

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7PM

Present: Councillors A Bell, C Ball, A Walsh, A Bell, J Edwards, J Taylor, A Gore and S Ralph.

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

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor A Bell welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillors D Wheeler, D Rutter and R Gilbert-Bratt sent their apologies for the meeting.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

None declared.

3 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to address the Parish Council.

4 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 13th July 2020 be approved as a correct record.

5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

None.

6 Correspondence

The clerk had received a complaint dated 14th September 2020 from a resident regarding the condition of Little Wood. The necessary repairs had been reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council under SS249573849.

7 Planning

The Parish Council considered all of the planning applications that had been received up to 14th September 2020.

RESOLVED that;

- (a) No objections for 20/02305/FUL, Demolition of existing buildings, car park and yard and erection of two dwellings and one detached garage with associated access, materials and landscaping, Easy Life GM Ltd Chester Road Oakmere.
- (b) No comments were submitted with regards to 20/02342/FUL, Detached garage and garden store (Re-submission of 20/01149/FUL), Fishpool Farm Fishpool Road Delamere.
- (c) No objections for 20/02693/FUL, Two storey side extension and conversion into 6 apartments, Sandy Brow Stables Tarporley Road Delamere.
- (d) No objections for 20/02549/S73, Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission 18/00077/FUL, Sandy Brow Stables Tarporley Road Delamere.

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 £27,594.29 as at 31st August 2020.

Unpaid cheque is £276.80. Total Income for July and August 2020 is £511.00 advertising income. The clerk reported that all advertising income for the July newsletter has been paid in full.

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

Earmarked funds as follows;

£3160.00 for speed sign on Station Road agreed at December 2019 meeting.

£2,000 for Frith Avenue project, resolved to spend in November minutes.

New Homes Bonus fund (which is included in the bank balance) is £12,747.59.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Method of payment	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for August	£369.39
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees contribution for August	£137.26
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for September	£369.19
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001086	Clerk	Expenses for August	£33.80
001087	Clerk	Expenses for Sept	£57.98
001088	Clive George	Newsletter printing costs	£548.26
001089	Cheshire Community Action	Annual Membership Subscription	£20.00
001090	Information Commissioner's Office	Data Protection annual fee	£40.00
001091	HMRC	Quarterly Payment	£277.00

9 Interactive speed sign on Station Road

The contractor appointed for the installation of the speed sign on Station Road have now stated that they can still supply the sign and the equipment for the same price but the installation costs have increased and as such the total cost is now £3,810.00.

Concern was expressed regarding the escalation of the costs and funding this project.

RESOLVED that;

The additional cost would be paid subject to a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Members budget.

The clerk was asked to contact the supplier for a final quotation and for reassurance that the cost would not be increased at a future date.

The clerk would submit a grant form to obtain £1,000 from Ward Members budget.

10 Grit bins

The clerk had circulated the Parish Council minutes from April 2020 regarding the current situation with regards to the installation of grit bins.

RESOLVED that;

Councillor A Gore and A Bell will undertake some public consultation on this matter and the clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding advertising via the 115E Advertising process in the following locations.

- A grit bin on land near the Parish Council notice board on the left as you turn right coming from the direction of Chester off the A556, into Mere crescent.
- One is the corner of Station Road and Frith Avenue.
- Corner of Mere Crescent.

11 Goods Vehicle Operating Licence for Depot 556 Chester Road Oakmere

A licence had been applied for the depot near the Court House development in Oakmere. The operator had been granted a temporary licence and the Parish Council had received complaints from residents regarding this. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather confirmed that he had been involved with the residents complaints. Due to the type of application only certain types of parties could object and the Parish Council was not able to make an objection. It was understood that the Head of the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council will object on access/safety issues. The Planning Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council are also looking into this issue. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather needed more history on this site as such local residents will be contacted regarding this matter. The clerk was requested to circulate a copy of the Oakmere Planning Framework document to see if there was any information relating to the its use.

12 Virtual meetings subscription

RESOLVED that;

The free zoom sessions will continue for meetings at this present time. The clerk will set up two free zoom sessions to allow for extra time if required for each meeting.

13 NATTRAN/NW/S247/4117 –The proposed stopping up for Footpath FP4 Delamere Forest.

The clerk received an email from Concept Town Planning Ltd dated 20th August 2020 relating to their application for the proposed stopping up of footpath FP4.

RESOLVED that;

Councillor J Edwards will draft a response to be sent to the Dept of Transport from the Parish Council.

14 Woodland Trust trees

The clerk confirmed that the Woodland Trust trees ordered would be delivered in November 2020. Councillor R Rutter had offered to assist, and Councillor J Edwards will co-ordinate the planting.

15 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that there were consultation regarding adult social care and supporting carers from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that he had contacted the Highways Department regarding the request from Councillor A Gore for repairs on Eddisbury Hill. The Highways Department had looked into the matter and had stated that there were no funds available for additional repairs at this time. Councillor A Gore will contact the Highways Department directly regarding this as the route was well used and was a safety hazard.

16 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor A Bell reported that he had been in contact with the site developers at Earlsbrook/Marley Tiles Housing development and they were hoping to finish the roundabout in the next three weeks. They had however confirmed that they were awaiting consent from Network Rail before any bridge alterations could commence.

Councillor A Bell reported that the missing dog had been found in Hartford and had now been returned to its owner.

17 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 19th October 2020 at 7pm.

Part 2; contains confidential information and only Councillors and reporting officers can be present.

18. National Pay Award 2020/2021

The clerk had received notification dated 26th August 2020 from the National Association of Local Councils regarding the nationally agreed pay award for 2020/2021.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council confirms the National Pay Award for 2020/2021 and this was backdated from 1st April 2020.

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

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