

Minutes of the meeting of Doddington and District Parish Council held at Hankelow Chapel, 7:30pm on Monday 17th January 2022

Present

Cllrs P Moore (Chair), R Frodsham, C Brewin, L Cartwright, J Clowes, A Micklewright, D Rogers, E Wilson,

In Attendance: S Clarke, Clerk (sickness cover)

21-22/52 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Rowe and P Taylor, A Neil, Clerk

21-22/53 Declarations of Interest

Regarding items on the agenda, there were no declarations of interest

21-22/54 Minutes of 16th November 2021 Meeting

Cllr Micklewright & Cllr Rogers apologies were not recorded in the minutes.

Otherwise, the minutes were approved as a true and correct record

21-22/55 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising since the last meeting in November 2021

21-22/56 Co-option

Chairman to invite Mr Tom Starkey to the next meeting in March 2022 for co-option

21-22/57 Accounts

The following payments were approved:

Clerk Salary – two months- £200.40

Expenses – mileage - £22.50

CPRE - £36.00

Hire of Hankelow Methodist Chapel for January '22 - £30.00

For March meeting, the clerk to add an agenda item for the council to discuss the correct pay scale for the clerk

21-22/58 Budget Recommendation 2022-23

RESOLVED: The council unanimously approved the proposed budget of £5,070.00 for 2022/23

21-22/59 Precept Recommendation 2022-23

RESOLVED: The council unanimously approved the precept recommendation of £3,047.00 for 2022/23 – clerk will send request to Lawrence Whittaker at Cheshire East

21-22/60 Housing Needs Survey

Wybunbury Combined Parishes Neighbourhood Plan involves a Housing Needs Survey which is now due. The plan is to follow a similar format as the previous survey in 2017 where the costs will be shared between the 4 parishes and divided by number of households.

Also, as previously done, monies to be sent to Hough & Chorlton PC. Estimate that the survey will begin February/March 2022.

21-22/61 Police and Crime Commissioner budget consultation

Clerk to re-share the link to all councillors and encourage anyone to complete the survey if not already done. Closing date is at the end of January 2022

21-22/62 Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications since November 2021 meeting

21/6013N – Fox View, Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson, CW5 7PN

Clerk to forward comments provided by Cllr Frodsham to the planning portal address & Daniel Evans at Cheshire East Planning, as soon as possible as closing date has passed.

21-22/63 Members' Reports

Cllr Frodsham requested that the clerk send a letter to Yew Tree Cottage, Pewit Lane to request they trim the hedge as it is causing a road safety hazard.

Cllr Brewin highlighted that the pot holes down Checkley Lane are so severe that they are causing damage to car tyres.

Cllr Micklewright enquired if there was any update regarding the Fire at Whittakers Green Farm. Cllr Clowes updated the council incidents so far.

RESOLVED: Clerk to email the Environment Agency for an update as the site is in this parish.

Cllr Wilson was concerned regarding road safety since Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Streamlined Consultation (WMHI) removed many rural roads in the parish from the Winter Gritting routes.

A letter was received from a resident who has 2 incidents of losing control of their vehicle as direct result of roads not being gritted by the school.

RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to the parent to explain as a parish we were unsuccessful for our voice to be heard on the consultation.

Also, in a separate email, the clerk to request that the Chief Executive of Cheshire East, Lorraine O'Donnell, to respond to the resident the duty of care on road safety near a school.

Cllr Moore received an email regarding Flexible Verge Markers, he will speak to the resident for further clarifications of intentions.

21-22/64 Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Clowes updated councillors on a number of projects that have not already been talked about, they are:

HS2 - progress so far with HS2 and working with project leads to make some modifications on some route plans

Community Governance Review – Numerical analysis is taking place up to February 2022, hopefully a final decision will be made after a Special Council meeting in May.

Dingle Lane – current roadworks were causing issues with no bin collection. It has been agreed that residents bring their bins closer to the A51 road where there is access.

Cheshire East Budgets – gave an update on reasons for 2.99% increase in Council Tax

Earth Bunding – to consider investigation for Earth Bunding using the Highways Improvement budget for next year.

21-22/65 To approve Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

RESOLVED – The majority of councillors approved, with one abstained, on the new Standing Orders. The Standing Orders to be reviewed in January 2023 or before if any new legal requirements have arisen.

RESOLVED – The council unanimously agreed to the Financial Regulations. The Finance regulations to be reviewed in January 2023 or before if any new legal requirements have arisen.

21-22/66 Venue for Annual Meeting

RESOLVED: The Annual Meeting would be held at Hankelow Methodist Chapel, clerk to confirm the date of meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:27pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 22nd March 2022 Blakenhall Village Hall