

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee
held at 20.00 on the 20th October 2010, 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, Mrs Alison Richards.

1. **Apologies for absence.** None absent.
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.** None declared.
3. **👏 Resolved:** Approved the minutes of the GP meeting held on the 15th September 2010.
4. **Information:** Actions arising from GP meeting on the 15th September 2010. All new and remedial work on hold since Arson attacks on the Children's Play Area continued apace and now all Park Benches and Picnic Tables had been destroyed by fire. The safety rails and some supporting posts around the large slide have been smashed and 7m of log edging kicked out of place and removed for safety reasons.
5. **👏 Resolved:** Approved text of letter to burial plot grant holders who were contravening the lawn cemetery regulations. In all 11 plots were deemed to be in breach of regulations and plot holders to be contacted and asked to remedy the situation. Photos of the plots in question were available to aid councillors in their discussion.
6. **Noted:** Youths were now congregating in the Burial Ground and one trellis had been smashed, litter strewn around and benches disturbed.
7. **Information:** Repairs arising from arson and vandalism. In the light of the ongoing problems it was agreed that remedial work would continue "on-hold" until the Police had resolved the problem.
8. **Information:** Noted: Provision of temporary CCTV by police. The police had been in contact to discuss the possibility of using a CCTV facility in the village but no follow up contact had been made.
9. **Information:** Scout Path Hedge pruning. Noted: The Clerk had requested BBC to arrange to face and top the hedge adjoining the rectory.
10. **Information:** Noted: Scout Path central light failure, and dislodged lamp unit needed repair.
11. **Information:** Noted: Autumn cut of footpaths to be put in hand.
12. **Information:** Noted Burial Ground Winter Planting & dead tree replacement in hand with Cllr A Farrow. Noted: Tree at Doddinghurst Road/ Mountnessing Lane junction overgrown & A Laing to be contacted. Noted: Peartree Green pear trees need to be pruned to raise crown.
13. **Information:** One tonne bag of salt. Noted: The Clerk spoke to R Hulse who promised to include Doddinghurst's request in the application to ECC. Rob Avery offered to provide a salt bin at the rear of the shops. Matter awaiting feedback from ECC.
14. **Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only. No items raised

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed:

Dated: 17th Nov 2010