

Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM

Present: Councillor J Edwards, Councillor C Topping, Councillor D Wheeler, Councillor L Walters, Councillor D Rutter, Councillor A Bell, Councillor G Hudson and Councillor S Roberts.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks, Four members of the public and Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Lush. One PCSO for public speaking time.

Part 1, items to be considered in the presence of the press and public

1 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor J Edwards welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor F Goodier had sent her apologies for the meeting.

2 Member's Code of Conduct and declarations of interest

Councillor S Roberts and Councillor L Chapman declared a pecuniary interest in the Earlsbrook Housing development as she lived on this housing estate.

3 Public Speaking Time

A representative from United Utilities reported the schedule work to commence after Christmas has now been delayed and they have yet to confirm a commencement date. There are no public engagement events planned before Christmas as further details are not yet known. United Utilities will look at re-opening both sides of Abbey Lane as soon as possible. United Utilities confirmed that they will be attending the public meeting regarding the Earlsbrook estate on 5th December.

The PCSO reported that he was in the progress of issuing a quarterly newsletter and will be attending the event at Delamere Community centre on the 2nd December.

A member of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to issues regarding the old haulage yard on Chester Road. The member of the public stated that Planning Enforcement action was due to be undertaken and asked if this could be an agenda item for the December Parish Council meeting to obtain an update from Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Cooper.

A member of the public addressed the Parish Council with regards to the residents meeting arranged for the Earlbroom Housing estate as they were concerned that the Planning Department and Building Control department of Cheshire West and Chester Council should have been invited and that the meeting should have been arranged for an evening or weekend.

4 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

RESOLVED that;

The minutes of the minutes of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 16th October 2023 were approved.

5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items

The clerk has received a response from the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to recent accident at the Fishpool Junction. The Police have confirmed that they are happy with the visibility at the junction.

The clerk confirmed that she had applied for a free defibrillator for Eddisbury Hill from the British Heart Foundation following confirmation that they will be responsible for installation, ongoing maintenance, and costs and for undertaking the weekly checks.

The clerk confirmed that the next Crown Farm Liaison meeting was on Thursday 23rd November at 2pm.

The Highways Department have confirmed that they will be advertising a reduction in the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along a section of the A556 Chester Road Delamere. This will be funding from the Safety scheme budget and is hoped to be completed by the end of March 2024.

Councillor L Walters reported that the 40mph and 50mph signs at the Abbey Arms Junction had been moved by the Highway Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor L Walters reported that the 40mph signs on Station Road were still faded and dirty. The clerk will chase up the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor D Rutter reported that the sign for Eddisbury Hill had been damaged. The clerk will report this to the Highways Department for their attention.

6 Earlsbrook Housing estate

RESOLVED that;

- (a) No statement from the Parish Council will be issued.
- (b) The confirmed attendees are representatives from L&Q, representatives from United Utilities and Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Lush. The Local MP has sent his apologies for the meeting.
- (c) Councillor S Roberts will amend the proposed agenda for the Earlsbrook public meeting on Tuesday 5th December and provide this to the clerk. The clerk will then issue the agenda to all parties.
- (d) The clerk confirmed that the Bowling room at the Community centre had been booked from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesday 5th December and the hire charge for the two hours was £12.00. The amount of £12.00 was approved for room hire charge.
- (e) The clerk was asked to contact the local MP regarding the lack of response following his email dated 25th May 2023.
- (f) The clerk was asked to put an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting in December. The clerk was asked to contact Building Control Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council to confirm if they had signed the properties off on the Earlsbrook Housing estate.

7 Planning

The planning applications that had been received up to Monday 20th November 2023 were considered.

RESOLVED that;

- (a) No objections were made to 23/03291/FUL, Woodland House Chester Road Oakmere Northwich CW8 2EG. Erection of detached garage (amendment to approved plans 22/02941/FUL) (Previously submitted no objections to original application in September 2022).
- (b) No objections were made to 23/03422/PDQ, Barn At Fishpool Farm Fishpool Road Delamere, Change of use of agricultural building to single storey dwellinghouse.
- (c) No objections were made to 23/03554/FUL 23/03554/FUL, Ophrys 113 Station Road Delamere. Demolition of existing conservatory, single storey side extensions, two storey rear extension, removal of existing chimneys, alterations to windows and doors.

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 £21,916.56 as at 31st October 2023.

£140.00 advertising income and £115.79 Community infrastructure payment received in October.

RESOLVED that;

the following payments be authorised;

Joanne Monks	Clerk expenses Nov	32.30
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Cheshire Pension Fund	Nov contributions	170.50
Delamere Community centre	Room hire for 05/12/2023	12.00
Screwfix	Grit for Grit bins	439.80
Safety signs	signage for Little Wood	40.08
spare defib pads	Defibrillator at Community centre	69.54
Post Office	Stamps	10.00

9 Meeting dates for 2024

The meeting dates for 2024 were agreed as follows and the clerk was requested to circulate and put on the website.

RESOLVED that;

Monday 15th January	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 12th February	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 18th March	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 15th April	Annual Parish Meeting	7pm
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Monday 20th May	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	7pm
Monday 20th May	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 17th June	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 15 th July	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm

Monday 16th September	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 14th October	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 18th November	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm
Monday 9th December	Monthly Parish Council Meeting	7pm

10 Purchase of flowers for Parish Councillor

RESOLVED that;

The amount of £42.00 was approved for the purchase of flowers for Councillor M Shaw following her retirement from the Parish Council.

The clerk will require the receipt to reimburse Councillor J Edwards.

11 Update NatWest account

RESOLVED that;

Maxine Shaw was to be removed from the NatWest current account following her resignation.

12 D-Day event

Councillor C Topping will look at organising a beacon with the Forestry England. Councillor F Gooider will lead the event planned for the Abbey Arms. .

13 Village Gateway signs

Councillor S Roberts had noted that Hartford had some village signs. The clerk was asked to contact the clerk of Hartford Parish Council and enquire about costs.

14 The Old Haulage Yard on Chester Road Oakmere

As Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Cooper was not present the clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

15 School Admissions to Delamere Academy

The clerk confirmed that the class size for reception at Delamere Academy was 26 children from September 2024 and that parents had to apply via the Cheshire West and Chester Council school application round.

RESOLVED that;

No action would be taken by the Parish Council.

16 Newsletter invoices

The clerk confirmed that there was one unpaid invoice totalling £44.00. Councillor A Bell will contact them and request payment as soon as possible.

17 Marathon event on weekend of 4th and 5th November

Councillor J Edwards reported that the traffic management of the marathon event on 4th and 5th November was poorly managed and that he had contacted Forest England regarding this matter. The clerk was asked to put this as an agenda item for the next meeting with Forest England.

18 Community Growing and Gardening

Councillor J Edwards reported that there were several events regarding community growing and gardening which any Parish Councillor could attend as their role as a Parish Councillor.

19 Update from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors

Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Lush reported that he was in contact with the Highways department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to funding and how they prioritise work. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Lush reported that he had produced a report with regards to school transport and he would email this to the clerk for circulation. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Lush reported that funds may be available for the Parish Council in the Ward Members budget.

20 Councillor's report and future agenda items

Councillor G Hudson asked if Little Wood could be put as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor A Bell reported that the next magazine was in progress and was due for publication in December.

21 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 11th December 2023 at 7pm.

Part 2; contains confidential information and only Councillors and reporting officers can be present.

22 National Pay award

The details of this decision was confidential and as such the contents have been removed.

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

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