

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddington District Parish Council, 16th September 2024 7.30 at Hankelow Methodist Hall

Present

Cllrs P Taylor, Chair and Cllrs Brewin, Cartwright, Frodsham, Starkey and Wilson

1/9/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Moore, Clowes and Leonard

2/9/24 Declarations of Interest

There were none

3/9/24 Minutes of the July Meeting

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4/9/24 Community Engagement

There were no members of the public present.

5/9/24 Finance Report

The Clerk reported that the Council had almost £13000 in the current account

6/9/24 Payments

The following payments were approved

Clerk -Salary £244.20

David Owen audit £20

Clerk expenses – £63.90

Community Heartbeat Trust – defibrillator maintenance £198.00

7/9/24 AGAR

The AGAR had previously been circulated to members of the Council and it was agreed to receive and approve the AGAR for 2023-2024 and for the Chair to sign.

8/9/24 Community Infrastructure Levy

The Council had received three quotes for eight trees to be planted at the layby area on at Bridgemere. In addition, Cheshire East Council had agreed the design of a scheme to further protect the site with bollards to act in conjunction with the trees.

It was agreed that subject to ensuring that all three quotes were like for like that the Council accepted the lowest price and move to get the work completed as soon as possible. Cllrs Brewin and Clowes to approve the mix of trees in conjunction with the Clerk.

In addition enquiries would be made about using the CIL funds to position mirrors at difficult junctions.

9/9/24 Planning Applications

Members wished to inform Cheshire East that they were unconvinced by an application for a potato shed, believing it would have other or additional uses.

No progress had been made drainage issues at Checkley Lane.

Mill Lane issues previously reported were ongoing.

10/9/24 Bridgemere Airmen's Memorial

Cllr Clowes had informed members by email about ongoing preparations for the service on 27th October. The Clerk would be inviting Mayors and senior officials.

11/9/24 Police Cluster

Cllr Starkey offered to represent the Council at these events and this was approved by the Council.

12/9/24 Replacement of the Clerk

The Clerk had tendered his resignation and had advertised the post with closing date for applications 30th September.

A new job description was approved.

It was agreed that the interview panel would be Cllrs Moore, Clowes and Frodsham assuming Cllr Moore was able to undertake the role.

The Council also agreed that the new clerk should not be expected to manage their own payroll service and a quote from TP Jones for £105 pa was agreed. Three quotes had been secured.

Members thanked the Clerk for his service over the past four years and he thanked them for their support.

The meeting closed at 8.30