

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7PM

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

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks, Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Cooper, two representatives from United Utilities and four 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. There were no apologies for absence.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Public Speaking Time

Two representatives from United Utilities addressed the Parish Council with regards to work being undertaken in the area. They reported that the main pipe which was cleaned is now back in service. There is a planned road closure for Ashton Road from 14th to 23rd October to carry out some investigations and individual residents will be contacted regarding this. The pipe pusher is now in the UK and will be tested, but the work will not commence until 2026. Any residents were asked to contact United Utilities directly and report any faults so that they could be investigated.

A resident reported that there had been issues with cars parking on Stoneyford Lane for several years and various methods had been tried to prevent parking. Cheshire West and Chester Council were proactive in issuing fines for cars parking on the double yellow lines. The resident stated requested that the Parish Council did not ask for any amendments to the existing parking arrangements on Stoneyford Lane.

A member of the public apologised that documentation relating to the Haulage Yard had not been provided to the Parish Council.

4 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

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

5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council said they are unable to attend face to face meetings due to limited staff and resources however if the Parish Council sends them a list of specific questions they will answer them. Councillor F Goodier will send a list of questions to the clerk. All faults and requests for Cheshire West and Chester Council need to be reported by individuals. If no action is then taken this will then be pursued by the Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors. The clerk confirmed that a log was kept on the monthly financial report for all items reported by the Parish Council. The clerk was asked to update the poster regarding potholes with any other faults.

Cheshire West and Chester Council Ward Councillor T Cooper reported that he and the local MP would be looking into junction improvements for the Abbey Arms Junction and Fishpool junction and they were looking at undertaking a joint surgery in the Parish soon.

Councillor S Roberts had not yet logged into the NatWest account, Councillor S Roberts stated that she will do this as soon as possible.

Councillor D Rutter asked Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor why the footpath had been tarmacked on the A556. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor will investigate this.

6 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to Monday 16th September 2024 were considered.

RESOLVED that;

- a) No objections were made to 24/01518/FUL, Demolition of cattery buildings and erection of an annexe ancillary to a dwelling known as Downdale, Downdale Morreys Lane Delamere.
- b) No objections were made to 24/01197/FUL, Construction of an all-weather riding arena, Heathfield Farm Tarporley Road Delamere.
- c) No objections were made to 24/02080/FUL, Construction of two stable blocks (retrospective), Heathfield Farm Tarporley Road Delamere.
- d) No objections were made to 24/01727/FUL, Yonder Bungalow Chester Road Delamere. Replacement Dwelling.
- e) No objections were made to 24/02403/FUL, Demolition of existing buildings, erection of two detached dwellings, Abbeywood Estates Abbey Lane Oakmere.

- f) No objections were made to 24/02518/HED, New agricultural access. Replant and plant new hedge to existing field boundary, Land At Forest House Farm Waste Lane Kelsall.

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 £27,313.32 as at 31st July 2024.

£199.00 advertising income received in July.

Bank account balance is £25,624.07 as of 31st August 2024.

£88.00 advertising income received in August 2024.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

August payments;

AGA print Ltd	printing of newsletter	395.99
Joanne Monks	Pay for August	553.58
Joanne Monks	Clerk Expenses	26.00
Cheshire Pension Fund	Pension contributions for August	197.67
Gary Hudson	Tree work in Little Wood	1,000.00

September payments;

Joanne Monks	Pay for Sept	553.38
Joanne Monks	Clerk Expenses	32.30
Cheshire Pension Fund	Pension contributions for August	197.67
HMRC	quarterly payment	415.00

8 Newsletter

The clerk confirmed that the cost of printing for the July newsletter was £359.99. Invoices totalling £488.00 had been issued. £436.00 has been paid but £52.00 remains outstanding.

Councillor A Bell reported that the next edition of the newsletter was due to be published in October.

9 Christmas tree/event

Three quotes had been obtained for the installation of a Christmas tree and lights.

Councillor C Topping reported that she has received offers to undertake some of the work for free and she had received some offers of donations towards the cost.

The clerk expressed concern that the donations may not be received by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that;

The amount of up to £2,500 plus VAT was approved for any expenditure relating a Christmas tree at Delamere Community centre.

The clerk was asked to contact the Delamere Community centre to ask them for a donation and if the lights which were going to be purchased could be stored at the community centre. The clerk will also investigate the insurance.

The clerk was asked to apply for £750.00 from the Ward Members budget for Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Lush and Councillor T Cooper.

Councillor S Roberts will contact L&Q and ask them for a donation.

The clerk was asked to put the tree and switch on event on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

10 Introduction of car parking charges on railway stations

This was discussed and no action have yet been taken by Network Rail as such the clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

11 Tommy statue

Councillor D Rutter reported that it was currently in a resident's garage and would be re-located to Little Wood. The clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

12 Tree/hedge trimming at Frith Avenue

A complaint had been received regards to the land at Frith Avenue which was owned by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that;

Councillor F Goodier and Councillor D Rutter will have a look at the work required. Councillor C Topping would also contact Forest England to see if they could undertake this work.

13 Speed reduction request

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Cooper will take this up with the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

14 Wildflowers

Councillor F Goodier reported that positive comments had been received regarding the planting of wildflowers on the land at Frith Avenue. Parish Councillors were asked to look at other areas for planting.

15 Little Wood

The clerk confirmed that she has submitted further information in support of the Tarmac grant application and a decision around October 2024. The Ward Members budget application has also been submitted. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Cooper confirmed that he would approve this application for funding.

16 VE Day 80, 8th May 2025

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would not have a beacon or event for VE day.

Parish Councillors could support other local community groups if they were having any event to celebrate this.

17 Parking disruption for Oakmere Way and double yellow lines Stoneyford Lane

RESOLVED that;

No action will be taken by the Parish Council. The clerk was authorised to no longer reply to the member of the public emails regarding these as repeated emails have been received asking the same information.

18 Data Protection Fee

RESOLVED that;

The amount of £40.00 was approved for the renewal of the data protection fee.

19 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Parish/Town Council Report 2023/24

RESOLVED that;

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Parish/Town Council Report 2023/24 was approved by the Parish Council. The clerk was asked to submit this to Cheshire West and Chester Council and display on the website.

20 Road marker

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Cooper will report that the road marker needs attention to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

21 Overall state of the roads and pavements

Any roads or pavement faults need to be reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention. If no action is taken, then this will be pursued via the Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors.

22 Old documentation relating to Oakmere Parish Council

RESOLVED that;

Any old documentation could be destroyed.

23 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Cooper reported that along with new local MP he will be looking a road improvement particularly for the Abbey Arms and Fishpool Junctions.

24 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor C Topping reported that she had attended a meeting with Forest England with Councillor D Rutter. Residents were asked to sign up to the newsletter and this will guarantee early access to concert tickets. A new car parking system had been introduced in the forest and Forest England now have two mobility scooters available and are looking to set up a new trial at Whitefield's.

Councillor A Bell reported that he had set up a Facebook page for the Parish Council and Councillor F Goodier will undertake the administration of this.

Councillor J Edwards stated that he did download data from the speed sign once a year and the clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting. Councillor J Edwards reported that the bush needs trimming around the speed sign and that he would ask the owners for permission for the Parish Council to cut it back. The clerk was asked to obtain a quote for this.

Councillor S Roberts reported issues with regards to school transport and there were different policies between catchment schools and eligibility for free transport.

Councillor F Goodier reported that she was not happy with the overall state of the villages and asked for this to be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

25 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 14th October 2024 at 7pm.

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

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