

# **Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillor A Bell, Councillor M Shaw, Councillor J Edwards, Councillor J Ralph, Councillor D Rutter and Councillor D Wheeler.

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

### **1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

Councillor A Bell welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor F Goodier, Councillor R Gilbert-Bratt and Councillor G Hudson. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councilor J Leather sent his apologies for the meeting.

### **2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Public Speaking Time**

A member of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to the speed of Station Road and if the Parish Council could consider submitting a request to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council to reduce the speed from 40mph to 30mph. This will be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting in April.

A member of the public expressed a concern regarding a development which may not have planning permission or could be in breach of planning permission. The members of the public were asked to contact the Planning Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council directly regarding this.

A member of the public requested the installation of a dog waste bin on Eddisbury Hill. They were informed they would have to contact Cheshire West and Chester Council to submit a request for this.

### **4 PCSO report**

The local PCSO reported that he has been in post since February 2023 and has started liaising with the schools including Delamere Academy with regards to road safety and he is looking to launch a road safety campaign and a competition between the local schools.

The PCSO was also looking for a speed indicator device which was moveable and was looking into setting up a community speed watch group in the local area with support from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were approved.

## **6 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items**

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Head of the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council and he had confirmed he was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting. If the Parish Council wanted to provide a detailed bullet point list of queries, then he would provide a detailed response.

## **7 Speeding on Station Road Delamere**

The item was discussed with the PCSO. Councillor J Edwards said he might share the potential for a community speed watch group would not take responsibility for it.

## **8 Planning**

The planning applications that had been received up to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were considered.

The clerk noted several objections from members of the public had been received in relation to the planning application for Crown Farm Quarry and copies of these emails had been circulated to all the Parish Councillors for their attention.

### **RESOLVED that;**

- (a) No objections were made to 23/00320/FUL, For a lateral and deepening extension of the approved excavation area within Crown Farm Quarry for the winning and working of an additional 5.58 million tonnes of sand, along with the remaining approved reserves and provision of ancillary electrical substations (2 no. fixed and 1 no. movable), during the currently permitted period, under planning permission ref 20/01012/S73 dated 13 August 2020 (2020 permission), for mineral extraction to 22 February 2042 and restoration to be completed within a further 12 months of the cessation of mineral extraction. Crown Farm Quarry Stoneyford Lane Oakmere.
- (b) No objections were made to 23/00598/FUL, Demolition of conservatory and erection of a new orangery. First floor rear extension with parapet wall and balcony. Storm porch to front. Eddisbury Lodge Cottage Yeld Lane Delamere Northwich CW8 2JD.

- (c) No objections were made to 23/00691/FUL, Proposal: First floor extension over existing garage to form two-storey holiday accommodation, Fairwind, The Ridge Delamere.

## **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 £21,391.29 as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

No Income for February.

**RESOLVED** that;

the following payments be authorised;

Joanne Monks	Clerk Expenses for March	32.30
Joanne Monks	Salary for March	466.94
Cheshire Pension Fund	Pension contributions for March	173.59
HMRC	quarterly payment	340.00
SoloPress	Newsletter printing	446.95
Hosting.co.net	Web hosting charge	23.99

## **10 Appointment of internal auditor**

**RESOLVED** that;

Mr M Garnett, who has effectively undertaken the internal audit previously, be appointed to undertake the Annual Internal Audit for Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council for 2022/2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Annual Return.

## **11 Tree survey**

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council as Councillor G Hudson was not in attendance.

## **12 Parking issues on Stoneyford Lane**

A member of the public had emailed the Parish Council with regards to parking issues on Stoneyford Lane and copies of these emails had been circulated to all of the Parish Councillors for their attention.

**RESOLVED** that;

No further action will be taken by the Parish Council.

### **13 May 2023 Elections and Photo ID**

Cheshire West and Chester Council had informed the Parish Council that photo ID will be required to vote in the May 2023 elections. This has been published in the newsletter and information has been put on the Parish Council's website. Councillor J Edwards will post this onto social media.

### **14 Membership of Cheshire Association of Local Councils for 2023/2024**

**RESOLVED** that;

The Parish Council would not join Cheshire Association of Local Councils for 2023/2024 at the cost of £471.01.

### **15 Delamere and Oakmere News**

Councillor A Bell reported that the newsletter had now been submitted for printing and was due to be delivered on Wednesday and help with distribution would be gratefully received. A member of the public was thanked for all their assistance on the graphic design of the newsletter.

### **16 Wildflowers and Compost**

The clerk confirmed that the Ward Members budget had been paid for £250 towards the cost of wildflower planting and £200 towards compost. This needs to be spent before the end of March 2023.

**RESOLVED** that;

The amount of up to £250 was approved for wildflower planting with the funds to be taken from the grant from the Ward Members budget.

**RESOLVED** that;

The amount of up to £200 was approved for compost with the funds to be taken from the grant from the Ward Members budget.

The clerk asked that the exact details of the orders be emailed to her before the end of March to order and pay for this accordingly.

### **17 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors**

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge reported that there was one current consultation from Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to standardising the school year. Cheshire West and Chester Council confirmed that there was no expenditure left in the Ward Members budget and any application for funds regarding the Kings Coronation needed to be submitted by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March due to the pre-election period. Cheshire West and Chester Councillor H Tonge confirmed that they were limited meetings due to the election on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

The clerk confirmed that the agenda item regarding donations would have to be considered at the Parish Council meeting in May, rather than April due to the pre-election period and restrictions.

## **18 Councillor's report and future agenda items**

Councillor D Rutter reported that he had received a complaint regarding light pollution from the quarry. The clerk will contact the site manager regarding the complaint.

Councillor M Shaw reported that part of Little Wood has been cut back to create a lay-by and turning circle at the top of Waste Lane. The clerk was asked to contact a local business regarding this matter.

Councillor D Wheeler reported that the footpath on Station Road has been made wider by Cheshire West and Chester Council and the clerk was asked to contact Cheshire West and Chester Council and thank them for undertaking this work.

Councillor J Ralph gave his apologies for the Parish Council meeting in April as he would be unable to attend.

## **19 Date and time of next meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting and the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 17th April 2023 at 7pm at Delamere Community Centre.

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

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