community Centre.

Chairman's signature.....Dated.....

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