

# **Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillor A Bell, Councillor F Goodier, Councillor M Shaw, Councillor J Edwards, Councillor G Hudson and Councillor D Wheeler.

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

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

Councillor A Bell welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor J Ralph and Councillor D Rutter sent their apologies for the meeting.

### **2 Chairman's Annual report**

The chairman of the Parish Council will give a brief annual report.

The Chair's annual report was as follows;

This past year has been challenging in many ways, particularly with the issues we have had to face at Little Wood, and a huge deal of thanks must go to Cllr Hudson and volunteers for his efforts in continuing to address these issues and I am hopeful that progress can continue to be made to ensure that the area can be used safely again.

I am also confident that through the support of volunteers, we will be able to continue the work on the field at Frith Avenue. Thanks to Harry and John (Ward Councillors), we are now in a position where we are hopefully able to select various sites in the community to grow wildflowers later in the year.

Over the coming years we are also faced with the ongoing developments with regards to the United Utilities Lake Vyrnwy restoration programme, which will inevitably bring a great deal of disruption to Delamere and Oakmere. Although previous meetings with United Utilities have been somewhat useful and informative, I hope that the meetings will continue over the course of the next year so we are able to feed this back to the community.

Through the support of our new PCSO and Cheshire West I am also hopeful that we can address some of the key areas of concern for residents in relation to road safety, particularly the areas surrounding Delamere Academy and on Station Road.

I am particularly proud of the continued efforts to develop the Delamere and Oakmere News, particularly with attempts being made to get more interaction with local interest groups and organisations to provide articles. The magazine is becoming a very positive aspect of community life particularly for our newer residents at Earlsbrook and I will endeavour to continue the success of the magazine as long as possible and I would like to pay special thanks to the local resident who has been instrumental in assisting me with the design of the magazines.

As always I would also like to thank fellow councillors for the support and advice during this past year, to Joanne for her administration work and also to our Ward Councillors for their efforts in supporting Delamere and Oakmere.

### **3 Open discussion**

No members of the public wished to speak at this point.

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

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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Public Speaking Time**

Several members of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to their concerns regarding speeding on Station Road. Some residents requested that the Parish Council consider applying to Cheshire West and Chester Council to lower the speed limit on Station Road.

Several members of the public addressed the Parish Council and requested that the Parish Council consider amending the speed limit on Eddisbury Hill. The clerk confirmed that this would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

Several members of the public addressed the Parish Council regarding the Earlsbrook estate as the builder has gone into liquidation. The clerk confirmed that this would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting and the clerk will contact the Planning and Highways Departments of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to this matter.

### **4 Co-option of Parish Councillor**

**RESOLVED** that;

Mrs. C Topping was co-opted onto the Parish Council for the Delamere Ward.

The clerk gave Mrs. C Topping the declaration of interest form and acceptance of office form for her completion. The clerk will circulate the Standing Orders, Financial regulations, and a training schedule from Cheshire Association of Local Councils for his attention.

Councillor J Edwards will set up an official email address for Mrs. C Topping.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved.

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

The clerk confirmed that she and Councillor F Goodier had contacted the site manager of the Quarry regarding lighting issues, and these have been now resolved.

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the local business regarding the cutting back of Little Wood, however no response had been received.

The clerk confirmed that the next Crown Farm Liaison meeting was on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 1pm. Councillor F Goodier will attend the tour and meeting. Councillor D Wheeler will attend the meeting only.

The clerk confirmed that following the Parish Council meeting in March, she had contacted the PCSO to state that Station Road was 40mph rather than 50mph and requested that he investigated setting up a Community Speed Watch group for Station Road, however no response has been received. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather will investigate this on behalf of the Parish Council.

The clerk confirmed that she had ordered the wildflowers and the cost of this was £243.99 and the cost of the compost ordered was £192.00. Locations for the wildflower planting will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting as an agenda item.

## **7 Planning**

The planning applications that had been received up to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were considered.

### **RESOLVED that;**

No objections were made to; 23/01107/FUL, Detached dwelling and garage. Land At Mount Pleasant The Ridge 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 £19,598.53 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

£127.00 advertising income for March 2023.

**RESOLVED** that;

the following payments be authorised;

Joanne Monks	clerk expenses	32.30
Delamere Community centre	Room Hire 01.04.23 to 31.03.24	132.00
Neave Creative	Web Hosting	75.00
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Dog bin charges	436.80
Mid Cheshire Footpath Society	Annual subs	8.00
Cheshire Pension Fund	April contributions	170.50
Joanne Monks	April pay	467.14

## 9 Payment of Room Hire for Delamere Community Centre

**RESOLVED** that;

The amount of £132.00 was to be paid to Delamere Community centre for room hire for the Parish Council meetings at the cost of £12 per meeting (£6 per hour) for eleven meetings for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## 10 Annual webhosting charge

**RESOLVED** that;

The annual webhosting charge of £75.00 was approved.

## 11 Speed limit request change for Station Road

**RESOLVED** that;

The Parish Council would contact the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council requesting consideration of amending the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph for Station Road in Delamere.

The clerk was asked to contact the PCSO regarding the residents concerns regarding speeding on Station Road and Eddisbury Hill and request that enforcement action was taken.

The clerk was asked to request a police presence regarding a local biking event which was due to take place shortly.

The clerk was asked to contact a local business regarding the Parish Council's concerns regarding speeding of motorbikes in the area.

## **12 Tree survey**

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

## **13 Charge for dog bins at Eddisbury Borehole**

**RESOLVED** that;

The charge of £364.00 plus VAT for Cheshire West and Chester Council to empty the dog bins for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 was approved.

## **14 Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society**

**RESOLVED** that;

The membership of Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society was approved at the cost of £8 per year.

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

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor H Tonge reported that he was looking into the Section 106 request for the Earlsbrook development for Delamere Community Centre. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor J Leather reported that he would contact the Planning Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the Earlsbrook Housing development.

Both Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors were standing down in May and both were thanked for all their assistance over the years.

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

Councillor A Bell requested an agenda item relating to the planting of wildflowers. Councillor J Edwards requested agenda items relating the speed limit for Eddisbury Hill and for the Earlsbrook Housing development.

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

Annual Parish Meeting and the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm.

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