

Doddington and District Parish Council

20th July 2026

Commenced: 7.30 pm

Terminated: 9.05 pm

**Present: Councillor Clowes (in the Chair)
Councillors Cartwright, Frodsham and Wilson**

There was one member of the public in attendance

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING

In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, Councillor Clowes was nominated as Chair for this meeting.

RESOLVED

That the appointment of Councillor Clowes, to the position of Chair of the Parish Council for this meeting, be approved.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Taylor and Moore.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Lyndon Hills expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and sought additional information. Councillor Clowes provided a detailed explanation of his questions.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th May 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the amendment of Councillor Moore, being appointed as Deputy Chair, rather than Chair.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Councillor Clowes reported on the following:-

(i) Neighbourhood Plan - residents and Parish Councillors were asked to identify green spaces which are of value to the community (these could be as small as a simple grass verge) and also historic buildings or structures that were not listed, but that had some value to the local community.

(ii) Highways Matters – the Parish Council considered a request for street signs for Mill Lane.

RESOLVED

That £600.00 be earmarked in the 2026-2027 Budget, for the purposes of ordering three signs and the appropriate fittings for Mill Lane, from Zero signs Limited.

(iii) Airmen's Memorial Service - Councillor Frodsham agreed to enhance the area with some plants.

RESOLVED

That the purchase of weedkiller, slate, plants and compost in the sum of £100.00 be approved and reimbursed to Councillor Frodsham on production of the receipts.

(iv) Bridgemere Lane - Bollards and Trees – Cheshire East Council had agreed to reinstall the bollards. Unfortunately, the trees might be lost due to the dry weather.

(v) Fly-tipping - Two instances of large flytips had been reported.

(vi) Parish Council Recruitment – there was a possibility of two new Parish Councillors.

7. TREE INSPECTION

Members noted that the trees were unfortunately looking fragile and it was hoped that they would not be lost due to the current drought.

8. FINANCE AND BUDGET 2026-2027

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

(i) Transactions

Councillor Frodsham declared his interest in this 8(i), as a recipient of reimbursements. He did not participate in the discussion or voting thereon.

RESOLVED

That the following transactions, be approved:-

PAYEE/PAYER	DETAILS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Scottish Power	Streetlight		£33.14
Hough and Chorlton	Neighbourhood Plan Fees INV 2		£155.78
HugoFox	Email - INV-27717		£2.99
M Clough	April and May Salary		£182.44
HMRC	April and May PAYE		£121.20
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Fee		£7.00
Robert Frodsham	Reimbursement Invoice 20183		£23.04
HMRC VTR	VAT Refund	£289.52	
CHESHIRE EAST	CIL Monies	£1,040.48	
HugoFox	Email - INV-28931		£2.99
Robert Frodsham	Reimbursement Invoice 20388		£10.36
Robert Frodsham	Reimbursement Invoice 183360		£14.60
Robert Frodsham	Reimbursement Invoice 20502		£23.04
Scottish Power	16167553910		£34.25
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Fee		£7.00

(ii) Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the forthcoming payments detailed below, be approved:-

Payee	Details	£
Blakenhall Village Hall	Room Hire for July	£30.00
M Clough	Salary June 2026 and July 2026	Approx £182.44
HMRC	PAYE June 2026 and July 2026	Approx £121.20
		£2.99
Emails	August 2026 and September 2026	£2.99
		£7.00
Unity Trust Bank	August 2026 and September 2026	£7.00
Highline Electrical	Decommissioning of Street Light (contractual as work previously approved)	£213.60
	Replacement defibrillator pads	Clerk to source

(iii) **Budget Expenditure to 10th July 2026**

RESOLVED

That the following Budget Head expenditure to 10th July 2026, as detailed below, be approved:-

Budget Head	Total	Budget Allocated	£ Difference
Clerk Salary and PAYE	£303.64	£1,950.00	£1,646.36
Office Expenses	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00
Information Commissioner	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00
Insurance	£214.00	£275.00	£61.00
Subscriptions	£215.40	£275.00	£59.60
Internal Audit Fee	£140.00	£150.00	£10.00
Website/Emails	£235.77	£300.00	£64.23
Room Hire	£0.00	£210.00	£210.00
Street Lighting	£101.64	£375.00	£273.36
Projects	£71.04	£500.00	£428.96
Remembrance	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
Defibrillator Maintenance	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Payroll Provider	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00
Election Recharges	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£386.34	£1,300.00	£913.66
RINGFENCED CIL	£354.00	£4,725.16	£4,371.16
Including CIL Income and Expenditure	£2,021.83	£10,860.16	£8,838.33
Excluding CIL Income and Expenditure	£1,667.83	£6,135.00	£4,467.17

NOTE ON CIL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Original CIL receipts were £7,494.72 (from 2019)

In 2024-2025 Expenditure was £3,150.04

In 2025-2026 Expenditure was £660.00

In 2026-2027 the lock work for the Village Hall (£354.00) has been reallocated to the CIL Budget

Additional receipt in June 2026 of £1,040.48

(iv) **Explanation of Variances**

There were no variances to report.

(v) **Bank Reconciliation – 10th July 2026**

RESOLVED

That the following Bank Reconciliation as at 10th July 2026, be approved:-

Bank Reconciliation 10th July 2026	
DODINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL	
Financial year ending 31 March 2027	
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO	
Balance per bank statements as at 30th June 2026	£
Current Account (11290091)	£13,056.38

Less: any unpresented cheques	£0.00
Add: any unbanked cash	£265.41
Net bank balances as at 10th July 2026	£13,321.79
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows	
<u>CASH BOOK</u>	
Opening Balance Current at 1st April 2026	£10,680.71
Add: Receipts in the year	£4,662.91
Less: Payments in the year	£2,021.83
Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above	£13,321.79

(vi) Bank Statements

RESOLVED

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

- 31st May 2026
- 30th June 2026

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

(i) Application Reference Number: 26/2341/HOUS

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of proposed rear single storey extension and part garage conversion.

Location: CHECKLEY GREEN COTTAGE Checkley Green, Checkley, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7QA

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council's comments, as circulated, were ratified.

(ii) Application Reference Number: 26/2140/CLEUD

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Residential Use of Caravan.

Location: PRINCE HILL London Road, Bridgemere, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7PZ

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council's comments, as circulated, were ratified.

(iii) Application Reference Number: 26/2324/FUL

Location: LEY GROUND FARM London Road, Bridgemere, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7PX

Proposal: Material change of use of 2.02 hectares of agricultural land to private equestrian use.

RESOLVED

- That the Parish Council does not have an objection in principle, but access into the field must be through the current Ley Ground Farm access point, to avoid hazardous access onto the A51 which is national speed limit.
- That should the field no longer be required for private equestrian use associated with the main dwelling, it should be reinstated as agricultural land.

10. UPDATE ON STREET LIGHTING

Councillor Clowes reported that the street light had now been disconnected.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council noted that the date of the next meeting was 21st September 2026 at 7.30 pm at Blakenhall Village Hall.

12. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair was of the opinion that the following matter should be considered as a matter of urgency, due to low numbers on the Parish Council, and to ensure its continuing lawful operation.

13. CO-OPTION TO DODDINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLVED

That the appointment of Mr Lyndon Hills to Doddington and District Parish Council, be approved.