

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7PM

Present: Councillors J Edwards, Councillor D Rutter, Councillor A Bell and Councillor D Wheeler.

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

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Councillor D Rutter welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor A Gore and Councillor F Goodier sent thier apology for this meeting. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather and H Tonge also sent their apologies as they were attending other meetings.

The clerk informed the Parish Council that Councillor S Addiscott last attended a Parish Council meeting in July 2021 and as such if she did not attend the next Parish Council meeting in December, she would cease to be a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council meeting in July was on 12th July and the Parish Council meeting in January 2022 was 17th January 2022 as such she will need to attend in December. The clerk will contact Councillor S Addiscott to inform her of the requirement.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to the installation of double yellow lines on Stoneyford Lane and asked if Parish Councillor could attend the next Tarmac liaison meeting. The clerk confirmed that both Councillor J Edwards and Councillor F Goodier had confirmed that they would attend the next Tarmac liaison meeting.

Two members of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to the planning applications for Chester Road in Oakmere. The members of the public were objecting to the planning applications submitted by Alcam Services Ltd and had met two Parish Councillors on site to discuss prior to the Parish Council meeting. The members of the public asked the Parish Council to make enquiries with regards to other planning applications and enforcement action from Cheshire West and Chester Council on the same site as there were ongoing issues.

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 18th October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

All the signs reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council were marked as completed on the online system. As Councillor A Gore had confirmed that they had not been done the clerk had asked the Cheshire West and Chester Council to look at the reports again.

The online reporting system for Cheshire West and Chester Council had the query with regards to the sign on Abbey Lane marked as completed as such the clerk asked Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge to investigate this matter.

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.

The clerk has reported the necessary repairs with regards to the safety issue on the railway bridge to the Forestry Commission, Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council and to Network Rail.

The clerk has raised a report under HW372707679 with the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the blocked drain on the Earlsbrook roundabout. Cheshire West and Chester Council had confirmed that they have raised a job for a tanker to attend the site and to clear the highways drains in this location, but they are not able to give a timescale on when the work will be carried out.

6 Correspondence

The clerk confirmed that the next Tarmac liaison meeting was on Thursday 25th November at 14.00 by Teams. Councillor J Edwards and Councillor F Goodier confirmed that they would both attend.

7 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to 15th November 2021 were considered.

RESOLVED that;

- a) 21/03131/FUL, change of use from office to car and motorcycle sales / office, Alcam Services Ltd Chester Road Oakmere. Previous comment submitted to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council following the Parish Council meeting on 18th October 2021 was the following: 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.

The Parish Council considered the planning application again at its Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th November after being contacted by residents and undertaking a site visit. The Parish Council would now like to object against this planning application. The plans submitted do not bear any relevance to what is on site, there is now another entrance which has been created which is not on the plans. The planning application also lacks details such as the operating times of the proposed car/motorbike sales. As this is a residential area the Parish Council would want a planning condition to be put in place with regards to the operating hours as this would be a substantial loss of residential amenity. There are also significant concerns with regards to highways as this a single-track road and this need to be addressed.

- b) 21/03404/FUL, Replacement workshop building, Alcam Services Limited Chester Road Oakmere. Previous comment submitted to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council following the Parish Council meeting on 18th October 2021 was the following: The Parish Council has no objections. The Parish Council noted that the plans had a trailer park marked out please note no planning permission has been granted for this.

The Parish Council considered the planning application again at its Parish Council meeting on Monday 15th November after being contacted by residents and undertaking a site visit. There are several structures and entrances which are not detailed on the site plan and in addition to this the side elevations and floor plans do not match what is on site and are incorrect and inaccurate. The planning application also does not detail the planned use of the building nor detail the measurements of the replacement workshop building which looks to be significantly higher than what is on site. There is no highway access statement. The Parish Council objects as this is a single-track road near to residential properties so there would be a significant loss of residential amenity.

The Parish Council would ask for a Planning Officer to visit the site for both the planning applications 21/03131/FUL and 21/03404/FUL and to look at what is currently onsite and compare this to the submitted plans. The Parish Council would also ask if a Parish Councillor representative could also meet a Planning Officer on site to discuss further as there are significant concerns from both the Parish Council and nearby residents.

The clerk noted that there was an issue with regards to the condition of the road when you turned right out of Court House Gardens as there was an area which had not been tarmacked. Also, the white lines on the road were not correct. The clerk reported these to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council under HW379804751.

- c) No objections were submitted for 21/04115/FUL, Change of use of barn into one dwelling and erection of garage, Land at Rowan House Chester 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 Chair.

Bank account balance is £24,103.61 as of 31st October 2021.

No unpaid cheques, no income in October.

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 Nov	£386.96
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees' contribution for Nov	£143.86
001143	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Introduction course for Councillor F Goodier	£40.00
001144	Clerk	Expenses for Nov	£32.30
001145	HMRC	Quarterly payment	£290.20
001146	Clive George	Printing of newsletter	£428.79

9 Meeting dates for 2022

RESOLVED that;

The meeting dates for 2022 were agreed as follows and the clerk was requested to put on the website and book the Bowling room at the community centre accordingly.

Mon 17th January Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 14th February Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 14th March Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 25th April, Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council meeting 7pm

Mon 16th May, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council & Parish Council meeting 7pm.

Mon 20th June Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 18th July Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 19th September Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 17th October Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 14th November Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 12th December Monthly Parish Council Meeting 7pm

10 Queens Jubilee

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted Forestry England several times regarding if they are planning an event at Old Pale Heights but to date has had no response.

Other Parish Councils have contacted the Parish Council asking what they have got planned for the event.

The clerk was asked to defer this item until the next Parish Council meeting in January.

11 Issues at Eddisbury Hill Caravan Park

The Parish Council has received complaints from residents of Eddisbury Hill Caravan Park with regards to maintenance issues however the issues have now been resolved.

12 Speed limit amendment on the A49

The clerk was awaiting a breakdown of the costs from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council to contact Outlon Park. The clerk confirmed that she had contacted them several times, but no reply had been received.

The clerk confirmed that she had sent letters to Tarporley Garden Centre and the Head Office and emailed both but had received no response to the request for funding.

This item was deferred until the December Parish Council meeting.

13 Stoneyford Lane Car Parking issues

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Quarry Manager of Tarmac twice asking for date/time and location of the next liaison meeting but had not received any reply.

The clerk had received an email from a resident dated 21st October 2021, withdrawing their objection to the installation of the double yellow lines for Stoneyford Lane.

RESOLVED that;

The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council requesting them to go ahead with the installation of the double yellow lines for Stoneyford Lane with the cost not to exceed £1,500.

The clerk was also asked to contact Tarmac to confirm the situation.

14 Power cuts

The clerk had contacted Scottish Power regarding the ongoing issues in the area. They apologised but stated that they had no communications on this matter. The clerk followed this with a phone call but had no success.

RESOLVED that;

The clerk will contact Scottish Power and make a formal complaint regarding the ongoing issue.

15 Reporting faults to Cheshire West and Chester Council

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting in December.

16 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

There were no Cheshire West and Chester Councillors present.

17 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor D Rutter reported the newly installed sign, which has been put in the wrong place was now not working. The clerk will report this to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council and will ask Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor for some feedback regarding the location of the sign.

18 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 13th December 2021 at 7pm.

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

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council held on Monday 15th November 2021.