

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council

<p>MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 P.M. DELAMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STATION ROAD, DELAMERE</p>
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Present: Councillors J Edwards (Chairman), C George, D Wheeler, A Bell, J Powell, C Rothwell and T Overland. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather.

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

Public Speaking Time

The new PCSO Beat Manager introduced himself to the Parish Council as he would be working alongside PSCO R Reid.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor J Edwards welcomed councillors and the members of the public to the meeting. Councillor M Latham sent his apologies as he was not able to attend due to a knee operation. Councillors D Rutter, R Ackerley and A Gore also sent their apologies.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

None declared.

3 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

The minutes of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th November 2016 be approved as a correct record.

4 Progress Reports

Speeding review request for Stoneyford Lane – Cuddington Parish Council will not contribute 1/3 of the cost. As such Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors H Deynem and J Leather have agreed to fund the final remaining 1/3 contribution towards the cost. The clerk has informed the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to this decision and asked them to commence the review of the speed limit for the area of road in Norley and Delamere and Oakmere.

The clerk has received a letter from Arriva dated 25th November 2016 regarding the route 82 bus service. Arriva have confirmed that there are no plans at present to increase the frequency of the service for commercial reasons.

The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council have provided the Parish Council with the plans for the improvements to the road layout at the Abbey Arms. Their contractor is due to commence the work from February 2017.

With regards to the plaque for a tree at Hogshead Lane, Councillor T Overland will get quotes for this for the next Parish Council meeting.

5 Vacant seat applications following the resignation of Councillor Billows

This seat has been advertised following the resignation of Councillor Y Billows and Cheshire West and Chester Council has been notified however no applications had been received by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

6 Correspondence

The clerk has received a letter dated 1st December 2016 from Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the Council Tax Reduction scheme grant. This will be considered as part of the budget and precept in the Parish Council meeting in January.

The clerk received an email sent on 11th December from Councillor M Latham that he would be resigning from the Parish Council. The clerk will contact Cheshire West and Chester Council and the vacant seat will be advertised accordingly.

7 Planning

The Parish Council considered all the planning applications that had been received up to 12th December 2016.

RESOLVED that;

(a) No objections were to be made to 16/05104/LDC, Erection of conservatory to rear, 2 Old Pale Cottages Stoney Lane Delamere.

(b) No objections were to be made to 16/05388/TPO, Pigwood Farm Fishpool Road Delamere CW8 2HP. Reduction in height of 34 trees including Oak, Spruce, Cypress, Larch, Hawthorn, Birch, and Elder, and the felling of two further trees one Oak and one Rowan.

8 Change of procedure for planning applications.

A projector purchased by Councillor J Edwards was trialled at the meeting.

9 Operation Shield

Following the presentation from the Police at the last Parish Council meeting in November the clerk had sent an email dated 15th November 2016. The clerk asked for the exact cost for funding home kits for each household in the Parish with the signs. The clerk also requested the crime statistics (for the crimes that Operation Shield targets) for the Parish in order to justify that the expenditure was necessary and it would impact on crime rates.

The Police confirmed that the costs were the following.

650 houses at £9.80 would cost £6,370. In addition to this approx. 25 street signs at £11.50 costing £287.50. Total cost = £6,657.50. The crime stats provided stated that there had been twenty-six thefts and burglaries in the Parish over last twelve months.

Several Parish Council members expressed concern over the sum of money involved and there was a general concern over the short term effect of this operation.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council could not fund this for the whole Parish.

The clerk was requested to contact the Police asking if residents could individually purchase kits at the cost of £9.80 via the Parish Council.

10 Finance

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

Bank account balance is £34,056.91 as at 30th November 2016. No unpaid cheques.

Earmarked funds as follows;

£675.00 earmarked funds for the speed limit contribution for Abbey Lane and Station Road as requested by Cheshire West and Chester Council resolved to spend this in November 2015 minutes.

£250.00 for plaque for tree at Hogshead Lane resolved to spend in November 2016 minutes.

£334.00 for contribution for the speed limit contribution for Stoneyford Lane, (subject to plans), resolved to spend in November 2015 minutes.

Total of earmarked funds to date is £1,259.00

New Homes Bonus fund £22,457.02.

November income received was £243.00 advertising income from Delamere and Oakmere news.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Cheque	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
000877	Delamere Community Centre	Room hire	£10.00
000878	Clerk	Salary for December	£322.50
000879	Clerk	Expenses for December	£58.40
000880	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees contribution for December	£110.05
000881	Delamere Community centre	Frith Avenue meeting on 22nd November 2016 room hire charge	£10.00
000882	HMRC	Quarterly payment	£242.00

11 Speed Limit review request for A54 Middlewich Road

A resident has requested a speed limit review for the A54 Middlewich Road. The Principal Engineer at Cheshire West and Chester Council sent an email dated 11th November 2016 to the clerk regarding the speed limit assessment for the A54. There had been a validation meeting with Road Safety and the police to discuss the results of the Speed Limit Assessments for the A54. They have recommended that the speed limit is reduced to 50mph.

The cost of introducing the reduced speed limit between Chester Road and Longstone Lane would be £6800. Both Delamere and Oakmere and Little Budworth Parish Councils cover this area, with 70 percent within Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council and 30 percent within Little Budworth Parish Council. The contributions required by each Parish Council is therefore as follows: - Delamere £2380, Little Budworth £1020.

RESOLVED that;

That at this time the Parish Council would not be able to fund the cost of the speed limit reduction due to the large sum of money required.

12 Additional Parish Council noticeboard

Councillor T Overland will contact the landowner concerned to agree a location for this as such it will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting in January.

13 Land at Frith Avenue

There had been an informal meeting with residents at the Community centre on Tuesday 22nd November 2016 which was attended by four Parish Councillors and seventeen residents. There were various views but at the end of the meeting it was felt that all were in agreement for a community project on this land. A Community Frith Project committee had been set up mainly made up of residents and there will be another meeting in January to decide the next steps.

The Parish Council considered the offer of a 25-year lease for this land from the Forestry Commission.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would approach the Forestry Commission requesting a 25-year lease on the land at Frith Avenue, subject to a legal agreement. The Parish Council would also pay any legal fees incurred by the Forestry Commission for such an agreement up to the value of £2,500.

The clerk was requested to contact the Forestry Commission to submit a formal request for this. The clerk was also asked to submit a request for funds from the Ward Members budget for this and to request funding from Cheshire West and Chester Council for financial support for this scheme.

14 Litter/Dog bin at land at Frith Avenue

At the meeting with Frith Avenue residents a request was made for a dog waste bin at the far side of the field. The clerk had contacted the Forestry Commission who said that they would talk to the local team regarding this but asked if the Parish Council would take on the responsibility of it being emptied. Councillor C George had contacted several contractors however they would be able to undertake this. The clerk had contacted Cheshire West and Chester Council on 6th December 2016 to see if they would empty this on a regular basis, if this was not possible the clerk was instructed to ask Cheshire West and Chester Council in order to recommend a contractor.

15 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that there were consultations ongoing with regards to the following;

- Primary school extensions
- Dementia and falls prevention strategy
- Draft Parking standards policy for new developments
- Lord Mayor consultation which may result in addition precepts for some Parish Councils.
- Parking Strategy consultation, the clerk was asked to put this on the Parish Council's agenda for the next meeting in January.
- Special Expenses consultation relating to PCSOs, Christmas lights and playground maintenance.

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that improvements had been made to the bus service following complaints.

16 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor T Overland informed the Parish Council that he was aware that the Forestry Commission will be undertaking work on the permissive path from Whitegate Way as they will be planting some trees.

Councillor D Wheeler asked when the next meeting with Tarmac would be, the clerk had contacted Tarmac on numerous occasions but had not received any response. Councillor T Overland said he would contact them directly requesting a meeting and a site visit if possible.

Councillor C Rothwell reported that a hard-core surface had been laid at the Forestry Commission gate opposite Friarsgate, Abbey Lane. It was understood that this was required for access.

Councillor A Bell stated that a member of the public may attend the next Parish Council meeting regarding the events held in Delamere Forest. The Chairman of the Parish Council asked if any information or documentation could be sent to the clerk prior to the meeting for circulation.

17 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 16th January 2017 at 7.15pm at Delamere Community Centre.

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

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