

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7PM

Present: Councillor A Bell, Councillor M Shaw, Councillor R Gilbert-Bratt, Councillor J Edwards, Councillor G Hudson, Councillor J Ralph, Councillor D Rutter and Councillor D Wheeler.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks. Two representatives from United Utilities and seven members of the public were in attendance for item three. One member of the public stayed for the duration of the meeting.

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

Councillor A Bell welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor F Goodier sent her apologies for the meeting. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge sent his apologies for the meeting.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

Councillor J Edwards declared a pecuniary interest as he was a business owner in the Parish which may be affected by the proposed work by United Utilities.

3 Update from United Utilities for Vyrnwy programme and upcoming work

The Parish Council received an update from United Utilities regarding the planned work.

United Utilities confirmed that investigation work has been undertaken on Abbey Lane and the planned cleaning was due to be carried out in the spring/summer of 2023 at various locations across the parish. These will result in lane closures and traffic light one way traffic management but will not result in total road closures. There is a planned public event in March at Delamere community centre for members of the public to attend and ask questions.

The timetable for the further planned works is in 2025 and may include road closures.

United Utilities confirmed that they will liaise with the department responsible for the drainage issue on Station Road due to the Earlsbrook Housing department and look into a solution for the matter.

Councillor A Bell asked them to provide an update so this could be included in the next Delamere and Oakmere newsletter.

4 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wishes to address the Parish Council at this point in the meeting.

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 16th January 2023 were approved.

6 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk confirmed that she had invited the new PCSO to the Parish Council meeting however he was unable to attend. The clerk was asked to contact the PCSO requesting their attendance or for another representative from Cheshire Police to attend the next Parish Council meeting in March.

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council and they stated that the work to unblock the drains in Little Wood will be done before Christmas.

The clerk reported that a volunteer was required to check the defibrillator at the community centre. Councillor M Shaw confirmed that she will do the weekly checks for this.

7 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to Monday 13th February 2023 were considered;

RESOLVED that;

- (a) No objections were made to 22/04405/FUL, Station Farm Station Road Oakmere, Replacement dwelling.
- (b) No objections were made to 22/04449/FUL, 7 Crabtree Green Court Stoneyford Lane Oakmere, Erection of carport over existing parking area

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 £22,154.32 as at 31st January 2023. Income £492.00 advertising income.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

KDE Electrical	Defib cabinet repair	90.00
Joanne Monks	Clerk Expenses for Feb	32.30
Joanne Monks	Salary for Feb	467.14
Cheshire Pension Fund	Pension contributions Feb	173.59

9 Plan for 2023

Councillor J Ralph wanted to know what the Parish Council would like to achieve in 2023. Several ideas were discussed, and a sub-committee would be formed.

10 Tree survey

The clerk reported that the Parish Council needed to undertake a tree survey for both the field at Firth Avenue and for Little Wood. Councillor G Hudson is the progress of obtaining quotes and the clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

11 Delamere and Oakmere news

Councillor A Bell reported that the next edition of the newsletter was due out in March and he was in the progress of collating articles and advertising.

RESOLVED that;

The expenditure of up to £600 was approved for printing the next edition of the newsletter.

12 Renewal of Email

RESOLVED that;

The expenditure of up to £25.00 was approved for payment of the email service.

13 Electrician bill for defibrillator cabinet at Delamere Community centre

RESOLVED that;

The payment of £75.00 plus VAT was approved for the electrician to fix the fault with the defibrillator cabinet at the Community centre.

14 Road issues with Eddisbury Hill

Councillor A Bell confirmed that he had been contacted by residents complaining about potholes and the condition of the road. These have been reported to Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention and action on these matters.

15 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

There were no Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors present.

16 Councillor's report and future agenda items

The clerk was requested to invite a representative from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss various highways issues.

Councillor J Edwards reported that that he had been contacted by residents on Station Road as they were concerned about speeding traffic and requested this be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting. The clerk will contact the PCSO and ask them to undertake enforcement action along this road.

Councillor D Rutter reported that there are some dangerous trees which needed attention on Abbey Hill on the right-hand side. Cheshire West and Chester Council were responsible for this land as such the clerk was asked to report this to Chester West and Chester Council for their attention.

A member of the public expressed an interest in being a Parish Councillor. They will email a CV and covering letter to apply and send this to the clerk.

17 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 20th March 2023 at 7pm at Delamere Community Centre.

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

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