

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council held at 20.00 on Thursday 5th March 2009, Parish Room, (adj. Village Hall), Church Lane, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs D Dicker (Chairman), Mrs A Richards (Vice Chair), Mr G Smith, Mr A Farrow, Mr B Wickerson, Mrs D Carroll, Mr A Smith; County Councillor Ann Naylor; Borough Councillor Roger McCheyne.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Received from: Cllrs Mrs J Le Page, Mr G Bateson, Mrs A McGregor; Mr C Enderby and Borough Councillors Keith Parker and Keith Sparling
2. **Resolved.** Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2009 approved and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests from Members.** None Declared.
4. **Noted: Clerk's report back on progress following the meeting of the 5th February 2009:**
 - i. Letters/ Articles written re: Priest House; Link Article re: Damaged Trees; Snowballers/ PCSO; New Surgery; Fun Day Insurance.
 - ii. Allotments. New water tanks fitted & repairs done - now up to 44 plots (3.5 new plots in month).
 - iii. Contract let for Village Sign refurbishment.
 - iv. Nature Trail woodland mix of seeds ordered and obtained.
 - v. Burial Ground Memorial Plaque for tree obtained and installed.
 - vi. Burial Ground Memorial Bench ordered (last agreed available space)
 - vii. Young offenders reparation activity completed (two sessions).
 - viii. Risk assessments for Footpaths and Football pitches completed.
 - ix. Response received from the Diocese re Priest House (25/02).
5. **Noted: Schedule of Correspondence received up to the 25th February 2009.**
6. **Financial Reports and Minutes and Feedback from Committees.**
 - a. **Resolved:** Financial Reports for February 2009 approved.
 - b. **Resolved:** Schedule of Payments for February 2009 approved and signed.
 - c. **Planning:** Noted: Planning Meeting of 12th February – no quorum.
 - d. **General Purposes:** Noted: General Purposes Meeting minutes of the 18th February 2009..
 - e. **Feedback from Members relating to Committees attended.** Noted feedback from councillors attending Police Community meeting at Fane Hall on 3rd march 2009.
7. **Information:** Vandalism - noted mind map of problem aspects. Clerk to arrange working party for strategy and policy development.
8. **Resolved:** (a) Not to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2009 but (b) **approved** an entry to the Best Kept Burial Ground (Churchyard).
9. **Information: Noted:** contents of Letter from HMRC re VAT.
10. **Information: Noted:** Fun Day Update & undertakings.
11. **Information: Noted:** Quotations for renovation work to the Village hall still pending.
12. **Information: Noted:** Scout Hut renovation and damage to Meter Hut/ Rectory Pillar
13. **Information: Noted:** Rectory fence damage and that the hedge trimming completed.
14. **Other urgent information** (No council actions/letters/undertakings permissible on this item) **Noted** new Statutory Guidance on the Power of Well-Being for Councils issued.

The business meeting closed at 22.00

Minutes signed:

Date: 2nd April 2009