**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Doddington Parish and Parish Council held at Hankelow Methodist Hall 7 p.m. 15th May 2023**

**Present**

Cllr Paul Moore, Chair, Cllrs C Brewin, L Cartwright, J Clowes, T Starkey, E Wilson.

**1/5/23 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rowe, Frodsham and Taylor.

**2/5/23 Election of Chair for 2023-2024**

Cllr Moore was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations Cllr Moore was elected as Chair for the coming municipal year.

**3/5/23 Election of Vice Chair for 2023-2024**

Cllr Taylor was nominated as Vice Chair and in the absence of any other nominations was elected as Vice Chair for the coming municipal year.

**4/5/23 Chair’s Report**

The Chair wished to thank everyone for the support given to the Airmen’s Memorial event. The Council had consolidated the work it had been doing and now had a new website. He thanked members for their attendance and diligence and the Clerk for his support.

**5/5/23 Finance Report**

The Clerk submitted a report on income and expenditure in the previous financial year and would hopefully have accounts audited by the July meeting.

A refund from HMRC was overdue.

The Clerk would investigate the possibility of a second defibrillator possibly at Blakenhall Centre

**6/5/23 Payments**

Payments were approved as follows

A Neil, two months’ salary £241.40

ThenMedia website maintenance £24

**7/5/23 Planning Applications**

Application for the small holding site at Mill Lane was not considered appropriate and in conflict with established plans and policies.

Seven Stars application – members were concerned that the application didn’t give a genuine and helpful overview of the site.

**8/5/23 Borough Councillor’s Report**

The election on May 4th resulted in Cheshire East again being hung/no overall control with the Conservatives the largest party. There appeared to be no immediate resolution to this situation.

The Parish Council need to prepare for new work on the combined Neighbourhood Plan.

**9/5/23 Individual Ward Member reports**

Cllr Brewin raised concerns re drainage at Mill Lane which Cllr Clowes was aware of and attempting to deal with.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.