**Minutes of the meeting of Doddington District Parish Council held at Hankelow on Monday 15th January 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm**

**Present**

Cllrs Cllr P Moore, Chair and Cllrs P Taylor, Cllrs C Brewin, L Cartwright, J Clowes, R Frodsham, D Leonard and E Wilson.

Six members of the public.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Leonard to his first meeting.

**1/1/24 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Starkey and Rowe

**2/1/24 Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

**3/1/24 Suspension of Standing Orders**

Standing Orders were suspended in order to have an informal discussion with the members of the public regarding a local unadopted road. It was noted that Cllr Clowes was looking into the matter with relevant Cheshire East Officers and would report back to the Council.

**4/1/24 Standing Orders**

Standing Orders were restored at 8.30 and the members of the public left.

**5/1/24 Finance**

The following items of expenditure were approved:

Clerk -Salary £244.00  
ThenMedia £48.00  
Hankelow Methodists rent £30.00

**6/1/24 Precept 2024/2025**

After consideration of the budget it was resolved to maintain the precept at the same level as the current year i.e. £3047.00.

**7/1/24 Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Clerk presented some quotes from the Blakenhall Village Hall for decorating. It was agreed to defer a decision until other options had been explored including CCTV for the layby , the purchase of mature native trees and bollards.

**8/1/24 HS2**

There was nothing further to report at this stage.

**9/1/24 Planning Applications**

There were no objections to the application at Cherry Tree House.

Cllr Frodsham expressed concern that two applications which had been opposed by the parish council had subsequently been approved by Cheshire East.

**10/1/24 Borough Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Clowes reported on the following items:

It had been estimated that connecting the proposed Dodington estate development to United Utilities infrastructure would cost approximately £1.4million, raising further doubts about its viability.

A Neighbourhood Plan meeting would be held on 16th January.

Cheshire East’s budget consultation was now open, and members were urged to respond. The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk would meet to discuss.

Cheshire East had been asked to deal with a range of issues such as flooding at Bridgemere Lane and Pewitt Lane and potholes at Mill Lane, Den Lane and the A51.

**11/1/24 Ward Members’ Report**

There were none

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.