

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7PM

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

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

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Councillor D Rutter welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor A Gore sent her apology for the meeting. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors H Tonge and J Leather also sent their apologies for the meeting.

The clerk informed the Parish Council that Councillor S Addiscott last attended a Parish Council meeting in July 2021. The clerk had emailed Councillor S Addiscott on her personal and councillor email addresses advising of this six-month rule and the need to attend the Parish Council meeting. Councillor S Addiscott was not in attendance and no reply had been sent to the clerk's emails. As such Councillor S Addiscott will automatically cease to be a Parish Councillor on 12th January 2022 due to non-attendance for six months.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

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 15th November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk had contacted the Planning Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the questions from the resident and the answers had been sent to the resident and circulated to all the Parish Councillors for their attention.

The clerk confirmed that she has sent a formal complaint to Scottish Power regarding the power cuts in an email dated 22nd November 2021. They had confirmed that they were unable to locate the issue due to not having any specific accounts and individual residents would have to contact them at the time regarding faults and power cuts.

The clerk confirmed that she had informed Tarmac and the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council that they can go ahead with the installation of double yellow lines for Stoneyford Lane. The Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council confirmed receipt and said that they would now go ahead and process the Traffic Regulation Order.

The clerk had reported the issues with the Court House Road and requested that the white lines were not correct with turning into Court House Gardens. This was reported under HW379804751; however the report has been returned stating that in line with the Highways Inspection Policy and that the issue does not require any action at this stage. The clerk was asked to pursue this with Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge.

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge had contacted the Highways Department with regards to the sign on Abbey Lane. They have confirmed that current location was the best location. The clerk reported that the sign was broken, and the Highways Department are awaiting confirmation of whether it is still under guarantee.

6 Correspondence

None.

7 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to 13th December 2021 were considered.

RESOLVED that;

- (a) No objections were made to 21/04359/FUL, Erection of an oak framed three bay open fronted carport and a bin store to the Side, Foxcote Sadlers Lane Cotebrook.
- (b) 21/03753/FUL, Removal of existing maintenance building and erection of replacement maintenance building (Building D), Alcam Services Ltd Chester Road Oakmere. The Parish Council would like to object on the following grounds: The planning permission is not for a replacement building; it is for a new building on site. The Parish Council are concerned regarding highway safety due to the current access being unsuitable. The Parish Council wish to object to the loss of residential amenity and if this planning permission is to be granted then it must be subject to time restrictions because of the nearby residential properties, site access and use must be restricted to 8am to 6pm weekdays, 8am to 12 noon on Saturdays and no use on Sundays.

- (c) The clerk had circulated an email from a member of the public with regards to two planning applications in Utkinson. Both planning applications did not fall within the Parish of Delamere and Oakmere. 21/04331/FUL is for renovation works to farmhouse and conversion of barns into 7 residential dwellings (2 barns to be affordable dwellings) Forest Farm Heaths Lane Utkinton and 21/04296/FUL - Land at Sidebottom Farm Stable Lane Utkinson - conversion of stable to create four dwellings. The clerk was asked to submit support for the reduction in the speed limit to 40mph on the B5152, running from the 30-mph sign by Cotebrook Village Hall through to the junction with the A54.

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 £23,047.09 as at 30th November 2021.

£40.00 unpaid cheques, £14.59 Scottish Power income and £211.00 advertising income in November 2021.

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 Dec	£387.16
Standing Order 21 st	Cheshire Pension Fund	Employers & employees' contribution for Nov	£143.86
001147	Joanne Monks	Clerk Expenses for December	£32.30

9 November edition of Delamere and Oakmere News

The clerk confirmed that the cost of printing for the November edition of Delamere and Oakmere news was £428.79. The amount of £433.00 has been invoiced for advertising. If everyone pays this would leave a profit of £4.21.

The clerk reported that one advertising customer has underpaid by £1.00. The invoice was issued for £45.00 on invoice number NL5306 however they have paid £44.00.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council does not pursue the underpaid of £1.00 and writes off this amount.

10 Field at Frith Avenue

Councillor F Goodier confirmed that she would not like to participate in this project as she lived on Frith Avenue.

The clerk was asked to defer the agenda item until the annual meeting in April.

11 Speed limit amendment on the A49

A breakdown of costs had now been received from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council in an email on 3rd December 2021. The rough breakdown is as follows;

1 new Cotebrook sign	£500
2 repeater signs	£250
3 terminal signs	£500
4 poles	£200
5 foundations	£720
6 advertising	£900
7 labour	£400
8 traffic management	£800
9 Ancillaries	£100
Total	£4470
Contingencies	£450
Grand total	£4920

Following receipt of this information the clerk has now contacted Oulton Park and they have stated that this cost should be paid by the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The Parish Council would therefore have to contribute up to £2,500 towards the amendment of the speed limit.

RESOLVED that;

The Parish Council would not part fund the speed limit amendment for the A49.

12 Reporting faults to Cheshire West and Chester Council

Improvements were now being made as the clerk was receiving feedback on the items logged for action.

13 Quarry Farm Liaison meeting with Tarmac

Councillor J Edwards and Councillor F Goodier attended the virtual meeting and thought that the meeting was very beneficial. They are very open to listening to residents and addressing any concerns and are looking to make some wildlife improvements to the site. The next meeting will be in May 2022 and hopefully will include a site tour beforehand.

14 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

There were no Cheshire West and Cheshire Ward Councillors present.

15 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor A Bell reported that there was a vacancy at the Mid-Cheshire Railway Association following a promotion for the jobholder.

Councillor F Goodier raised a complaint regarding the lack of toilet facilities available on site for the Delamere Forest Park Run on Xmas Day. The clerk was asked to contact the Forest England to request that all events were provided with toilet facilities.

Councillor J Edwards reported that the dragonfly sculpture had been removed from the Old Pale car park by Forestry England. The clerk was asked to contact them to ask if will be put back and what the plans were for the sculpture and if the Forest England could consider donating it for the new roundabout at the Earlsbrook Housing site.

16 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm.

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

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