

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 19th January 2011, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs: Alan Farrow (Chairman), Mrs Julia Le Page, Mrs Diane Rogers-Harrison, Mr G Smith, Graham W Bateson.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr Mrs Alison Richards.
- 2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.** None declared.
- 3. 🖐️ Resolved:** Approved the minutes of the GP meeting held on the 17th November 2010.
- 4. Information:** Actions arising from GP meeting on the 17th November 2010. Noted that the Scouting group had been invited to apply for a small grant to repair the Scout path lighting timer. Enquiries were being made about the most appropriate & effective person to complain to about the repeated failure to cure leaks requiring almost continuous work on gas main repairs in Doddinghurst Road.
- 5. Information:** Provision of mobile CCTV & Youth disturbances. An email agreeing to the installation of a CCTV unit has been sent to Tracey Lilley (see PC minutes of the 13th January 2011) following a site survey by Brentwood Borough Council and the police. A socket outlet to power the camera has been installed. The police are taking a very proactive role in dealing with Antisocial Behaviour of some groups of teenagers and young men in the village.
- 6. 🖐️ Resolved:** Approved: urgent repairs to Parish Room lighting @ £480.
- 7. Information:** Update on Burial Ground remedial works by grant holders. Three of the original eleven burial plots found to be in default have been remedied. The matter will be re-examined in the early spring since the winter is not a good time to expect garden work to be done.
- 8. Information:** Update on work to Peartree Field entrance. Noted: that Peartree Field entrance refurbishment was underway but work delayed by heavy rain. Noted: that Highways need to be approached about the use of bollards or something similar to stop cars churning up the verges either side of the field entrance. These are now in a very poor condition due to vehicles driving over the soft ground and parking.
- 9. Information:** Footpath maintenance and P3 Grant. A site visit called to consider the diversion of F/P 21 has been postponed until early spring due to bad weather. P3 grant application submitted and accepted. Blocked culvert at Brook Lane is causing flooding of the River Wid over F/P 10 and the matter reported to highways.
- 10. Information:** Tree at the entrance to Park Wood & update on tree replacements. Andy Laing has been requested to report if the tree at the entrance to Park Meadow requires maintenance attention. New and more mature trees are to be planted on Church Lane to replace ones damaged by vandalism.
- 11. Information:** Oak Tree Decline disease. Potential Parish Council liability. The Clerk is to make enquiries to establish Parish Councils liabilities if trees on parish land have to be felled.
- 12. Information:** Rock Salt stocks and ECC "free bag of salt" delivery. A tonne bag of salt was delivered to Budgens in December in time for use on the snow that fell before Christmas. A further delivery is scheduled for the 20th Jan 2011. The prospect of having bags of salt distributed from a central stock (e.g. sealed polythene 20k bags held on a pallet under tarpaulins @ say the Allotment site) by Tractor/Trailer unit during snowy weather to volunteers willing to spread the salt in their road was discussed.
- 13. Any Other Urgent Business.** Noted: Highways warning sign of narrow road/ absence of footpath on Church Lane near Place farm Lane junction is dislodged.

The meeting closed at 21.50

Signed:

Dated: 16th February 2011