

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee
held at 20.00 on the 20th April 2011, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall),
Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.**

Present: Cllrs: Alan Farrow (Chairman) Mrs Diane Rogers-Harrison, Mrs Alison Richards, Mrs Julia Le Page.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs. Mr G Smith, Graham W Bateson.
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.** None declared.
3. **Resolved:** Approved the minutes of the GP meeting held on the 16th March 2011.
4. **Information:** Update on CCTV provision. Installed on the 5th April and notice of its operation posted.
5. **Resolution:** Approved the Goss quotation for field treatments @ £1213.96.
6. **Noted:** DOFC invoice for 2010/11 approved by Chairman and passed for payment. The outstanding bill for electrical services and peppercorn rent is to be progressed by the Vice Chair of the Village Hall.
7. **Resolution:** Approved: The Clerk is to issue a second set of letters to none compliant plot owners requesting that they take action to meet the lawn cemetery regulations.
8. **Resolution:** Approved, the payment of invoice for the replacement of the office window up to £100. (Invoice not yet presented)
9. **Not Resolved:** Information was still awaited from Chris Stoneham relating to the provision of 25 bollards at Peartree Playing field to prevent parking on the grass verge.
10. **Information:** P3 for 2011/12 – grant application update. The ECC public right of way officer for Brentwood has issued a supplementary “Service Level Agreement” to the P3 agreement setting conditions of contract including a price cap for brush cutting. The ProW officer is unable to name any contractors in the Brentwood area who will work to these terms and conditions. The committee view was that the new conditions were unacceptable and the P3 arrangement will not apply for 2011/12 making ECC fully responsible for footpath care and maintenance – “Localism” in reverse.
11. **Information:** Highways – ongoing issues exist with a displaced “bell” bollard in All Saints, numerous potholes.
12. **Information:** Footpath 10 bridge repair – this footpath is closed for 6 months until the end of the summer.
13. **Discussion:** 11 Bakers Meadow – prevention of youths entering property from Parish Land. The committee agreed that the protection of the owner’s property was the sole responsibility of the property owner and the Parish Council could not contribute to the cost of additional fencing or additional screening shrubbery.
14. **Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only. No items raised.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Signed:

Dated: 18/05/2011