

Delamere & Oakmere Informal Meeting

MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2021 AT 7PM

Present: Councillor A Bell, J Edwards, R Gilbert-Bratt, A Gore, Councillor F Goodier and Councillor S Addiscott.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks and two members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Councillor A Bell welcomed everyone to the informal meeting. Councillor D Wheeler, Councillor A Walsh and Councillor D Rutter sent their apologies for the meeting.

Councillor R Gilbert-Bratt gave her apology for not attending the last Parish Council meeting.

2. Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

Councillor F Goodier declared an interest in relation to the planning application for 21/00953/FUL, Single storey rear/side extension, alteration to windows, 8 Frith Avenue Delamere as this was her home address.

Councillor A Bell declared an interest in relation to item 12 as he was a member of the Royal British Legion.

3. Public Speaking Time

Two members of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to the ongoing car parking issue on Stoneyford Lane and requested support from the Parish Council regarding the issue as they had safety concerns. They requested that the Parish Council obtained a quote for the installation of lines on Stoneyford Lane in Oakmere from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council. The members of the public stated the situation was made worse by the increase in the car parking charges by the Forestry Commission.

4. Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

Recommended that;

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Thursday 6th May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

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The minutes of the Annual meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Thursday 6th May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

5. Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted BT and Connecting Cheshire regarding broadband speeds in the area. They both confirmed that announcements on additional fibre broadband can be found at the following site: <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fibre-first>

The clerk confirmed that she had emailed Lane End Developments several times with regards to the request for funding, tidying up the roundabout and the 20mph speed limit for the development. Councillor F Goodier provided some additional contacts, and the clerk will chase up a response.

6. Correspondence

The clerk received a resignation letter dated 16th May from Councillor S Ralph stating that she was resigning from the Parish Council. The clerk has notified the Elections Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council of this vacancy. There are now three vacant seats on the Oakmere Ward. The clerk was asked to contact the editor of the newsletter so the vacant seats could be advertised in the next edition.

7. Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to 14th June 2021 were considered.

Recommended that;

- (a) No objections were made to 21/01711/FUL, Temporary key workers dwelling in association with the calf rearing operations, Primrose View Chester Road Delamere.
- (b) No comment to be made to 21/02013/FUL, Change of Use of land to a Gypsy and Traveller pitch including replacement building to be used as a dwelling and retrospective application for gateway entrance and engineering works of concrete slab for touring caravan. Land Off Norley Lane Crowton.
- (c) 21/02059/FUL, Machinery and implements store, The Old Pale Stoney Lane Delamere. The clerk was asked to query the D2 use of this site.
- (d) No objections were made to 21/00953/FUL, Single storey rear/side extension, alteration to windows, 8 Frith Avenue 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 £26,157.21 as at 31st May 2021.

No unpaid cheques Income is £55.00 Poppy donations.

Earmarked funds as follows; £2,000 for Frith Avenue project, resolved to spend in November 2019 minutes. £1,500 for speed limit reduction for Chester Road Delamere, resolved to spend in March 2021 minutes.

Recommended that;

the following payments be authorised;

Method of payment	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for June	£386.96
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees' contribution for June	£143.86
001127	Clerk	Expenses for June	£32.30
001128	The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Payment for Poppies	£155.00
001129	Clerk	Batteries for Defib	£23.49
001130	HMRC	Quarterly payment	£290.20

9. Go Ape

The clerk had received an email dated 10th May 2021 from Go Ape regarding the Bridleway.

Recommended that;

The clerk should submit a complaint to the Planning Enforcement Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding this matter.

10. Stoneyford Lane Car Parking issues

The members of the public will provide a map of the proposed installation of lines to the clerk. Upon receipt the clerk was requested to ask the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for a quote for the installation of yellow lines and for a white line down the centre of the road.

The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department once the quotes had been received to request an onsite face to face meeting to discuss with residents and representatives from the Parish Council.

The clerk will also ask for the PCSO to routinely visit in order to highlight this as an area of concern.

11. Pale Heights Information Boards

The clerk confirmed that United Utilities had cleared the site but had not responded to the request for funding. The clerk was asked to contact the member of public asking for him to obtain two more quotes for the signs. The clerk was asked to look into possible funding from English Heritage.

12. Poppy Donation for Royal British Legion

The clerk confirmed that she had ordered 31 Poppies, 20 from the Parish Council at the cost of £5.00 each and then 11 from members of the public at £5.00 each. Total Cost £155.00

The Community Fundraiser when she confirmed the order stated that the min donation was £3.00 per poppy which comes to £93.00.

Recommended that;

The Parish Council would donate the previously agreed £155.00.

The 31 Poppies were purchased at the cost of £5.00 each. 20 were purchased by the Parish Council and 11 were purchased from members of the public (payment has been received for these) as such the total cost of the poppies is £155.00.

The clerk was asked to send a thank you letter to the residents who had installed the poppies on the lamp posts.

13. Delamere Forest and Forestry England - Forest Live Licence Application

The clerk has received an invite from Forestry England on 1st June inviting two representatives from the Parish Council to attend a celebration of the new Delamere Forest centre on 29th June 2021. Councillor D Rutter and Councillor J Edwards will attend and represent the Parish Council.

The clerk has received an email dated 1st June 2021 from the Event Manager at Forestry England regarding the Forest Live Licence application requesting that the Parish Council withdraw its objections.

Recommended that;

The clerk was asked to withdraw the Parish Council's objections following the amendments to the licence application.

14. Little Wood/Bowyers Waste

The clerk had contacted Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding this matter but had received no response. The clerk was requested to contact the Ward Councillors to see if they could assist with this matter.

Concern was raised regarding safety in Little Wood and the clerk was asked to contact the Greenspace Team to arrange a site meeting to discuss safety concerns.

15. Defibrillator Batteries at the Community Centre

The clerk had been informed by Tarporley and Tattenhall Responders on behalf of North West Ambulance that the batteries for the defibrillator at Delamere Community centre needed to be replaced. Following confirmation by email from the Chair and Vice-Chair the clerk had purchased ten replacement batteries at the cost of £23.49.

Recommended that;

The clerk is repaid £23.49 for the cost of the replacement batteries for the defibrillator at Delamere Community Centre.

16 Unadopted road at Bowyers Waste

A member of the public had contacted the Parish Council with regards to his proposal to resurfacing the unadopted road at Bowyers Waste. There were no objections from any Parish Councillor and the clerk had informed the member of the public to let residents know of the proposal beforehand.

17 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

No Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors were present. Councillor A Bell reported that Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather was now deputy mayor, and the clerk was asked to contact him with the Parish Council's congratulations.

18 Councillor's report and future agenda items

The format of meetings was discussed, and it was agreed to hold the July's meeting as an informal meeting via zoom and then look to recommence face to face meetings from September.

Councillor A Gore asked if the clerk could look into obtaining quotes for the metal Oakmere sign on Abbey Lane in Oakmere as it was damaged.

Councillor A Gore asked if the clerk could request Delamere village signage from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council. The clerk has submitted a request to Cheshire West and Chester Council via their online reporting system under HW342378430.

Councillor A Gore complained regarding the state of road signs. The clerk asked for specific locations and issues and then she will report each individually to Cheshire West and Chester Council. Councillor A Gore will email the clerk with a list.

Councillor S Addiscott reported that she was having a meeting with the editor of the newsletter this week regarding the new edition due in July.

19 Date and time of next meeting

The next informal meeting is Monday 12th July 2021 at 7pm to be held virtually. To look at recommencing face to face meeting in September.

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

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