

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7PM

Present: Councillors J Edwards, F Goodier, R Gilbert-Bratt, A Gore, Councillor D Rutter and Councillor D Wheeler.

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

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Councillor D Rutter welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Councillor A Bell sent his apology for the meeting. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather sent his apology for the meeting.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3 Public Speaking Time

Two members of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to the proposed installation of double yellow lines. One member of the public wished for this to go ahead, and the other member of the public asked the Parish Council to look at alternatives such as a car park.

4 Co-option of Parish Councillor for vacant Oakmere seats

The clerk had contacted the interested resident and had invited them to the September and the October Parish Council meeting however no one had attended.

There were now four vacant seats on the Oakmere Ward of the Parish Council. The seats will be advertised in the next edition of the newsletter and Councillor J Edwards will post an advert on the local facebook pages.

5 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 20th September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

6 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk had reported the information board at Bowyers Waste to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention.

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted Lane End regarding the roundabout, and this has been passed to the site team. The Marketing and Community Executive is looking into the competition/sculpture request.

The clerk has asked if the Highways Department had completed the list of signs that needed attention. The clerk did not know if these had been done or not and as such will re-circulate a list.

Councillor D Rutter confirmed that he has contacted the owner of the field with the Oakmere sign in and it will be removed. The clerk confirmed that she had removed both Oakmere signs off the asset register and insurance cover for the Parish Council.

7 Correspondence

The clerk had circulated an email sent on 18th October 2021 from a resident regarding planters as the Parish Council had decided on this matter at the Parish Council meeting in September the clerk had replied and send copies of the emails for the attention of the Parish Councillors.

8 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to 18th October 2021 were considered.

RESOLVED that;

- (a) No objections were made to 21/03372/LDC, Occupation of the subject property in noncompliance for a continuous period over 10 years. New House Farm Farm Road Oakmere.
- (b) No objections were made to 21/03680/S73, Application to link and extend the extant planning permission consents at Delamere Quarry (Ref 4/31844) and Crown Farm Quarry (Ref 4/APP/2002/1514) to work sand and gravel reserves in a phased manner - Variation of condition 17 of planning permission 20/01012/S73 to allow importation of limestone fines for blending with sand for construction market, Crown Farm Quarry Stoneyford Lane Oakmere.
- (c) No objections were made to 21/03590/FUL, Extension to existing stables to create double garage, Lark Rise Chester Road Oakmere.:
- (d) 21/03131/FUL, change of use from office to car and motorcycle sales / office, Alcam Services Ltd Chester Road Oakmere. The Parish Council are concerned regarding access and the increase in traffic on the A556, especially with regards to visibility when entering and exiting the site.

- (e) No objections were made to 21/03404/FUL, Replacement workshop building, Alcam Services Limited Chester Road Oakmere. The Parish Council noted that the plans had a trailer park marked out please note no planning permission has been granted for this.
- (f) No objections were made to 21/03923/LDC, Siting of two static caravans and the use of the land for outdoor recreational use, Land Off Station Road Oakmere.

9 Finance

The clerk reported that the current bank balances were as follows and bank statements showing these amounts were presented and signed by the Chair.

Bank account balance is £24,707.97 as at 30th September 2021.

£40 unpaid cheques, September 2021 income is £103.00 advertising income.

Earmarked funds as follows;

£2,500 for Frith Avenue project, Parish Council resolved to spend £2,000 in November 2019 minutes and £500.00 received from Lane End in September 2021 minutes.

£1,500 for speed limit reduction for Chester Road Delamere, resolved to spend in March 2021 minutes.

£1,500 received from Tarmac for installation of yellow lines in September 2021 minutes.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Method of payment	Payee	Particulars of payment	Amount
Standing Order 21 st	Clerk	Salary for October	£386.96
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees' contribution for October	£143.86
001140	Reece Safety Products Ltd	Three grit bins	£291.00
001141	Destroyed		
001142	Clerk	Expenses for Oct	£33.54

10 Review of budget and reconciliation of bank accounts.

The clerk had undertaken a full banking reconciliation as at 30th September 2021.

RESOLVED that;

The banking reconciliation as at 30th September 2021 be accepted.

<u>Bank Reconciliation as at 30/09/2021</u>	
Balance b/f	£25,979.71
Plus Receipts	£103.00
Less Payments	-£1,374.74
Balance c/f	£24,707.97
Natwest	£24,707.97
Unpresented cheques	-£40.00
True balance 30.09.21	£24,667.97

Income received up to 30/09/2020 was as follows;

Receipts	Budget 2021/2022	Actual to 30.09.21	Budget Balance
Precept	10010.00	10010.00	0.00
Advertising Income	1000.00	394.00	606.00
Other	14.00	2055.00	-2041.00
Community Infrastructure levy payment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottish Power	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net	0.00	12459.00	-12459.00
VAT reclaimed	0.00	1068.18	-1068.18
Total Receipts	11024.00	13527.18	-2503.18

Payments received up to 30/09/2020 was as follows;

Payments	Budget 2021/2022	Actual to 30.09.21	Budget Balance
Clerk's salary inc HMRC and Pension	7600.00	3765.72	3834.28
Clerk expenses	600.00	212.98	387.02
Room Hire	110.00	40.00	70.00
Printing of Newsletter	1500.00	328.85	1171.15
Cheshire Assoc of Local Councils subs	450.00	0.00	450.00
Footpath Society subs	8.00	0.00	8.00
Insurance	450.00	406.76	43.24
Frith Avenue Maintenance	1500.00	0.00	1500.00
Training	250.00	0.00	250.00
Website & email	100.00	75.00	25.00
Contingencies	500.00	468.82	31.18
Payroll Services	170.00	114.00	56.00
Community Engagement	100.00	0.00	100.00
CWAC dog bin charge	400.00	364.00	36.00
Donations	1514.00	0.00	1514.00
Data Protection fee	40.00	0.00	40.00
Cheshire Community Action subs	20.00	20.00	0.00
Election costs		0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Payments	15312.00	5796.13	9515.87
VAT		207.50	
Total Payments (excluding ear marked reserves)		6003.63	

The clerk was asked to circulate a breakdown of the £486.82 expenditure in the Contingency budget for the attention of the Parish Councillors.

The clerk had reviewed the budget for 2021/2022, in light of payments throughout the year.

RESOLVED that;

The income and payments were accepted by the Parish Council and the reviewed budget was noted by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that;

The earmarked reserves were as follows;

Ear-Marked Reserves	
Local Infrastructure (ER)	0.00
Future Elections (ER)	0.00
Contingencies (ER)	398.83
Frith Avenue project (ER)	2500.00
New Homes Bonus Fund (ER)	13285.59
Stoneyford Lane yellow lines (ER)	1500.00
Community Infrastructure Levy (ER)	0.00
Unpresented cheques at end year (ER)	0.00
Speed limit reduction Chester Rd (ER)	1500.00
Total	19184.42

The above reserves includes the £500 contribution from Lane End on 27th August 2021 and the £1,500 contribution from Tarmac received on 27th August 2021.

11 Field at Frith Avenue

Councillor D Rutter will contact Cheshire Wildlife Trust regarding a proposal for a path for the field at Frith Avenue and the clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

12 Bulbs for planting

The clerk had circulated the costs for the purchase of bulbs.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would not proceed with the purchase of any bulbs.

13 Stoneyford Lane Car Parking issues

Following the last Parish Council meeting the clerk had send letters to all the residents on Stoneyford Lane regarding the installation of double yellow lines. The clerk had received one objection to the proposal.

The clerk was asked to contact Tarmac and ask for the time/date for the next Liaison meeting so this could be discussed further.

14 Speed limit amendment on the A49

The clerk had contacted the garden centre on Tarporley Road, Oulton Park, Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors and Little Budworth Parish Council.

The clerk had received an email dated 2nd October 2021 from Oulton Park, it order to consider the request they needed the following details;

- More details on which section of the A49 this relates to,
- Why the speed reduction is desired,
- What the money would be for i.e. the breakdown of the expected £5,000 costs.

As such the clerk had then contacted the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for a breakdown of the costs. No response has been received from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The clerk has contacted Little Budworth Parish Council, and this was discussed at their Parish Council meeting, and they cannot provide any financial assistance with this project.

There has been no response to the letter sent to Tarporley Garden Centre.

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather had asked if the Parish Council had examined any safety data or was there a report from Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council. Councillor J Leather confirmed that there had been no major incidents on this stretch of road for the last three y ears and two minor incidents as such it would be hard to jusify funding from the Member budget on safety grounds.

Councillor R Gilbert-Bratt confirmed that the section of road is from the 40mph sign just past the Fox and Barrel to the Traffic lights at the junction with the A54. which has the Coach Road joining onto it and the Tarporley garden centre. The Parish Council would like a limit of 50mph as it is 40mph though Cotebrook then at the Fox and Barrel to the lights it goes to the national speed limit.

The clerk was asked to chase a response from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for a breakdown and email the Head Office of Tarporley Garden centre with the request for financial assistance.

15 Electricity supply

Several Parish Councillors complained about the ongoing Power cuts, and this was an ongoing issue for residents.

RESOLVED that;

The clerk was asked to contact Scottish power regarding the ongoing issues.

16 Training courses

RESOLVED that;

The retrospective payment of £40.00 for the Induction for Clerks and Councillors training on 12th October for Councillor F Goodier was approved from Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

17 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge reported that there were three current consultations from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Constitution review, Taxi consultation and a review of the carers service. Details of the consultations could be found on Cheshire West and Chester's website.

Councillor D Rutter asked if the issue with regards to school buses has been resolved. Councillor H Tonge confirmed that the working group had made some recommendations and some alterations had been made so make it more flexible for Officers. There was however an ongoing issue with areas such as Tarvin.

18 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor D Rutter asked the clerk to chase up the query with regards to the sign on Abbey Lane with the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor F Goodier reported that the footpath on Station Road was overgrown, and the clerk was asked to report this to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention. This was reported under SS372705537.

Councillor F Goodier asked the clerk to chase up the necessary repairs with regards to the safety issue on the railway bridge.

Councillor F Goodier asked the clerk to chase up Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the blocked drain on the Earlsbrook roundabout. This has been reported again under HW372707679.

The clerk was asked to send Councillor D Rutter the locations for the newly purchased grit bins. All Parish Councillors will check all the grit boxes to ensure that they have been filled.

19 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 15th November 2021 at 7pm at Delamere Community Centre in the rear Bowling room.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council held on Monday 18th October 2021.