

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 18th November 2009, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

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

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr. Alison Richards.
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 21st October 2009.
4. **Information:** Actions arising from GP meeting on the 21st October 2009. Old kicking goal sockets removed and holes refilled. Old sockets to be modified and refitted. Public Rights of Way representation request to be dealt with by Cllr Farrow. Noted: two further accidents at Swallows Cross since CIF Highways application submitted. Children's Play Area picnic table destroyed by fire. Crime report filed; Insurance claim submitted; Old table removed.
5. **Information:** Budget / Funding and Charges – Review of fees to be carried in January 2010 for implementation in the new financial year 2010/11. A GP "small item" budget of £1600 to be created in 2010/11 budget.
6. **Information:** New table/seat in play area – delivery planned for Monday 16th Nov rescheduled to 23rd Nov due to delays on part of carrier. As a result of damage to existing table installation of new item to be deferred to Spring 2010. Clerk to arrange winter storage of new table. Quotation for new table footings received and costs to be discussed with supplier.
7. **Information:** PWLB progress. A request to draw down £40,000 from the PWLB for renovation works to the Priest House was sent by special delivery on the 12th November 2009.
8. **Information:** Garden area in front of Budgen's. Sample of brindle paver to be used was shown to councillors. Pavers to be laid in herringbone style with blue/grey edging. The proposals met with general approval. As a contingency against future work an empty duct to be laid 600mm deep along the length of the paving. It is anticipated that work is to be completed before Christmas, but this is dependent on good weather conditions.
9. **Information:** Community Initiative Fund – Highways. Application for road safety improvements at Swallows Cross submitted. Councillors recommended that the Clerk advise the Highways agency of the additional accidents that had occurred since the application was made and ask for urgent remedial work to be carried out and to copy the letter to the Head of ECC/BBC.
10. **Information:** Scouting Group Trees. Cllr Farrow reported that a location had been found for the 30 trees that the Scouting Group wished to plant.
11. **Information:** Additional notices re dog fouling – Action ongoing.
12. **Information:** Complaint about parking outside Rowan House. – pending availability of councillor for visit.
13. **Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only. Crime prevention measures discussed in relation to the Arson attack on the Children's play Area. The replacement cost of a new picnic table will be £1000 by the time it is delivered and installed.

The meeting closed at 21.45

Signed:

Dated: 16th December 2009