

Doddington and District Parish Council

19th January 2026

Commenced: 7.30 pm

Terminated: 9.00 pm

**Present: Councillors Councillor Taylor (Chair)
Councillors Cartwright, Clowes, Frodsham, Moore and Wilson**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from Members of the Parish Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members of the Parish Council.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th November 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no Members of the Public in attendance.

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Councillor Clowes reported on the following matters:-

- (i) Incidents of burning materials on Whittakers Green Farm;
- (ii) Streetlight on Checkley Lane and its associated problems relating to the large increase in the cost of power by Scottish Power, which had increased by over 100%, together with changes to the invoicing arrangements. Similar problems were being experienced by other Parish Councils. The Chair reported that he was in discussions with Scottish Power over this matter, and that he would also liaise with the Parish Clerk at Hatherton and Walgherton Parish Council;
- (iii) Hatherton and Walgherton Parish Council had offered, its redundant notice board. This would be accepted and stored until required;
- (iv) Work to update the Neighbourhood Plan was a larger project than first anticipated. The initial invoice had been received by Mr Mark Robinson (Co-ordinator) and an apportioned invoice to this Parish Council, would be issued;
- (v) The Draft National Planning Policy Framework had significant implications for the Borough, particularly in terms of land supply for housing development;
- (vi) The damaged trees on Bridgemere Lane were unlikely to grow as expected. Councillors Wilson and Moore explained that they had available some trees, and Councillors Frodsham and Taylor agreed to plant two suitable trees;
- (vii) The Cheshire East Council Budget had implications for Parish Councils as the SEND budget was in debt by approximately £180m. The 2026-2027 Council Tax would increase by 5% and exceptional financial support was being requested from the Government for 2027-2028, together with a request to increase the Council Tax by more than 5%. If the application for exceptional financial support was refused, the Borough Council was likely to be in a Section 144 bankruptcy situation;
- (viii) Grit bins and litter/rubbish bins.

RESOLVED

That on receipt of the apportioned invoice for work to review the Neighbourhood Plan, the Clerk be authorised to make payment.

6. TREE INSPECTION

This matter was addressed in Minute 5(vi).

7. GOVERNANCE – ASSET REGISTER 2025-2026

RESOLVED

That the Asset Register for 2025-2026, as Appended to these Minutes, be approved.

8. FINANCE AND BUDGET 2025-2026

The Parish Council considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, on the following matters:-

(i) Transactions

RESOLVED

That the following transactions be approved:-

PAYEE/PAYER	DETAILS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Unity Trust	Monthly Service Charge		£6.00
J Clowes	Wreath Credit	£20.00	
Crewe 95 Squadron	Wreath Credit	£33.50	
J Clowes	Bedding Plants reimbursement		£14.00
Royal British Legion	Wreaths		£237.00
100 Nantwich Squadron	Wreath Credit	£33.50	
M Clough	Postage reimbursement		£3.07
HugoFox	Email subscription		£2.99
HMRC	PAYE October 2025 and November 2025		£60.80
M Clough	Salary October 2025 and November 2025		£242.84
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge		£6.00
Cheshire Countryside	Annual Subscription		£37.00
Scottish Power	Scottish Power - Final Demand		£78.75
Scottish Power	Scottish Power - Invoice 109511929		£33.60
HugoFox	Email subscription		£2.99
Unity Trust	Monthly Service Charge		£6.00
Scottish Power	Invoice 109515256		£33.60

(ii) Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the following payments, be approved:-

PAYEE	DETAILS	£
Blakenhall Village Hall	Room Hire for January	£30.00
M Clough	Salary December 2025 and January 2026	£182.44
HMRC	PAYE December 2025 and January 2026	£121.20
Urban Print	Neighbourhood Plan	Doddington Proportion

(iii) Budget Expenditure to 11th January 2026

RESOLVED

That the following Budget Head expenditure to 11th January 2026, be approved:-

Budget Head	Total	Budget Allocated	£ Difference
Clerk Salary and PAYE	£1,214.56	£1,850.00	£635.44
Office Expenses	£98.50	£101.00	£2.50
Information Commissioner	£47.00	£40.00	-£7.00
Insurance	£214.00	£214.00	£0.00

Subscriptions	£255.96	£275.00	£19.04
Internal Audit Fee	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
Website/Emails	£296.83	£400.00	£103.17
Room Hire	£60.00	£150.00	£90.00
Street Lighting	£324.20	£225.00	-£99.20
Projects (Grit Bin Investment/Bridgemere Lane Improvements)	£14.00	£660.00	£646.00
Remembrance	£237.00	£150.00	-£87.00
Defibrillator Maintenance	£198.00	£250.00	£52.00
Payroll Provider	£42.26	£150.00	£107.74
Election Recharges	£0.00	£175.00	£175.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
Chair's Allowance	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00
RINGFENCED CIL	£660.00	£5,982.14	£5,322.14
Balance including CIL	£3,762.31	£10,982.14	£7,219.83

(iv) Explanation of Variances

Members noted that the debit balance for Remembrance had been replaced by credits, following invoices served.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the sum at the sum of £70.00 from the Projects Budget to the Street Lighting Budget, be approved.
- (ii) That the sum of £7.00 from the Projects Budget to the Information Commissioner Budget, be approved.

(v) Bank Reconciliation – 11th January 2026

RESOLVED

That the following Bank Reconciliation as at 11th January 2026, be approved:-

Bank Reconciliation 11th January 2026	
DODINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL	
Financial year ending 31 March 2026	
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO	
Balance per bank statements as at 31st December 2025	£
Current Account (11290091)	£11,630.88
Less: any unpresented cheques	£33.60
Add: any unbanked cash	
Net bank balances as at 11th January 2026	£11,597.28
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows	
CASH BOOK	

Opening Balance Current at 1st April 2025	£9,756.88
Add: Receipts in the year	£5,602.71
Less: Payments in the year	£3,762.31
Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above	£11,597.28

(vi) Bank Statements

RESOLVED

That the following bank statements, circulated with the Report, be approved:-

- 30th November 2025
- 31st December 2025

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered an update from Councillor Clowes on the following planning matters:-

• **New Planning Applications**

(i) Application Number: 25/4788/RES

Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters for Site 8 following Outline Approval 18/2153N - APP/R0660/W/19/3221564 - Outline application for development of 12 sites for residential development for 112 dwellings with means of access and layout included, but with all other matters reserved, for a 10 year phased release and delivery period and associated community betterment (parking overspill next to school, enhanced parking next to church permissive pedestrian paths, play space, public access, community orchard, educational contribution and affordable housing). [Re-submission of 16/5719N : addition of extra 2.81 ha of land and 10 no. dwellings]

Location: Land Of Hunsterson Road, Hunsterson, CW5 7PU

Comments to be submitted by 11th February 2026

RESOLVED

That Councillor Clowes consults with the Members for their comments, which are collectively agreed (by 26th January 2026) and the Clerk submits the final comments to the Local Planning Authority.

(ii) Application Number: 25/4787/RES

Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters for Site 9 following Outline Approval 18/2153N APP/R0660/W/19/3221564 - Outline application for development of 12 sites for residential development for 112 dwellings with means of access and layout included, but with all other matters reserved, for a 10 year phased release and delivery period and associated community betterment (parking overspill next to school, enhanced parking next to church permissive pedestrian paths, play space, public access, community orchard, educational contribution and affordable housing). [Re-submission of 16/5719N : addition of extra 2.81 ha of land and 10 no. dwellings]

Location: Land Of Hunsterson Road, Hunsterson, Cheshire East, CW5 7RB

RESOLVED

That Councillor Clowes consults with the Members for their comments, which are collectively agreed (by 26th January 2026) and the Clerk submits the final comments to the Local Planning Authority.

(iii) **Application Number:** 25/1363/RES

Proposal: Reserved matters application to approve appearance; landscaping and scale for sites 2 and 3 on approval 18/2153N (APP-R0660/W/19/3221564).

Location: Doddington Park Farmhouse Bridgemere Lane, Bridgemere, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7PU

RESOLVED

That Councillor Clowes consults with the Members for their comments, which are collectively agreed (by 26th January 2026) and the Clerk submits the final comments to the Local Planning Authority.

(iv) **Application Number:** 25/4779/DSC

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 5, 6 and 9 on approved application 25/2763/VOC - Variation of condition 2 on approval 22/4668N: Construction of a replacement dwelling and garage with associated landscaping following the demolition of the existing house and outbuildings.

Location: Clayfields Checkley Lane, Checkley, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7QA

RESOLVED

That Councillor Clowes consults with the Members for their comments, which are collectively agreed (by 26th January 2026) and the Clerk submits the final comments to the Local Planning Authority.

(v) **Public right of way diversion application: Doddington & District FP 37 (part)**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Clowes consults with the Members for their comments, which are collectively agreed, and the Clerk submits the final comments to the Public Right of Way Team.

• **Comments submitted under the provisions of the Standing Orders**

(vi) **Application Number:** 25/4344/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from pasture/amenity land to vegetable garden land.

Location: 1, Boltons Cottage Checkley Lane, Checkley, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7QA
Please refer to the comments circulated with the Agenda.

10. SUPPLIER INVOICES UPDATE FOR LIGHTING ON CHECKLEY LANE

This Item was considered under Minute 5(ii).

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next meeting was 16th March 2026 at 7.30 pm at Blakenhall Village Hall.

12. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that the following items of business required consideration as a matter of urgency.

13. POLICE CLUSTER MEETING

Councillor Clowes presented an update on the recent Police Cluster Meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk asks the PCSO to keep the Parish Councils informed of the dates of all Cluster Meetings, as notification wasn't received for the last Meeting.

14. BLAKENHALL VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Taylor reported on the Minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED

That a request be made to the Village Hall Committee to obtain a quote from a locksmith, which will be considered by the Parish Council.

15. RISK ASSESSMENT FOR BLAKENHALL VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Taylor referred to the need of a Risk Assessment for the Parish Council's use of the Village Hall. He agreed to draft the document for approval at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Report be noted.

DODDINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**ASSET REGISTER
2025-2026**

Description	Location	Cost
Defibrillator	Bridgemere School	£2,500.00
Lenovo T490s Laptop	Clerk's Home Address	£340.00
Bus Shelter	Bridgemere Lane	£2,000.00
Noticeboard 1.	Bridgemere Lane	£1,500.00
Noticeboard 2.	Checkley Lane	£1,000.00
Noticeboard 3.	Bridgemere Lane, Manor Place	£1,000.00
Noticeboard 4.	Blakenhall Village Hall, Mill Lane	£1,000.00
Noticeboard 5.	Wrinehill Road, near Lea Hall	£1,000.00
Streetlight	Checkley Lane	£1.00

Inspected by: All Parish Councillors

Date: Various dates.

Defibrillator inspected weekly by Mr S Randle