

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council Allotment Committee held at 19.30pm on
the 28th April 2010, Parish Room, (adj. Village Hall),
Church Lane, Doddinghurst**

Present: Cllr. Debbie Dicker (Chairman), Cllr. Julia LePage, Mrs. Marilyn Turner, Mrs. Claudine Burton

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr. Graham Bateson
2. 🖐️ **Resolved:** Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2010 approved and signed.
3. **Information:** Clerks report back on matters arising from 27th January 2010 meeting. Permanent numbering for finger posts was very expensive. Allotment posts were re-numbered with permanent marker by DT mid-March. DD and DT inspected plots at beginning of February. 4 tenants with untidy plots were contacted. 1 gave up due to ill health, another committed to undertake tidy up and remaining 2 had tenancies revoked under Clause 20(b).
4. 🖐️ **Resolved:** Mrs. Vally Veryard appointed as the new plot holder representative on the Committee.
5. **Tenancy Renewals and Waiting List Update.** 34 full plots and 18 half plots. Existing tenant of 40b did not pay and has had tenancy revoked today. The plot is currently under offer to person at top of waiting list. There will be 9 new tenants once 40b is let and the waiting list will number 4. A revised list of tenants will be displayed on the shed notice board and sent to all committee members.
6. **Provision of Additional Plots.** The decision on provision of additional plots had been deferred from 27th January meeting until after renewal period.
🖐️ **Resolved:** No new plots to be provided for the foreseeable future.
7. **Purchase of Woodstain for Shed.** 🖐️ **Resolved:** Approved at a cost of £50.00
8. **Volunteers: shed treatment.** It was suggested that the woodstain and brushes were left in the shed so allotment holders could undertake the treatment. Roger McCheyne to repair the batons at the back of the shed.
9. **Volunteers: planters outside shed.** Cllr. Julia LePage to do them at the same time as she does rest of planters in the village. Roger McCheyne to provide the topsoil required.
10. **Strimming of areas immediately adjacent to plots.** Allotment holders are to be reminded that a strimmer is available for their use. An appointment must be made with Roger Blake for collection and safety demonstration. Allotment holders are responsible for strimming around their plots and this will be looked at during July's inspection. Roger McCheyne also requested that allotment holders keep the pathways between the rows free of obstructions so he can mow them safely.
11. **Date of next meeting.** This is the committee's annual inspection visit and will take place on 14th July 2010 at 19.30 pm at the allotment site.

The meeting closed at 20.10 pm

Points raised during the open forum for the allotment holders:

- Putting swivel taps on water tanks to isolate supply if a problem should arise again with an overflowing tank. Roger McCheyne has offered to provide swivel taps.
- A letter to be sent to allotment holders re: use of communal strimmer, keeping pathways clear of obstructions, woodstaining shed, possibility of interest in a summer barbecue.

Signed:

Dated: 2010