

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

<p>MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY, PARISH MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.15P.M. DELAMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STATION ROAD, DELAMERE</p>

Present: Councillors D Rutter, J Edwards, T Overland, C George, C Ball, J Inskip, J Powell, D Wheeler and K MacVicker.

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

Public Speaking Time

Two members of the public addressed the Parish Council about car parking issues and the erosion of the grass verges on Stoneyford Lane in Oakmere. The members of the public were asking the Parish Council to liaise with Cheshire West and Chester Council in order to look for a feasible solution to end the erosion of the grass verges on Stoneyford Lane. The residents were asked to have a meeting in order to discuss possible solutions. The clerk was requested to contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the issue and ask them to attend the next Parish Council meeting. The clerk was also asked to place this on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting in November.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Councillor A Bell sent his apologies as he was away on holiday. Councillor A Gore sent her apology, as she was unable to attend. Councillor R Ackerley was not in attendance.

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 the Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council meeting on Monday 18th September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

4 Progress Reports

The clerk had submitted advertising consent for the Parish Council noticeboard. The cost of this was £55.00 rather than £110.00 as such Cheshire West and Chester Council will cash cheque number 000929 and refund the amount of £55.00. Councillor T Overland supplied photographs of the site and planning permission has now been granted. The noticeboard is due for installation on Monday 23rd October 2017.

The clerk asked for an additional streetlight on Station Road car park. Cheshire West and Chester Council however confirmed in an email dated 29th September 2017 that an additional light could not be installed, as they have no budget for additional lighting.

Councillor A Bell had reported to the clerk prior to the meeting that he was in the process of ordering some resources for local residents to set up a local Homewatch scheme and that he will supply Councillor C George with some information to include in the next edition of the newsletter.

Councillor J Powell, C George and D Wheeler had attended the Crown Farm Liaison meeting with Tarmac. At this meeting residents had raised the issue regarding car parking on Stoneyford Lane. Tarmac were now getting Cheshire Wildlife Trust involved with the site. The litter problem on Stoneyford Lane had also been raised at the Crown Farm liaison meeting and Tarmac will take action to stop littering from Lorries. The sound and dust monitoring will continue.

Councillor J Powell asked regarding the progress of the plaque for the tree at Hogshead Lane. Councillor T Overland will find the quote for the work so that this can be ordered.

5 Correspondence

The clerk had received an email dated 5th October 2017 from a resident regarding the school bus service as Cheshire West and Chester Council only pays for a bus pass if certain criteria is met. Councillor C George has contacted the Ward Councillors regarding this and they have provided a comprehensive reply regarding Cheshire West and Chester Council's school transport policy. The clerk was asked to contact Tarvin Parish Council to see if they had received similar complaints from parents. The clerk also was asked to sent a letter to Tarporely High School.

6 Planning

The Parish Council considered all of the planning applications that had been received up to 16th October 2017.

RESOLVED that;

(a) No objections were made to 17/04165/FUL, Construction of single storey rear extension and construction of detached garage, Stud Cottage Farm Road Oakmere.

7 Appointment of new Parish Councillor

Following co-option at the last Parish Council meeting in 18th September 2017, the clerk will asked the newly appointed Parish Councillor, K MacVicker to complete the necessary forms to become a Parish Councillor.

Councillor K MacVicker signed the declaration of acceptance form and completed the declaration of interest form.

The clerk would update the website accordingly and issue a new list of Parish Councillors for the noticeboards.

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 Chairman.

Bank account balance is £35,819.72 as at 29th September 2017 (The bank balance amount includes the New Homes Bonus fund)

Total of earmarked funds to date is £5,612.77

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 reduction for Stoneyford Lane, (subject to plans), resolved to spend in November 2016 minutes.

£1,458.00 left for cost of the Forestry Commission legal fees for a 25-year lease on the land at Frith Avenue, resolved to spend this in December 2016 minutes. (Amount of £1,032.00 paid in March 2017 towards solicitors fees.)

£880.00 earmarked funds for the speed limit contribution for A54 Middlewich Road resolved to spend this in February 2017 minutes.

£893.08 plus VAT for new noticeboard at Hogshead Lane resolved to spend this in May 2016 minutes.

£1,122.69 for the contribution for the speed limit reduction for Ashton Lane in Delamere, resolved to spend this in July 2017 minutes.

£374.20 unpaid cheques. September income was £144.00 advertising income. Two invoices remain unpaid total value £70.00.

RESOLVED that; the following payments be authorised;

Method of payment	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for October	£325.72
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees contribution for October	£113.31
000934	Delamere Community Centre	Room hire for Frith Avenue project and Parish Council meeting	£20.00
000935	Clerk	Expenses for October	£35.02

9 Outstanding invoices for July's newsletter

The clerk reported that there were two outstanding invoices from the July's newsletter total value of these was £70.00. The clerk had sent out repeated emails and a hardcopy of the invoices has been posted requesting payment.

Councillor C George asked the clerk to send him copies of the emails and upon receipt of these he would investigate the matter.

10 Speeding

Councillor A Bell had reported issues with speeding traffic on Station Road in Delamere and Councillor R Ackerley had reported issues with speeding traffic on Eddisbury Hill in Delamere. The clerk had requested the PCSO to undertake a speed watch campaign on both these areas.

The clerk had received an email dated 12th October 2017 from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding a change of speed limit to the A556, Chester Road and A49 Forest Road. Councillor T Overland asked for the same speed limit to be applied to the whole stretch of this road and for the Highways Department to include the speed limit amendment all the way to Sandiway traffic lights.

The clerk will inform the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council of this request.

Councillor T Overland asked the clerk to contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for an update on the requested speed limit amendments for Stoneyford Lane from Fingerpost Lane, down Cheese Hill Lane and Stoneyford Lane to the A556.

11 Solicitors for land at Frith Avenue representing the Parish Council

The clerk had received a reply from Audlem Parish Council however they were not able to provide any advice or assistance regarding land transfers.

The clerk had obtained four quotes from local solicitors.

RESOLVED that;

Butcher & Barlow LLP be appointed as the Parish Council's solicitors to act on the Parish Council's behalf in obtaining a lease for the land at Frith Avenue from the Forestry Commission.

The clerk will contact the solicitors in order to obtain the necessary forms to appoint them as the solicitors for the Parish Council.

12 Solicitors for land at Frith Avenue representing the Forestry Commission

The clerk was requested to contact the solicitors for the Forestry Commission and to provide them with the Parish Council's solicitor's details.

13 Land at Frith Avenue

Councillor J Inskip reported that the next residents meeting is on 7th November 2017 and this will be attended by a representative from Cheshire Community Action to provide advice on grant applications for the Frith Avenue project.

14 Sandstone Ridge Consultation

There was a meeting for Parish Councils on 12th September 2017 held by The Sandstone Ridge Trust and the notes and PowerPoint presentation were circulated. Councillor C George agreed to draft a letter in support of the Sandstone Ridge Trust.

15 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that there were current consultations from Cheshire West and Chester Council on the following;

- Balancing the budget
- Council Tax discount removal
- Low emission strategy
- Review of Community Governance arrangements

Councillor T Overland asked Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather regarding the proposed introduction of car parking charges in Northwich. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that there was a large opposition group to the introduction of car parking charges in Northwich.

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that the A51/A554 could be receiving a grant from Central Government to help with road improvements which included the Stamford Bridge improvements to aid traffic flow.

16 Councillor’s report and future agenda items

Councillor J Powell asked the Parish Council regarding the planting of bluebells which had been raised in a Parish Council meeting previously. As it was not the correct season for the planting of bluebells the clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for June 2018. Daffodil planting was suggested as an alternative and it was decided to plant daffodils at various locations around the Parish. Councillor T Overland agreed to circulate a catalogue and it was agreed to purchase daffodil bulbs for approx. £100.00.

The clerk was asked to create an ‘outstanding item’ list and for this to be included as an agenda item for each Parish Council meeting in order to keep track of projects, such as the bluebell planning, plaque for Hogshead Lane and the various speed limit amendments which had been agreed by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor J Powell informed the Parish Council that she had inspected Little Wood. The clerk was requested to amend the inspection sheet and allocate a rota for the inspections and then circulate this to all the Parish Councillors.

Councillor J Powell and Councillor C Ball informed the Parish Council that they had received complaints from residents regarding noise on a Saturday evening. Councillor T Overland informed the Parish Council that there had been a wedding at Stoneyford Gardens at the weekend.

Councillor J Inskip informed the Parish Council that Chester Zoo may be able to provide training and plants for the Frith Avenue project.

Councillor K MacVicker informed the Parish Council that Gallowsclough Lane had been particularly muddy following large tractors using the lane recently.

Councillor D Wheeler asked the clerk to chase up a response from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the road marking for the right hand turn into St Peter’s Church in Oakmere.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the Capital Funding working group would need to be reinstated. This had been delayed awaiting the costs of the Frith Avenue project.

Councillor J Inskip reported that the Frodsham Fracking working group had now been reinstated by Frodsham Town Council.

Councillor D Rutter informed the Parish Council that work had commenced on the Marley Tiles site and was ongoing. Councillor D Rutter also informed the Parish Council that the work on the Court House in Oakmere seems to have come to a standstill and there had been no further progress on this site.

17 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 20th November 2017 at 7.15pm at Delamere Community Centre.

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

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