

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee  
held at 20.00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall),  
Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst**

**Present:** Cllrs, Alan Farrow (Chairman), Gerry Smith, Mrs Alison Richards.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs. Mrs Julia Le Page, Graham Bateson.
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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009
4. **Information:** Actions arising from GP meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (Village Sign – clerk to write letter of appreciation to Peter Kurton); Cemetery Notice Board – now promised for delivery by Cllr K Parker in August 2008, if this isn't achieved a replacement is to be purchased. Cllr Smith formally withdrew his previous objection to purchasing a new notice board; Ingatestone Forge - works, completed – siting of bike racks pending discussions on the "Garden" area; Middle Green Memorial Planter – arrangements reviewed by full Parish Council meeting and existing "Jubilee" planter to remain at Middle Green with planters at Mountnessing Lane/ Doddinghurst Road junction to be phased out.; Sage Software received and working; Priest House water supply – issue pending whilst grant request from PCC for Priest House is resolved..
5. **👉Resolved:** Approved action relating to tree & hedge maintenance between the Burial Grounds and dwellings in the Gardens @ £460.
6. **Information:** Fun Day, final cost report & surplus gift vouchers. Noted £90 of gift vouchers remains unallocated.
7. **Information:** Grant application progress & PWLB. Noted in progress and meeting to discuss planned for 30<sup>th</sup> July.
8. **Information:** New item of play equipment – current quotes & status – Three schemes (Sovereign, SMP and Park leisure currently available for review up to £20,000 in total cost.
9. **Information:** Garden area in front of Budgen's – quotes for improvement reviewed. Permission from freeholder to be obtained before progressing. Noted: the cost of £2000 for paving the entire area.
10. **Information:** RoSPA report on the Children's Play Area. Noted report which contained minor issues only to attend to.
11. **Information:** Meeting with Shirley Lucas PRoW officer. Noted the visit occurred on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and matters raised covered footpath maintenance, "missing" footpaths, website information on footpaths and maintenance of footpath running parallel to Spillbutters which is outside the Parish. The Clerk is to contact Blackmore PC on this topic.
15. **Any Other Urgent Business strictly for information only.** Pollarding of tree on the Mountnessing Lane/ Doddinghurst Road junction to be taken up with Andy Laing – Cllr Farrow to liaise relating to "trees of note" record being set up by the Tree Wardens. Dog Litter bin burnt out at football field entrance, Litter bin outside Ask Wines removed by Brentwood BC. Footpath running past Doddinghurst Place getting overgrown. Exit from Shop car park, is white lining possible to re-inforce rights of way to traffic in All Saints Close?

**The meeting closed at 21.30**

Signed:

Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009