

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DODDINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Held via Zoom on Monday 16th November 2020

PRESENT

Councillors P Moore (Chair), R Frodsham (Vice-Chair), L Bebbington, C Brewin, J Clowes, K Rowe, P Taylor and E Wilson

Clerk A Neil

Two members of the public

20-21 21 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

20-21 22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

These were approved as a correct record.

20-21 23 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

20-21 23 DODDINGTON ESTATE APPEAL

Members were concerned that the appeal had been upheld despite local objections and concerns and a robust S 106 agreement. Cllr Clowes had been in contact with Mr Mark Challis of law firm BDB Pitman's who would assess the appeal and advise whether there were grounds to challenge it on legal issues rather than planning judgments. It was agreed to pay Mr Challis at the reduced rate of £2750 plus VAT.

Members of the public left the meeting after this discussion.

20-21 24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following payments were agreed

Cheshire Community Action subscription £20

Clerk's Salary (2 months) £189.60

M Challis/BDB Pitman's £2750

It was agreed that the refund of £449.26 in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan be set aside towards any future work on the plan.

A request for funding re defibrillator labels was deferred pending further discussions on location of a defibrillator in the parish.

20-21 25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

N4097N Hill Gates solar panel installation. Members wished to suggest conditions that

1. the number of panels not exceed 16 and that the facility be connected to the dwelling house and not for any other purpose. The application provided no detail of how the array would be safely connected to the wider grid (for safe discharge of excess power generation).
2. This would require details of how the cables would be appropriately installed at depth (in accordance with H&S and Energy Regs) whilst still permitting all potential future agricultural uses of the land (e.g. ploughing and animal husbandry).
3. Based on the distance of the array from the dwelling, this would require significant excavation work which was not explained.
4. Excess energy would need to be transferred to the grid; this application therefore needed to be referred to the relevant energy 'statutory consultee'.
5. The array would be best served by some form of fence enclosure to protect it from other agricultural activities (animal grazing / land management). This could be conditioned.

20/4074N Lake View. the Parish Council wish to raise the following points in this instance:

1. The historic photographs are of interest but the parish council question the validity of an historic lean-to that was not part of the substantive original barn, against the context of a completely remodelled barn conversion and central courtyard format for residential dwellings.
2. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the proximity of the new extension with the extremely busy A51. Residents have erected traffic mirrors at the access to the Leygrounds Barn Conversions as exiting onto the A51 is problematic with poor visibility to the left (where the new extension would be situated).

Subject to COVID-19 security measures, a site visit would be useful in this context.

20-21 26 DODDINGTON LODGE

Members noted that the appeal on this application had been granted.

20-21 27 WINTER MAINTENANCE CONSULTATION

Clr Clowes went into some detail about how possible reductions in some areas of the parish posed potential safety concerns. It was agreed that she produce detailed responses to be circulated to members of the council.

20-21 28 BRIDGEMERE SID

It was noted that the SID had not been operating since January. Complaints continued to be made by the school and others to have this rectified asap.

20-21 29 DEFIBRILLATOR

Members continued to be concerned to have a community accessible defibrillator in the parish. One possible location suggested was the garage at Bridgemere Hall but preferred site remained the school if arrangements could be made to protect school security whilst having the defibrillator accessible to the public.

20-21 30 SUDDEN DEATH INCIDENT BRIDGEMERE LANE 4TH NOVEMBER 2020

Members were concerned about an incident that took place at the junction of the A51 and Hunsterson Road in Bridgemere on 4th November. The incident involved a cyclist who appeared to have suffered a cardiac incident and ultimately could not be resuscitated. Residents involved had been concerned that it had taken thirty minutes before a first responder arrived. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries as to why it should have taken so long.

20-21 31 SITE ALLOCATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES CONSULTATION

Members had had the relevant documents to consider. Although there would be relatively little impact on the Parish it was agreed that Cllr Clowes draft a response on behalf of the council.

20-21 32 BRIDGEMERE MEMORIAL: WREATH LAYING EVENT

Cllr Clowes reported on her attendance at the event which had provided a remembrance ceremony socially distanced. The event had gone well and lessons had been learned for any similar events in the future. A video had been produced which the Clerk would seek to have added to the website.

20-21 33 NOTICE BOARD

Cllr Frodsham had a serviceable notice board available for community use. The Clerk reported that one board in the parish was damaged/lost and would liaise with Cllr Frodsham about using the board in his possession.

20-21 34 WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that some updating had taken place. Two members of the council were missing from the list and would be added. The Clerk would contact Kieran re upgrading the website to meet the national association's standards.

20-21 35 A51 CARRIAGEWAY REPAIRS

These were now underway and all residents affected should have been notified.

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm. The next meeting would be held on 18th January and it was expected that it too would be held via Zoom.