

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024 AT 7PM

Present: Councillor A Bell, Councillor F Goodier, Councillor C Topping, Councillor D Rutter, Councillor S Roberts and Councillor D Wheeler.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks and two members of the public.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor C Topping welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor J Edwards sent his apology for the meeting.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

Councillor D Rutter and Councillor D Wheeler declared an interest in relation to the Christmas tree as they were both members of the Delamere Community centre committee.

3 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public wanted to know why the Parish Council had changed their opinion with regards to the Haulage Yard in Oakmere and produced documentation for the Parish Council regarding the site.

A member of the public reported that the Haulage Yard had been working with Cheshire West and Chester Council to obtain planning permission required in order to operate on this site.

4 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

The minutes of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 20th May 2024 and the minutes of the Annual meeting on Monday 20th May 2024 were approved.

5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk confirmed that Councillor C Topping had completed and returned a new declaration of interest form.

The clerk confirmed that she had now received an invoice from Cheshire West and Chester Council for the dog bin charge. Cheshire West and Chester Council had sent the bill to the old email address as such it had not been received.

Councillor S Roberts had not yet logged into the NatWest account, the clerk has re-ordered an activation code for her login, but this must be done as soon as possible.

Councillor D Rutter will contact the residents regarding the Tommy statue.

6 Planning

There were no planning applications received.

7 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 £29,890.80 as at 31st May 2024.

No income received in May 2024.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Alexander caravans	gas for beacon for DDay event	86.00
Joanne Monks	Clerk Expenses	32.30
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Dog bin emptying Eddisbury Borehole	436.80
HMRC	quarterly payment	415.00
Joanne Monks	pay for June	553.38
Cheshire Pension Fund	Pension contributions for June	197.67
Delamere community centre	room hire for Earlsbrook meeting	12.00

8 Newsletter

Councillor A Bell reported that £44.00 was yet to be paid from the last edition of the newsletter. Councillor A Bell will chase up for payment.

RESOLVED that;

The amount of up to £500.00 plus VAT was approved for printing of the next edition of the newsletter.

9 Website and Email

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting in July.

10 Earlsbrook Housing estate

RESOLVED that;

The amount of £12 was approved for room hire for the residents meeting on Tuesday 9th July from 5pm to 7pm.

The clerk was asked to invite both Ward Councillors and the Local MP to the Earlsbrook meeting.

The clerk was asked to draft an agenda for the next Earlsbrook meeting and re-circulate the previous minutes.

The owners of the site have confirmed that they will tidy up the roundabout at the site entrance.

Councillor S Roberts reported that there were issues with the concerts and the Earlsbrook Housing estate as it did cause disruption. Councillor S Roberts and Councillor F Goodier will coordinate responses from residents and then the clerk will then collate and draft a letter to be sent to Forestry England.

11 Little Wood

The clerk confirmed that she had received a copy of the public liability insurance cover from Mr G Hudson. The cover commenced on 31st May 2024 until 24th April 2025 for Mr G Hudson as a landscape gardener (including tree work). The amount of public liability cover was £2,500,000 and the product liability was £2,500,000.

The clerk confirmed that she had submitted applications to both Tarmac and Cheshire West and Chester Council Ward members budget for grants.

12 Christmas tree

Councillor D Rutter and Councillor D Wheeler declared an interest in this agenda item as they were both committee members of Delamere community centre.

The treasurer of the Delamere Community Centre Committee confirmed that they had no objection in principle to the Parish Council putting up a Christmas tree in the car park but the exact location would have to be agreed.

The clerk was asked to arrange for Councillor C Topping and a representative from Delamere community centre committee to meet with an electrician in order to obtain a quote for lights.

13 Introduction of car parking charges on railway stations

The impact of the introduction of car parking charges would be on Delamere, Cuddington and Mouldsworth stations and would directly impact local businesses particularly those who had taken lease on platform buildings. The clerk was asked to contact the Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors to make them aware and to contact Cuddington Parish Council and Mouldsworth Parish Council to see what action they are taking. The clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

14 Village sign

The clerk confirmed that the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council had amended the location plan so the proposed location was in line with the nursery.

RESOLVED that;

The amended location was accepted by the Parish Council.

15 VE Day 80, 8th May 2025

Councillor C Topping reported that following the success of the beacon lighting for D-Day that the Parish Council should consider an event and beacon for VE day in May next year. The clerk will obtain guidance on the event and put this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

16 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

There were no Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors present.

17 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor C Topping reported that phase one of the work undertaken by United Utilities has now been completed and was pleased with the communication from United Utilities. The clerk was asked to contact United Utilities and thank them and ask for the Parish Council to be updated when the next phase of work was due to commence.

Councillor C Topping asked the clerk to contact Cheshire West and Chester Council to ask them to clean the pavement and remove the weeds on Station Road Delamere.

Councillor D Rutter confirmed that he and Councillor C Topping had attended the Tarmac meeting. The clerk was asked to contact Tarmac and ask them for a site meeting and for them to confirm when an awareness session for children will be undertaken regarding the lake.

Councillor D Rutter asked the clerk to contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council to request a meeting.

Councillors reported potholes on Abbey Lane, Eddisbury Hill and on Station Road. The clerk was asked to report these to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention.

18 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting scheduled is Monday 15th July 2024 at 7pm.

Chair signature.....Dated.....

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