

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

<p>MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY, PARISH MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2019 AT 7.15P.M. DELAMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STATION ROAD, DELAMERE</p>

Present: Councillors J Edwards, D Rutter, A Bell, C Ball, K MacVicker, T Overland, D Wheeler, C George, A Gore and A Walsh.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks, Cheshire 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 with regards to the building work at the Court House on Chester Road. The member of the public was concerned that the building work was not being undertaken in accordance with the agreed planning permission and alterations have been undertaken which alter the building. The Parish Council agreed to contact Planning Enforcement with regards to this matter and copy Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather into any correspondence.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

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

Councillor J Powell sent her apology as she could not attend the meeting as she was on a working holiday.

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 11th February 2019 be approved as a correct record.

4 Feedback from Public meeting regarding Stoneyford Lane issues

A public meeting to discuss the issues regarding Stoneyford Lane had been arranged for Tuesday 5th March 2019.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Parish Council, Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather, representatives from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Tarmac and Cheshire Police and residents of Stoneyford Lane.

Councillor J Edwards reported that it was a positive meeting however residents had different views on any solution to the car parking issue and therefore there was no clear solution that would be acceptable to all parties.

Summary of actions for the Parish Council to consider was the following;

To raise the possibility of double yellow lines to make it illegal to park on Stoneyford Lane.

To form a common view of the way forward with 'Parking problems created by the Oakmere Way (For example double yellow lines, robust posts, CCTV and signage.

To look at improving the signage when lorries were approaching from the north.

To contact the Forestry Commission with regards to fencing along the Oakmere Way.

Each of the above was discussed in depth by the Parish Council along with other options including raising the grass verge and the installation of a lay-by.

RESOLVED that;

(a) The installation of double yellow lines could not be considered as it would not be enforced by the police.

(b) The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council had already confirmed that more robust posts could not be installed.

(c) CCTV would be too expensive and no enforceable action could be taken.

(d) Any additional signage would not be enforceable.

(e) Additional signage for lorries would not have an effect as it was not near Stoneyford Lane.

(f) The clerk was asked to contact the Forestry Commission regarding fencing along the Oakmere Way.

Councillor J Edwards would draft a letter to be sent to residents notifying them of these decisions.

5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk confirmed that Cheshire West and Chester Council have installed the wooden Knee-rail at Bowyers Waste. Councillor J Edwards informed the Parish Council that this had been vandalised and this had been reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention.

The Business Development Manager of the The Hollies emailed the clerk on 14th March stating that they cannot make any plans for a permissive path at this time. The clerk was asked to contact them again in June to review.

The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council have looked at the dangerous tree on the A556 and they have stated that in their view it is not dangerous and that it has been in this condition for some time. They would however contact the landowner asking for it to be cut down.

The Forestry Commission confirmed in an email dated 18th March 2019 that they have no current plans to re-open the Hatchmere car park.

6 Correspondence

The clerk had received a letter dated 25th February 2019 from an anonymous resident regarding concerns about the building work at the Old Courthouse on Chester Road in Oakmere. The clerk had sent a copy of this letter to the Planning Enforcement Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention.

The clerk received an email dated 15th March 2019 regarding the next Crown Farm Quarry meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2019. The tour commences at 1pm with a meeting at 2pm. The clerk was requested to book Councillor D Wheeler and Councillor J Edwards transport for the tour of the site.

The PSCO has stated that the next PCSO surgery is at Delamere Community centre on Station Road on Sunday 21st April between 1700 and 1800 hours. The PCSO has confirmed that she had attended the school and spoke to two parents regarding their parking and that she is waiting for posters to be printed to be handed out at the school.

The clerk had received an acknowledgment and thank you for the donations from NW Ambulance, Delamere Community centre, Tarporley War Memorial Hospital, Oakmere Cricket Club and St Peters Church. The clerk read out the letter of thanks from St Peters Church as requested by Rev Ollman.

7 Planning

The Parish Council considered all of the planning applications that had been received up to 18th March 2019.

RESOLVED that;

(a) No objections were made to 18/03213/FUL, Demolition of existing garage/storeroom and erection of one dwelling, Highview Yeld Lane Delamere.

(b) No objections were made to 19/00426/FUL, Single storey side extension, Lark Rise Chester Road Oakmere.

(c) No objections were made to 19/00723/FUL, Seasonal change of use of land from agriculture to siting of marquees/tepees to provide events venue, Cherry Orchard Farm Abbey Lane Oakmere.

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 £28596.05 as at 28th February 2019.

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

Total of earmarked funds to date is £1206.83. Earmarked funds as follows;
£334.00 for contribution for the speed limit reduction for Stoneyford Lane, (subject to plans), resolved to spend in November 2016 minutes.

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

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

No unpaid cheques. February income was £44.00 advertising income.

RESOLVED that; the following payments be authorised;

Method of	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for March	£353.15
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees contribution for March	£125.22
001022	Delamere Community centre	Room hire for Parish Council meeting	£10.00
001023	Clerk	Expenses for March	£31.26
001024	Delamere Community centre	Room hire for Stoneyford Lane meeting on 5 th March	£10.00
001025	Cheshire Community Action	Annual Payroll charge	£168.00
001026	HMRC	Quarterly payment	£262.80
001027	Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP	Final payment for Forestry Commission lease fees	£1203.00
001028	Clive George	Payment for printing of Delamere and Oakmere Newsletter	£334.70
001029	Cheshire West and Chester Council	£675.00 funds for the speed limit contribution for Abbey Lane and Station Road/ £880.00 for the speed limit contribution for A54 Middlewich Road/ £1,122.69 for the contribution for the speed limit reduction for Ashton Lane in Delamere,/ £350.00 for replacement grass verges posts on Stoneyford Lane	£3027.69

9 Appointment of internal auditor

RESOLVED that;

Mr M Garnett, who has effectively undertaken the internal audit previously, be appointed to undertake the Annual Internal Audit for Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council for 2018/2019 in accordance with the requirements of the Annual Return.

10 Elections

Nomination packs were handed out at the Parish Council meeting. Councillors were made aware that the Parish is divided into two wards each with six seats. The clerk confirmed that the uncontested charge per ward is £181.00, so total charge as there are two wards is £362.00. The Contested election charge will be £531.25 plus £524.45. Total charge would therefore be £1055.70.

The clerk confirmed that she had made an appointment in Chester to hand the forms in on Friday 22nd March 2019.

11 Increasing signage size on Station Road Delamere

Councillor J Edwards had met a representative from the Highways Department on 22nd February 2018 to review the signage on Station Road in Delamere.

Councillor J Edwards confirmed that the Parish Council could put up additional signage however this would mean erecting twelve extra signs.

Alternatively the Parish Council could fund to get the repeater signs increased from 300mm to 450mm diameter.

The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council stated that it was out of their regulations to put up a yellow surrounded sign stating, 'Please drive slowly through our village'.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would not explore any of the above due to the costs involved and there were concerns that these would not be effective.

12 Speed Assessment for Station Road Delamere

The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council stated that it was highly unlikely that the speed limit for Station Road could be reduced any further as there were only houses on one side and the pavement was quite wide. The clerk noted that any speed assessment would have to be funded by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would not take any action on this matter.

13 Chevron/pavement improvement for Station Road Delamere

The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council stated that the Parish Council could get a quote for dotted line chevrons down the centre of Station Road. There were concerns that this would narrow the road and make cars and lorries drive nearer the pavement.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would not take any action on this matter.

The clerk was requested to contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council asking for the pavements on both sides of Station Road to be improved and widened especially as the hedge on one side was now overgrown. The clerk has reported this to Cheshire West and Chester Council under 4861209.

14 Road works on the A556

Councillor J Edwards had received a complaint regarding road works on the A556. Councillor A Walsh confirmed that she had dealt with the contractor and they were very helpful during the period of the roadworks.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would not take any action on this matter.

Councillor J Edwards confirmed that he would contact the resident who had raised the complaint.

15 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather stated that there was no formal meeting of the Council until after the elections. The Council Tax had now been set and the bills were being sent to residents.

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that there had been a meeting of the School Transport group and the matter was being looked into and policy options were being considered by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

16 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor A Bell reported that new noticeboards had been installed on Delamere Station.

Councillor A Walsh asked if the clerk had send a letter to the Head teacher of Delamere Academy school. The clerk confirmed that the letter had been emailed on 26th February 2019 and this had been followed up by the clerk as no response had been received. Councillor A Walsh was concerned due to the lack of response by the Head teacher especially as the PCSO had attended the school recently. The clerk was requested to contact the school and request that the Head teacher attend the next Parish Council meeting and to copy the PCSO and Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather into any correspondence.

Councillor A Walsh confirmed that she had contacted the PCSO and she was trying to promote the PCSO surgeries at Delamere Community centre.

Councillor A Walsh asked for an update with regards to the Frith Avenue project. The clerk confirmed that the lease has not yet been finalised however a cheque for payment of the solicitors fees had now been signed. Councillor J Edwards confirmed that he will obtain all the research to date from a resident regarding the project.

Councillor A Gore stated that she had received complaints regarding the depth of the pot holes on Eddisbury Hill. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather stated that he will report the pot holes on Eddisbury Hill. Residents are encouraged to report any pot holes directly to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention.

The clerk was asked to put the rota for the Little Wood inspection onto the Parish Council agenda for May to review after the election.

Councillor D Wheeler stated that he had received complaints regarding cars parking on the caravan site for access to Delamere Forest in order to avoid the car parking charges from the Forestry Commission.

17 Date and time of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting and the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 15th April 2019 at 7.15pm at Delamere Community Centre.

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