

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council Allotment Committee
held at 19.30pm on Monday 14th March 2011 in the Parish Room, Church Lane, Doddinghurst**

Present: Cllr. Debbie Dicker (Chairman), Cllr. Julia LePage, Cllr. Graham Bateson, Mrs. Marilyn Turner, Mrs. Claudine Burton, Mrs. Vally Veryard

1. Apologies for absence.

2. 🖐️ Resolved: Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2010 approved and signed.

3. Information: Clerks report back on matters arising from 14th July inspection visit. Of the plots identified as needing remedial work, one half and one full plot were given up and now have new tenants. The remainder were due to be tidied by the existing tenants. The area behind the bench has been strimmed as requested.

4. Waiting List Update: Currently 7 people on waiting list. Plot 1 has been offered to person at top of list and awaiting receipt of paperwork. It was felt that no further plots should be allocated until the end of renewal period to try and accommodate peoples wishes i.e. splitting a full plot into two halves if necessary.

5. 🖐️ Resolved: The Committee agreed to approve an amendment to the constitution stating that an applicant can be refused without giving reason.

6. 🖐️ Resolved: The Committee agreed to approach Roger McCheyne about whether there is anything he can do about cutting back the trees which currently place several plots in the shade and which may lead to these plots becoming unworkable in future.

7. 🖐️ Resolved: Allotment Holders annual meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30 p.m.

8. 🖐️ Resolved: Allotment committee inspection to be held on Wednesday 13th July at 7.30 p.m.

9. Comments from Committee Members:

A local resident has made the following complaints: noise from the chain which secures the gate. Cllr. Bateson suggested that a rubber covering placed around the gatepost may reduce noise. He will look into providing bicycle inner tubes to see if that works. The behaviour of children on site. This is an ongoing issue which will be brought to the attention of tenants at the meeting in May.

The Clerk agreed to provide allotment holder committee members with an up to date list of tenants once the renewal period is over. A copy of which will also be posted in the shed.

It was felt that a notice advertising the tenants meeting should be placed both inside and outside the shed at the allotment site to reach as many tenants as possible.

No Dogs sign at the allotments. The sign states that dogs are not permitted, however committee members felt there needs to be a sign on the gate to deter dog walkers using the site as a cut through. Clerk to investigate.

The meeting closed at 20.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: 11th May 2011