

Doddington and District Parish Council

16th March 2026

Commenced: 7.30 pm

Terminated: 9.05 pm

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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 19th January 2026 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 relating to the Parish:-

- (i) A route review study was being conducted for the A51 London Road – the Clerk agreed to submit comments to the Highways Officer.
- (ii) An update from the Environment Agency had been received regarding Whittakers Green (Green Waste Site). Members agreed to review the situation at the end of the month.
- (iii) A number of bins had not been emptied for two weeks during the closure of Checkley Lane. Councillor Clowes was monitoring this situation.
- (iv) With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan Review, the Steering Group had been meeting regularly, and additional information was now being sought from Cheshire East Council.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

6. TREE INSPECTION

RESOLVED

- (i) That the trees are currently in good condition.
- (ii) That the Clerk contacts Ash Humber, to request some wood chippings.

7. FINANCE AND BUDGET 2025-2026

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

(i) Transactions

RESOLVED

That the following transactions, be approved:-

PAYEE/PAYER	DETAILS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
HugoFox	Email subscription - INV 22700		£2.99
HMRC	PAYE December 2025 and January 2026		£121.20
M Clough	Salary December 2025 and January 2026		£182.44
Unity Trust	Monthly Service Charge		£6.00
Scottish Power	Scottish Power - Invoice 109516363		£33.60

Blakenhall Village Hall	Room Hire - September, November and January		£90.00
Unity Trust	Monthly Service Charge		£6.00
HugoFox	Email subscription - INV 24030		£2.99

(ii) Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the payments detailed below, be approved:-

Payee	Details	£
Blakenhall Village Hall	Room Hire for March	£30.00
M Clough	Salary February 2026 and March 2026	Approx £182.44
HMRC	PAYE February 2026 and March 2026	Approx £121.20
Emails	April 2026 and May 2026	£2.99
		£2.99
Unity Trust Bank	March 2026 and April 2026	£6.00
		£6.00

(iii) Budget Expenditure to 8th March 2026

RESOLVED

(a) That the following Budget Head expenditure to 8th March 2026, be approved.

(b) That the Neighbourhood Plan Budget Head be reviewed at the next meeting.

Budget Head	Total	Budget Allocated	£ Difference
Clerk Salary and PAYE	£1,518.20	£1,850.00	£331.80
Office Expenses	£98.50	£101.00	£2.50
Information Commissioner	£47.00	£47.00	£0.00
Insurance	£214.00	£214.00	£0.00
Subscriptions	£267.96	£275.00	£7.04
Internal Audit Fee	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
Website/Emails	£302.81	£400.00	£97.19
Room Hire	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00
Street Lighting	£357.80	£295.00	-£62.80
Projects (Grit Bin Investment/Bridgemere Lane Improvements)	£14.00	£583.00	£569.00
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
	£4,207.53	£10,982.14	£6,774.61

(iv) Explanation of Variances

RESOLVED

That the sum of £200.00 be transferred from the Projects Budget Head to the Street Lighting Budget Head.

(v) Bank Reconciliation – 8th March 2026

RESOLVED

That the following Bank Reconciliation as at 8th March 2026, be approved:-

Bank Reconciliation 8th March 2026	
DODDINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL	
Financial year ending 31 March 2026	
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO	
Balance per bank statements as at 28th February 2026	£
Current Account (11290091)	£11,155.05
Less: any unpresented cheques	£2.99
Add: any unbanked cash	
Net bank balances as at 8th March 2026	£11,152.06
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	£4,207.53
Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above	£11,152.06

(vi) **Bank Statements**

RESOLVED

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

- **31st January 2026**
- **28th February 2026**

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered the following updates:-

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

(i) **Application Reference 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

(ii) **Application Reference 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

- (iii) **Application Reference 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
- (iv) **Application Reference 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, Hunterson, CW5 7PU
- (v) **Application Reference Number:** 26/0247/HOUS
Proposal: Proposed Single Storey Extension. Erection of Vehicular Gates
Location: Yew Tree House Yew Tree Lane, Bridgemere, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7PY
- (vi) **PROW/MG/110D/617 – Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 37 (part) in the Parish of Doddington and District – Highways Act 1980 S119**

RESOLVED

That the comments for the above planning applications, and the diversion of public footpath no. 37, submitted under the provisions of the Standing Orders, be ratified.

9. BLAKENHALL VILLAGE HALL

Councillor Taylor reported on quotes received from Blakenhall Village Hall Trustees, who were asking for some financial support from the Parish Council.

He added that the Risk Assessment, was currently being updated.

RESOLVED

That the quote for a replacement lock for the outer door, from LA Locksmiths Limited in the sum of £354.00, plus £59.00 VAT, be approved.

10. SCOTTISH POWER

Councillor Taylor asked the Parish Council to consider and agree a course of action in relation to the street light, which was costing the Parish Council significant expenditure in electricity costs.

RESOLVED

- (i) **That the Parish Council will begin the process of having the lights removed, allowing three months notice, to local residents.**
- (ii) **That the Clerk contacts the Clerk from Hatherton and Walgherton Parish Council, to enquire about a suitable contractor to complete necessary disconnection works;**

(iii) That the Chair speaks to Scottish Power to advise that the electricity contract will be ending.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Parish Council noted that the date of the next meeting was **Tuesday**, 19th May 2026 at Blakenhall Village Hall.

- **Annual Parish Meeting – 7.00 pm**
- **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 7.30 pm**

12. URGENT ITEMS

There were no other items which the Chair was of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency. He advised that an inspection of the Notice Boards would take place when the weather improved.