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Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council would like to wish all Doddinghurst residents a safe and peaceful festive season.

Update – Policing in Doddinghurst

A recent edition of the Brentwood Gazette contained an article about the Police presence in Doddinghurst during October as part of Operation Seabed. The Police mounted this campaign following years of anti-social behaviour and vandalism suffered by village residents by youths both from in and outside the village. In fact, at the Parish Council meeting on 2nd September, a vote of no confidence was passed by Councillors in the Police's ability to deal effectively with damage and vandalism.

We believe it was as a result of this that the Police finally

stepped up their efforts to try and catch the youths responsible. We have good reason to suspect that the young people of Doddinghurst know who the culprits are, but reluctant to name them for fear of intimidation/reprisals.

For the last five years the Parish Council has worked hard with various organisations to try not only to stop the arson and vandalism but also to look at ways of engaging with the young people in Doddinghurst and devising a long term strategy which will give them something to do and therefore hopefully prevent future attacks. Sadly, it would appear after all these years of trying that there is a minority of youths that just don't want to be reached and apparently derive great entertainment from committing acts of arson, vandalism and intimidation.

Policing Update (cont'd/...)

Sgt. Ben Felton recently informed the Parish Council that when he spoke to a number of youths during Operation Seabed they told him they would like to see a football cage and a new youth shelter facility in Doddinghurst.

Parents using the play area tell us that they would like to have the seats and picnic table replaced and to be able to bring their children to play without fear of broken glass being strewn around the area.

However, as you can appreciate, councillors are extremely reluctant to go to the expense of replacing the seating or providing any new leisure equipment only to have it destroyed a few weeks after installation and nothing the Parish Council does can match the responsibility of parents to ensure their offspring are not out committing criminal acts. Moreover, there is no "bottomless pit" of funds available to provide equipment and services especially if they are as abused as they have been in the past few months.

With budgets and grants being cut we have to work to a shrinking budget which ensures that our residents get optimum value for their council tax money.

Therefore, the Parish Council has taken the decision to no longer waste your money replacing or providing equipment that is likely to be destroyed until it is confident the problems have been resolved.

At the time of writing this article, the Police have stepped up patrols as a measure to tackle both petty crime and rowdy behaviour. However, this is only likely to be a short term measure. The Chairman and Parish Councillors want villagers to understand that we have to band together as a community to stop this mindless destruction of our environment. At the end of the day, continual damage to the play area may mean that it has to be removed permanently as we would be unable to afford the maintenance and the steeply rising insurance premiums.

Policing Update (cont'd/...)

Any information you or your children may have about these crimes could help to stop the gradual destruction of our village. Contact Brentwood Police on 0300 333 4444 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Also, any information received by the Parish Office on 01277 824245 will always be treated in the strictest confidence.

Let's make 2011 the year we finally put an end to the minority spoiling it for the majority.

New Surgery Update

At the moment there will be little progress with the building work due to the time of year and the fact that there is an issue over maintenance of a hedge.

Shuttle Bus to Shenfield Station

Despite a widespread leaflet drop this will not go ahead due to lack of interest.

Proposed Litter Pick

In our last newsletter we asked for areas of the village to be identified that residents felt would benefit from a litter pick.

Thanks to those that responded. We have received some very useful feedback. The main bugbear regarding litter are the items that are strewn on the pavements and over the playing fields.

It was suggested that posters would be a good way to highlight the issue. Placed in the local shops, at the front of the park and generally around the areas affected.

Also, a very good suggestion we had was incorporating the litter picking as part of a fitness/money saving/help the environment and wildlife drive.

We hope to be organising something along these lines starting in the Spring, so look out for details in the next newsletter.

2011 Parish Council Meetings

The meetings scheduled for 2011 are as follows: January 13th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, September 1st, Oct 6th, November 3rd, December 1st. Meetings take place in the Parish Room, adj. Village Hall and start at 8.00pm. All villagers welcome to attend.

Elections 2012

Very early days to be thinking about this, but the whole Council will be up for re-election in May of 2012 so if you would like further information on the role of a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Office.

For further information on any of the items in this newsletter please note our office opening times are Tues, Weds and Thurs mornings 9.30 – 12.30. An answerphone service is available outside these hours.

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