**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddington District Parish Council Held on 17th July 2023 at Hankelow Methodist Chapel**

**Present**

Cllr P Taylor, Vice Chair in the Chair

CllrsC Brewin, L Cartwright, J Clowes, R Frodsham, K Rowe and T Starkey

Arthur Neil, Clerk

**1/7/23 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs P Moore and E Wilson

**2/7/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were none to declare.

**3/7/23 Minutes of the May Meeting**

These were approved as a correct record.

**4/7/23 AGAR Report**

Following the internal Audit Report members approved the annual AGAR Report. The Clerk reported there had been some delay as there had been discussion as to whether the council, having been subject to a governance review, would need to complete a report for this year.

**5/7/23 Payments**

The following payments were approved.

Clerk Salary – two months- £241.20
David Owen – Internal Audit £100.00

ThenMedia £24.00
Expenses – postaqe stamps £14.80, scanning £31.00, mileage 45.00
Community Heartbeat Trust maintenance of defib £198.00
Zurich Insurance £406.31 (previously approved)

Scottish Power £140.32

**6/7/23 Co-options**

Nobody had asked to be considered for co-option.

**7/7/23 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the application 23/2542N at the Smithy, Mill Lane. It was felt that there were no reasons to object to this but that the Clerk should ask that the brickwork and windows on the new build should as far as possible match the existing.

**8/7/23 Website and Facebook**

Cllr Starkey referred to some updates need on the website which the clerk said he would report to ThenMedia. Members were asked to provide any high-quality images so that the Facebook page could be launched.

**9/7/23 Borough Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Clowes reported on the following matters which had arisen or been dealt with since the last meeting:

Fly-tipping at Checkley Lane – one site cleared, one still awaiting clearance;

Pothole on A51 filled;

Some jetting had taken place at Wrinehill Road in Leah in order to improve capacity following building work.

HS2 early mitigation works apart from the ongoing maintenance of some hendges etc;

There was concern about a sink hole which had appeared in a resident’s garden in Hunsterson Road

**10/7/23 Clayfield Planning Application**

This had been delayed due to the need for ecological investigations which were taking some time to organise.

The meeting closed at 8.15