

# **Delamere & Oakmere Parish Council Meeting**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF DELAMERE AND OAKMERE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 AT 7PM**

Present: Councillor J Edwards, Councillor C Topping, Councillor D Rutter, Councillor A Bell, Councillor G Hudson, Councillor F Goodier and Councillor S Roberts.

Also, present Clerk, Mrs J Monks, two members of the public and one PCSO for party of the meeting.

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

The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor J Edwards welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. Councillor L Walters and Councillor D Wheeler both had sent their apologies for the meeting. Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor T Lush sent his apologies for the meeting.

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

23/00691/FUL, Front extension to existing garage to form holiday accommodation, Fairwind the Ridge Delamere. Councillor J Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in relation to this planning application as he owns holiday accommodation in Delamere.

### **3 Public Speaking Time**

A member of the public reported that the enforcement notice issued by Cheshire West and Chester Council in relation to the Haulage Yard has now expired. The member of the public will email the clerk with the details.

The PCSO attended the meeting and was informed of the planned lighting of the beacon on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15pm. The PCSO reported that there had been an issue with bikes on Ashton Road and in the forest and they are maintaining regular patrols in the area. They are also attending an event at the community center with the safety bus. The PSCO requested that the Parish Council look at making a short list of priorities for Cheshire Police in the area.

### **4 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting**

**RESOLVED** that;

The minutes of the minutes of Delamere and Oakmere Parish Council on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved.

## **5 Progress Reports and Outstanding Items**

The clerk confirmed that the unpaid invoice from the last newsletter has now been paid.

The British Heart Foundation have rejected the application for a defibrillator at Eddisbury Hill. The clerk has asked for feedback on why the application was rejected.

## **6 Earlsbrook Housing estate**

The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor J Edwards reported that it was a positive and useful meeting which was well attended by representatives and members of the public.

A further meeting was arranged in January between L&Q, United Utilities and Cheshire West and Chester regarding sewerage and highways adoption.

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Building Control Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council and they confirmed that they had not signed off the properties on the Earlsbrook Housing Estate.

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted the local MP, and they will chase up Cheshire West and Chester Council for a response. No response has yet been received to date.

The clerk reported that the Parish Council has received a formal complaint regarding the date and time of the Earlsbrook meeting. Councillor J Edwards as the Chair of the Parish Council will respond to this formal complaint.

The clerk reported that she had received a request from a member of the public for a copy of the minutes of the Earlsbrook meeting. Councillor L Walter will email them to all Parish Councillors and once these have been checked and circulated the clerk will contact both United Utilities and L&Q to check if they have any amendments before publication.

## **7 Planning**

The planning applications that had been received up to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were considered.

**RESOLVED** that;

- a) No objections were to be made to 23/00320/FUL, Amendment/additional information. 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 to be made to 23/03685/FUL, Demolition of existing rear extension, erection of front porch, two storey side and single storey and two storey rear extensions. Glenmere Tarporley Road Oakmere.
- c) No objections were to be made to 23/00691/FUL, Front extension to existing garage to form holiday accommodation, Fairwind The Ridge Delamere. Councillor J Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in relation to this planning application as owned holiday accommodation in 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 £21,330.62 as at 31<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

£96.00 advertising income received in November.

**RESOLVED** that;

the following payments be authorised;

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| Joanne Monks          | Dec pay and backdate                      | 757.16 |
| Joanne Monks          | Clerk expenses Dec                        | 32.30  |
| Cheshire Pension Fund | Dec contributions and backpay             | 276.47 |
| John Edwards          | Reimbursement for flowers for Maxine Shaw | 42.00  |
| HMRC                  | quarterly payment                         | 422.80 |

## **9 Defibrillator at the Community centre**

The clerk was asked to chase up the return of the defibrillator following use. Councillor S Roberts will be able to collect from Warrington.

**RESOLVED** that;

The expenditure of up to £100.00 plus VAT was approved for the purchase of replacement defibrillator pads following use.

## **10 D-Day event**

Councillor C Topping had contacted Forestry England with regards to a beacon lighting event and they were looking into this. The Parish Council would have to be responsible for insurance for the event, risk assessments and for controlling numbers invited and for marshalling the event.

Councillor C Topping will contact the owner of Station Café to look at this as a start/finish point for the event.

The clerk will investigate risk assessments and contact the insurance company regarding this event.

Councillor F Goodier reported that a day event at the Abbey Arms may not be feasible due to several factors.

## **11 Village Gateway signs**

The clerk confirmed that she had contacted Hartford Parish Council regarding village signage they confirmed that they had been purchased from Glasdon, but this design is no longer stocked.

The clerk had contacted the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council with regards to the installation of village signs. They may be able to supply and install and the cost would be around £600.

The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department to obtain measurements and photos of the proposed signage.

## **12 The Old Haulage Yard on Chester Road Oakmere**

**RESOLVED** that;

The clerk was asked to contact the Ward Councillors to chase up Cheshire West and Chester Council on this matter.

## **13 Little Wood**

Councillor G Hudson had provided some receipts to the clerk for expenses incurred whilst undertaking work in Little Wood.

**RESOLVED** that;

The amount of up to £500.00 was approved by the Parish Council to reimburse Councillor G Hudson for any future expenses incurred such as fuel, chainsaw blades and any equipment for volunteer work at Little Wood. Itemised receipts would be provided to the clerk to make payment. The clerk noted that any receipts or invoices would have to be addressed to the Parish Council in order to reclaim the VAT.

The clerk was asked to contact the Parish Council insurance company to confirm that the Parish Council was insured for volunteer work including chainsaws and diggers work at Little Wood. All volunteer work would cease at Little Wood until the situation with regards to the insurance was clarified.

The clerk was asked to contact Tarmac to see if the Parish Council could apply for a grant for the necessary work required for Little Wood.

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

There were no Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillors present.

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

Councillor A Bell reported that the next edition of the newsletter was in progress and it should be ready for printing this week.

Councillor J Edwards reported that there was a damaged sign at the end of Stoney Lane and the clerk was asked to report this to the Highways Department of Cheshire West and Chester Council for their attention.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm.

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

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