

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

<p>MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY, PARISH MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.15P.M. DELAMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STATION ROAD, DELAMERE</p>
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Present: Councillors J Edwards, A Bell, C Ball, A Gore, K MacVicker, J Powell and C George.

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

Public Speaking Time

A member of the public addressed the Parish Council and asked for an update on the PCSO activity planned at the last Parish Council meeting. The clerk had not received any update and the clerk was asked to contact the new PCSO regarding the progress of the speed watch campaign.

The member of the public stated that the monitoring devices had been installed. The clerk stated that she had received an incorrect invoice from Cheshire West and Chester Council for payment as such a cheque will be presented to the Parish Council at the next meeting in January when a correct invoice has been sent.

The member of the public asked if additional signage could be installed outside Delamere Academy Primary School, requesting traffic to slow down and if possible the speed limit could be reduced during drop off and pick up times on the A556 to Stoney Lane junction. The member of the public stated that there were flashing school hazard signs however, this was not sufficient. The clerk was asked to submit a request to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council and to copy the request to Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather.

The member of the public stated that there was a need for another 40mph sign on Station Road, as drivers coming from the Abbey Arms junction towards Delamere Forest did not see a 40mph sign until the Frith Avenue junction. The clerk was requested to request an additional sign from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor J Edwards welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Councillor T Overland sent his apology, as he was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting as he was on holiday. Councillor D Wheeler and Councillor D Rutter sent their apology, as they could not attend the meeting.

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 Parish Council meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 19th November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

4 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk had received an email dated 23rd November 2018 regarding the request at the last Parish Council meeting for additional signage from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council. The signage request for Stoney Lane/Eddisbury Hill. Enquiry number 4849748. The Highways Department stated having inspected the site and given the low level of usage and characteristics of the site, (narrow, limited space encourages caution & reduced speeds), the Highways Department would not seek to implement additional measures at this location. There are "SLOW" markings already on both Stoney Lane & Eddisbury Hill prior to the junction. There will be many similar rural, low usage/traffic flow sites across the network and we could not justify given limited funding implementing additional measures.

The clerk received an email dated 22nd November 2018 from the owner's representative regarding the permissive path on Station Road. They confirmed that they are planning to meet an ecologist; however, the date/time has yet to be confirmed.

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the contractor regarding the work in Little Wood and he would commence the work after Christmas.

The clerk had received complaints regarding the two dog bins at Eddisbury Borehole, as they have not been emptied by Cheshire West and Chester Council for the last five weeks. The clerk has contacted Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding this matter.

5 Correspondence

The clerk had received correspondence and an invoice from the Forestry Commission's solicitors dated 19th November 2018 however the clerk has queried the amount payable as the Parish Council did pay £1032.00 in advance in March 2017. The solicitors will check the amount payable and let the clerk know of the outcome.

The clerk received an email dated 30th November from Cheshire West and Chester Council in response to the letter from the Parish Council regarding the introduction of car parking charges in Northwich. Cheshire West and Chester Council have confirmed that the consultation period has now elapsed.

Cheshire West and Chester Council have issued a May 2019 election email dated 4th December 2018. They have confirmed that the Parish Council will have to recharge some of the costs associated with the combined elections on May 2019 and briefing sessions are available for Parish Councillors to attend.

6 Planning

The Parish Council considered all of the planning applications that had been received up to 10th December 2018.

RESOLVED that;

(a) No objections were made to 17/04712/FUL, Extension to rear Station Farm Station Road Oakmere.

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 Chairman.

Bank account balance is £32,896.72 as at 30th November 2018.

(The bank balance amount includes the New Homes Bonus fund)

Total of earmarked funds to date is £6192.52. 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.

£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.) (Deducted from the New Homes Bonus fund).

£880.00 earmarked funds for the speed limit contribution for A54 Middlewich Road resolved to spend this in February 2017 minutes. (Deducted from the New Homes Bonus fund).

£1,122.69 for the contribution for the speed limit reduction for Ashton Lane in Delamere, resolved to spend this in July 2017 minutes. (deduced from the New Homes Bonus fund).

£872.83 for Parish Council solicitors fees (Butcher & Barlow) appointed 16th October 2017. (deduced from the New Homes Bonus fund).

£350.00 for replacement grass verger posts on Stoneyford Lane resolved to spend this in October 2018 minutes.

£500.00 for traffic monitoring cables on Station Road and Abbey Lane resolved to spend this in November 2018 minutes.

New Homes Bonus fund (which is included in the bank balance) is £14509.80

£35.00 unpaid cheques. November income was £169.59. (£14.59 Scottish Power and £155.00 advertising income)

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Method of payment	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for December	£344.19
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees contribution for Dec	£122.06
001002	Delamere Community centre	Room hire for Parish Council meeting	£10.00
001003	Clerk	Expenses for Dec	£37.05
001004	HMRC	Quarterly Payment	£258.20
001005	Clerk	20p salary adjustment	0.20p

8 Grass Verger posts on Stoneyford Lane

Councillor J Powell reported that a further two posts had been vandalised on 24th November 2018. The clerk has reported this to Cheshire Police and the incident number is 252264.

The clerk has contacted the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding replacing the posts. They have confirmed in an email dated 7th December 2018 that any replacement would have to be bre-passive safe and therefore would still be subject to vandalism.

The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council asking for a cost to remove all the posts including the damaged posts and for this to be put on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting in January.

Councillor J Powell stated it would be good to work with Tarmac and the Mid-Cheshire Bridleway Association in order to provide a solution that was acceptable to residents. Councillor J Powell and Councillor C Bell will contact residents to consult on a future solution to the car parking issue on Stoneyford Lane.

9 Radar Speed sign

The clerk received an email dated 21st November 2018 from an officer from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding an interactive sign. They confirmed that the Parish Council would have to cover the cost for any new apparatus and a fee to guarantee any future maintenance and the cost of this would be approx. £8,000 to £9,000. Given the cost, they advised to examine the outcome of the traffic surveys before making any further decision. Cheshire West and Chester Council does have significant reservations on this proposal. They stated that the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester are aware of the regular speed related activity on Station Road and that given the nature of Station Road, Cheshire West and Chester Council are sceptical of how effective any such measure would be particularly in the long term.

The clerk received a further email dated 25th November 2018 the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council stated that providing the sign is on private land and has planning permission they would have no issues. If the Parish Council wanted to install a radar, speed sign they would require further details of what was intended.

The clerk received an email dated 30th November 2018 from the site manager of the Marley Tiles site who have offered to provide a speed indicator device for the Parish Council's use for the duration of the housing site works. The Parish Council would have to seek approval from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for this and the Parish Council would have to insure it and maintain it. The device will need re-siting and the battery would require recharging at regular intervals.

The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council have stated in an email dated 3rd December 2019 that they would require a location plan illustrating where the Parish Council would put the sign and the Parish Council would need to arrange for a post to be installed for the sign. The Highways Department, subject to the location and advertisement would need to advertise it on an 115E notice. Also the contractor implementing the post/sign assembly working on the adopted highway the Parish Council would need to submit a Section 50 to be enable the works to undertaken safely and the Parish Council would be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Councillor J Edwards stated that he had researched the matter and could recommend a radar speed sign. The details of which will be circulated. This device was solar powered and could be mounted onto any post.

The clerk was requested to send the details of this sign to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council asking if this could be installed as a permanent fixture on Station Road.

The clerk was also requested to send the details of this sign to site manager of the Marley Tiles site asking if they would fund this on a 50/50 split with the Parish Council to have this permanently on Station Road, not just for the duration of the works.

10 Logs at the entrance of Bowyers Waste

The clerk had contacted Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding replacing the logs. A Street scene and Environmental Officer at Cheshire West and Chester Council that had visited the site confirmed in an email dated 21st November 2018 that they have been looking at options and prices for securing the site.

11 Dangerous Junction signage

The clerk received an email dated 25th November 2018 stating that the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council would not approve the implementation of additional signage at the Fishpool and Abbey Arms junction as they are satisfied that the existing measures in place are adequate. They stated that given the recent inspection they wanted the opportunity to assess the effect of previous alterations prior to implementing any further measures. The Department of Transport states to reduce signage where possible on the highways and as such, additional sign is not appropriate at present.

The signage request for Abbey Lane/A556 Chester Road. (Enquiry number 4849747). The Highways Department stated that they would not been seeking to add any further measures as there has a considerable amount of work and investment at this junction in the recent years including the implementation of a local safety scheme (which added signage and altered the positions of the give-way) and the reduction of the speed limit on the A556 (60mph to 50mph.) and these will reduce collision figures.

The signage request for A54 Middlewich Road/Abbey Lane. (Enquiry number 4849746). The Highways Department stated they have examined the site and visibility (left and right) from Abbey Lane and there were no issues identified that would affect manoeuvres on to the A54. The Highways Department stated providing took care; caution and attention there are no reasons why road users cannot join the A54 from Abbey Lane safety.

12 Oakmere Ward Vacant Seat following the resignation of Councillor Inskip

The vacant seat had been advertised in the Parish Council newsletter however, no applications had been received.

13 Delamere Ward Vacant Seat following the resignation of Councillor Smith

The vacant seat had been advertised in the Parish Council newsletter and one application had been received however, the resident concerned was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting but they can come to the Parish Council meeting in January.

14 Additional Training sessions for Defibrillator

Councillor A Bell asked if any additional training sessions could be arranged for the defibrillator.

The clerk was asked to contact NW Ambulance to see if they could provide a training course for residents.

15 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that there was a current consultation with regards to polling districts and polling stations in advance of the next Parish Council meeting.

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather stated that he had attended a meeting at Tarporley High School with the head teacher, residents and officers from Cheshire West and Chester Council. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather confirmed that he had spoken along with Councillor C George at the meeting at Cheshire West and Chester Council and a working group had been established in order to look into this matter and find a solution.

16 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor A Gore stated that there was a significant amount of mud on the road and pavement on Eddisbury Hill going down to Station Road due to the new house being built at Santon. The clerk was asked to contact the contractors regarding this matter.

Councillor A Gore stated that the grit bin on the corner of Eddisbury Hill still had not been repaired. The clerk had reported it some time ago to Cheshire West and Cheshire Council for their attention. The clerk was asked to chase this up accordingly. This was submitted in June 2018 under enquiry number 4836274.

17 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.15pm at Delamere Community Centre.

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

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