

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DODDINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held via Zoom at 7 pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

## **PRESENT**

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

Clerk A Neil

## **20-21 48 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Taylor

## **20-21 49 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

## **20-21 50 Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> January Meeting**

These were approved as a correct record.

## **20-21 51 Defibrillator Update**

The clerk updated members on the progress of this project. It was agreed to decline the offer from the Fire Service as the defibrillator offered would be obsolete soon. The Community Heartbeat Foundation had agreed to provide the required three estimates and it was agreed that the Clerk would also approach David Owen re other possible suppliers. It was also agreed that the Chair and the Clerk be delegated to take the matter forward and arrange purchase and installation.

## **20-21 52 Sudden Death Incident Bridgemere 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Members were concerned that there appeared to have been some confused communication on the night of the incident and hoped that raising the matter would have helped the appropriate authorities to learn lessons. It was agreed that the Council not pursue this any further.

## **20-21 53 Highways Matters**

Signed .....Chair 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

1. Re the email from ChALC re speeding, the issue was more related to the fact that most of the roads in the parish were 60mph limit and therefore much traffic travelled faster than might be entirely safe. The road by the school was a particular concern.
2. Many of the roads in the parish had suffered additional wear and tear while being used as unofficial diversions while the A51 had been closed. The Clerk would contact the Highways department re Crewe Road, Lodge Lane, Mill Lane and others.

#### 20-21 54 Planning

It was noted that the application for Doddington Mill was not yet due for approval but that a considerable amount of work was already taking place. The Clerk would contact enforcement officers at Cheshire East Council on the matter.

#### 20-21 55 Accounts

The following payments were approved

Clerk Salary £189.60 (two months)

Postage £15.30

CPRE Subscription £36.00

The Clerk reported that the current balance in the bank stood at £10,107.51 which included the £1000 donation from the Police and Crime Commissioner towards the defibrillator.

#### 20-21 55 Community Governance

Members had been circulated with the report from Cheshire East Council. This was the first review the council had carried out. It proposed to 'rationalise' the Doddington and District by dividing it into just two wards divided by the A51 and to reduce the number of councillors from 13 to eight.

Members were supportive of this arrangement and it was agreed to suggest that the parish be renamed simply Doddington Parish Council.

#### 20-21 56 HS2 Presentation

Members were reminded that they had been invited to presentations re the impact of HS2. The Clerk would resend the email so members could book their attendance.

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## 20-21 57 Public Rights of Way

The Clerk had circulated information from Council for the Protection of Rural England and Cllr Clowes said that there was interest from neighbouring parishes. In order to take this forward Cllr Clowes would seek to arrange a meeting for members with the Public Rights of Way Officer at Cheshire East.

## 20-21 58 Councillor Reports

1. Cllr Brewin asked re the street light on Checkley Lane. The Clerk would seek to put the electrician in touch with her to take this forward.
2. Cllr Frodsham still had the notice board he had repaired. He would be examining the others in the parish when Covid restrictions permitted but was of the opinion that most would require relatively small amounts of work. The Clerk said he had been exploring possible suppliers of new ones if they were needed.
3. Cllr Rowe was concerned about litter at the lay-by on Checkley Lane. The Clerk would contact the PCSO to ask if an occasional police presence was possible as a deterrent.
4. Cllr Wilson was concerned that work seemed to have halted on clearing drains at Glovers Moss.

## 20-21 59 Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report

Cllr Clowes reported on

1. Septic tank issue at Checkley Lane – this, for future reference, was the responsibility of United Utilities
2. Flooding issues in some areas including Cobbs Lane where plastic piping had been fitted and a culvert would be installed in the summer.

## 20-21 60 Annual Meeting

This would take place at 7 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to invite the PCSO to say a few words on his work in the parish.

The meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.

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