

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee
held at 20.00 on the 16th September 2009, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall),
Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.**

Present: Cllrs, Alan Farrow (Chairman), Mrs Alison Richards, Mrs Julia Le Page, Graham Bateson.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr G Smith.
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.** None declared.
3. **👏 Resolved:** Approved and signed, the minutes of the GP meeting held on the 22nd July 2009.
4. **Information:** Actions arising from GP meeting on the 22nd July 2009. New Memorial planter delivered and installed at Middle Green. Old Planters at Mountnessing Lane recovered and stored on allotments by shed. Letter of thanks for his work on the Village Sign sent to Peter Kurton. Burial ground trees cut back as requested by resident. Cemetery Notice Board re-promised for early delivery at September PC meeting by Mr Keith Parker. Brentwood Park managers that supported Doddinghurst have been made redundant and we are currently resolving issues with replacement staff over emptying litter bins since CPA and recreation area litter bins and dog bins seem to have been missed off the current schedules for emptying. The dog waste bin that was burnt out is to be replaced with a fire proof bin (Clerk's delegated authority - £300 for supply and fit). Written to 3 Valleys regarding a water leak adjacent the Children's Play area and small car park. Noted that two lights on the scout path have failed and need bulb replacement. New sockets being installed for the kicking goal. A dossier has been sent to Essex County Council Trading Standard Officers over parking issues in Lime Grove – who, contrary to previous information, have now advised us that it is down to the "District Council" to prosecute. Peter Rose of BBC has been advised of the missive since he too was under the impression that Essex County Council Trading Standards were dealing with the matter.
5. **👏 Resolved: Approved purchase of a new table and seat** for the CPA, manufactured by Marmax at a price of £539 plus £80 delivery. Noted: An extension to the concrete base will be needed to secure the table frame to the ground.
6. **Information: PWLB** submitted and processed by the EALC. The loan sanction has been forwarded to the First Secretary of State of Communities and Local Government for approval.
7. **Information: New item of play equipment.** It was agreed that the current quotations would be shelved and the money allotted this year (£15,000) put into a new fund to be held for the future replacement of the whole play area.
8. **Information: Garden area in front of Budgens** – verbal permission granted by Mr Clare for the proposed work. Letter to confirm this to be sent to Mr Clare, who wanted no formal agreement. Matter to be taken forward to full council for approval to undertake the work.
9. **Information: Footpath maintenance – update.** Letter written to Blackmore about Footpath 20 maintenance and copied to Shirley Lucas PRow officer and Ann Naylor. Autumn cutting of footpaths to be undertaken over the next 4 -6 weeks.
10. **Information: Complaints about overhanging trees in Doddinghurst Road.** Letter to be written to BBC concerning this item of repeated complaint.

11. **Information: Complaints about damaged road signs at Appletree Crescent and Peartree Green.** Letter to be written to BBC concerning this item of repeated complaint.
12. **Information: Requests to trim pond area.** Noted, also to include Dagwood Triangle. Pond area trim to be "light".
13. **Information: Proposals for entrance to Mountnessing Lane.** Noted Councillor Dicker is seeking written confirmation that the installation of a seat on the grass, away from the footpath, immediately adjacent to the junction, would not create a safety hazard caused by increased activity from people such as cyclists (who would dismounting and rejoining the carriageway on the corner) and generally people possibly congregating at the Mountnessing Lane Doddinghurst road junction due to the existence of a seat.
14. **Any Other Urgent Business strictly for information only.** Damaged trees on Church Lane have been recovered and moved to the Dagwood Triangle

The tree on the Mountnessing Lane/ Doddinghurst Road junction does not require pollarding.

The litter bin outside Ask Wines has been replaced by BBC.

The Brentwood Borough Council parks management staff that supported Doddinghurst on the maintenance of recreational space have been made redundant (Mike Allen and Stephan Hartley). No notice of the changes were given and their phones and email remain functioning with no message to say they will not be answered.

Elements of the Pear Tree in front of Village sign to be winter pruned.

Also raised as items for a future meeting: Dog fouling has become an increased problem over the summer months, - Clr Farrow to consider where additional notices might be sited advising people not to let their dogs foul the ground (budget £100 per notice/ post / fixing.)

Clr Le page asked if the event **advertising display boards** recently installed by Blackmore PC on the verges around the Blackmore Parish were worth considering in Doddinghurst. (Budget £500 - £1000 for each display board).

Clr Bateson asked if the **Brambles emerging from the electricity sub-station** compound alongside St Margaret's Hall can be dealt with by writing to the owners of the land asking them to cut them back.

Suggested that **Peter Kurton be invited to PC meeting for presentation** of small gift from the Chairman for his work on the village sign.

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed:

Dated: 21st October 2009