

## **DODDINGTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2013 AT BLAKENHALL VILLAGE HALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor C Leighton (Chairman); Councillors L Berisford, C Brewin, J Clowes, J Davies and K Sawford  
R W Bason (Clerk)

#### **APOLOGIES**

**12-13/51** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Connolly, Lane, Percival, White and Wilson

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28 JANUARY 2013**

**12-13/52** It was agreed that the minutes be approved as a correct record subject to noting the omission of the minute regarding the precept and that the minutes be amended and resubmitted for approval accordingly.

#### **WHITTAKERS GREEN FARM**

**12-13/53** Councillor Clowes reported that the appeal against the condition to export compost had been upheld with a change to conditions and that costs had been awarded against Cheshire East Council.

#### **NOTICEBOARDS**

**12-13/54** The Chairman reported that the six noticeboards had been completed and awaited siting.

#### **WEBSITE**

**12-13/55** The Chairman reported on progress on the design and content of the website.

#### **BRIDGEMERE SCHOOL**

**12-13/56** The headteacher of the school, Jane Dickinson, was in attendance and addressed the council on the current situation at the school in terms of school numbers and funding. The number of pupils was smaller than ideal currently but prospects were promising. There had been positive feedback from the recent open day. The school bus was operating well in partnership with Brine Leas High School. It was hoped that discussions with the Doddington estate could bring about an extension to the car park.

#### **ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

**12-13/57** Rev Helen Chantry was in attendance and addressed the meeting on the current situation – congregations were encouraging; toilets were expected to be

completed soon. Of particular concern was the condition of the churchyard in Wrinehill Road, Wybunbury. Although this was the responsibility of Wybunbury church, part of that ecclesiastical parish covered the Doddington district and it was agreed that a request for funding be brought to a future meeting of the parish council.

## **FIRE HYDRANTS**

**12-13/58** Further to Minute 44, it was agreed that provision of protective bollards be funded as they were ordered.

## **WYBUNBURY UNITED CHARITIES**

**12-13/59** The Chairman reported that the six current funds relating to the six townships in the district be consolidated into one and it was agreed that an account be set up with Barclays Bank plc to receive monies from Wybunbury United Charities on behalf of the six townships of Blakenhall, Bridgemere, Checkley, Doddington, Hunsterson and Lea the new account to be called Doddington WUC.

These funds were to be used for, on application, to make payments to benefit those in need, namely residents, projects or activities within the parish of Doddington and District, that the trustees deemed worthy to receive such payments due to their financial circumstances.

The officials of the bank account would be as follows:

Nicholas W B Clowes

Christopher Kevin Leighton

Jeremy Bowyer

## **FINANCE**

**12-13/60** The Clerk reported that the current account balance stood at £5714.80

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's Salary (two months) £192.26

Clerk's Expenses - £7.63

**12-13/61** The clerk reported on the following planning applications of which notification of decision had been received from Cheshire East Council:

Checkley New Farm, Turncocks lane, Wrinehill, CW3 9DD - Proposed steel portal framed building for the housing of grain – approved with conditions

Leygrounds farm, London road, Bridgemere - Conversion of outbuilding to ancillary residential accommodation – approved with conditions

and on the following decisions

Yew Tree Cottage, Pewit Lane, Hunsterson - approved with conditions

**HIGHWAYS**

**12-13/62** Councillor Davies reported on progress of the A51 project where a stretch of the road was due to be the subject of a 40mph speed limit, the precise length of which was currently out to consultation.

Cheshire East Council was looking into adjusting the junction of the A51 with Checkley Lane and Bridgemere Lane.

The pot holes in Checkley Lane were due to be filled in and that the area around Checkley Bank was programmed for top dressing treatment.

Councillors Davies and Brewin were thanked for there ongoing efforts on behalf of the district in regards to highways and drainage matters.

**HS2 (Highspeed Rail)**

**12-13/63** The Chairman reported that a meeting had been convened at Blakenhall Village Hall on 25 May to be addressed by the leader of Cheshire East Council

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**12-13/50** The clerk reported the following correspondence:

Nantwich LAP – newsletter  
Cheshire East Council -invitation to interested parties to contribute to the “Health-watch” campaign.

..... Chairman

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