

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH FEBUARY 2024 AT 7PM

Present: Councillor J Edwards, Councillor L Walters, Councillor C Topping, Councillor D Rutter, Councillor A Bell, Councillor F Goodier, Councillor D Wheeler and Councillor L Jones.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks, one member of the public.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor J Edwards welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor S Roberts had sent her apologies for the meeting.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Update from United Utilities

The representative from United Utilities had sent their apologies for the meeting and an update had been circulated by email by the clerk to all Parish Councillors.

4 Public Speaking Time

No member of the public wished to address the Parish Council under public speaking time.

5 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

The minutes of the minutes of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 15th January 2024 were approved.

6 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk reported that the PCSO was offering two training sessions for speed watch on Saturday 17th February 2024 and Sunday 9th March 2024 10am to 11am for anyone who is interested at Tarvin Community centre.

7 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to Monday 12th February 2024 were considered.

RESOLVED that;

- a) No objections were to be made to 23/00320/FUL, amendments / additional information in respect of the following: Cown Farm Quarry Stoneyford Lane Oakmere Northwich CW8 2JLP. For a lateral and deepening extension of the approved excavation area within Crown Farm Quarry for the winning and working of an additional 5.58 million tonnes of sand, along with the remaining approved reserves and provision of ancillary electrical substations (2 no. fixed and 1 no. movable), during the currently permitted period, under planning permission ref 20/01012/S73 dated 13 August 2020 (2020 permission), for mineral extraction to 22 February 2042 and restoration to be completed within a further 12 months of the cessation of mineral extraction.
- b) No objections were to be made to 24/00084/FUL, Conversion of outbuildings & extensions to Apartments 5 & 6. Sandy Brow Tarporley Road Delamere.

8 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 £19,036.02 as at 31st January 2024.

£416.00 advertising income received. Councillor A Bell reported that only one remaining invoice remained unpaid and that he would chase up payment.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Joanne Monks	Feb pay	553.38
Joanne Monks	Feb expenses	32.30
Cheshire Pension Fund	Feb pension	202.06
Delamere Community centre	Earlsbrook Room hire March	12.00

9 Dog bin at Frith Avenue

Councillor F Goodier had received complaints regarding the non-collection of the dog bin at Frith Avenue.

RESOLVED that;

The clerk was asked to submit a complaint to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

10 D-Day event

Councillor C Topping confirmed that she had contacted Forestry England regarding the D-Day event and they required the Parish Council to fill in and return a permission application form and that the Forestry England had provided a sample of a risk assessment from a previous beacon lighting event.

Councillor C Topping will establish what type of gas and regulator would be required for the beacon.

The clerk will provide a copy of the Parish Council's insurance policy and will investigate a Safeguarding policy.

The clerk confirmed that she had emailed the vicar at St Peters Church regarding the request to ringing the bells for the D-Day event however no response has been received. Councillor D Rutter will chase up this request with the vicar.

RESOLVED that;

The expenditure of up to £500 plus VAT was approved for the D-Day event.

11 Village Gateway signs

The clerk has circulated details of the drawing of the signs from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The signs from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council would cost approx. £600 for two signs including installation.

Tarmac have offered a donation of £200 towards the cost of the signage.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council approved the expenditure of up to £600.00 plus VAT for the installation of two village signs from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor D Rutter will liaise with Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding locations.

The clerk will contact Tarmac regarding the offer of a £200 contribution.

The clerk was asked to submit a request to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council to change the sign near to J&S as part of the road safety scheme.

12 Earlsbrook Housing estate

The clerk confirmed that she had booked the community centre for the 5th March and L&Q have now confirmed they can attend. The clerk confirmed she has now invited a representative from United Utilities, the representative from the MP and to the two Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors.

RESOLVED that;

The meeting would go ahead on 5th March and that no representatives from Cheshire West and Chester Council would be invited. An agenda would be circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

The clerk was asked to contact L&Q regarding the fencing along the Oakmere Way as it requires repairs.

13 The Old Haulage Yard on Chester Road Oakmere

No action required.

14 Little Wood

Councillor J Edwards stated that to employ a contractor the Parish Council would require three quotes and for any contractor to have public liability insurance. The clerk was asked to contact companies requesting quotes for the following;

1. Making safe the exiting board walk
2. Removal of trees.

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

15 Legal advice and to consider joining Cheshire Association of Local Councils

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

16 Forestry England meeting

RESOLVED that;

The next meeting with Forestry England would be 11.30am on 5th March in person.

17 Defibrillators

(a) Replacement of defibrillator cabinet at Delamere community centre

The clerk confirmed that the amount of £459.99 for the purchase of a defibrillator cabinet and the amount of £193.73 for the cost of the electrician has been paid to the Parish Council from the Ward Members budget.

RESOLVED that;

The clerk was asked to go ahead and order the defibrillator cabinet and organise the installation with the electrician and the Booking Secretary of the community centre. The clerk would ask the Booking Secretary and electrician to keep the old cabinet at the community centre.

(b) Defibrillator at Eddisbury Hill

The clerk confirmed that the application for free a defibrillator and cabinet had been kept on file with the British Heart Foundation and that the Parish Council may still be eligible for funding up to 15th March 2024. Councillor A Bell will contact the residents regarding this.

18 Renewal of Email

RESOLVED that;

The expenditure of up to £50 plus VAT was approved for renewal of the email service.

19 NatWest

RESOLVED that;

Councillor S Roberts and Councillor L Jones were to be authorised for banking for the NatWest and the clerk was requested to set them both up for NatWest bankline.

20 Local Plan consultation from Cheshire West and Chester Council

Councillor J Edwards reported that there was a Local Plan consultation from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

RESOLVED that;

No official response was required from the Parish Council.

21 Delamere and Oakmere website

Councillor F Goodier reported that a local resident had offered free of charge to help with the website. Councillor F Goodier will ask them to email the clerk with their details. The clerk would then pass on the request for access.

22 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

There were no Cheshire West and Chester Councillors present.

23 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor A Bell reported that there was a large pothole on the road outside Delamere Stores on Station Road. The clerk asked to report this to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention.

Councillor F Goodier reported that there were numerous potholes on Station Road between the caravan park and Hatchmere. The clerk was asked to report these to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention and to contact the Ward Councillors regarding these.

Councillor F Goodier reported a member of the public had offered land for a footpath off Station Road. The member of the public was asked to contact the clerk with regards to this offer.

Councillor D Rutter reported that there had been another car accident at the Fishpool junction.

Councillor L Jones asked regarding the formal complaint procedure of the Parish Council. The clerk confirmed that the formal complaint procedure was on the Parish Council's website.

24 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 18th March 2024 at 7pm at Delamere Community Centre.

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

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