

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 15th February 2012, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

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

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr. Mrs A Richards, 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 3rd November 2011.
4. **Information:** Update on action since prior meeting including Footpaths. Damaged bridges and walkways on various footpaths throughout the village reported to and logged by the PRow officer. The gates reported on Footpath 4 have been sanctioned by the PRow and are there to stop the landowners animals straying. No contact has been made by the parents of the skate park petitioners. The teen village was repaired by Cllr Parker. Posts for a “No parking” notice by Peartree Field have been installed and the Parish Council notice board, which was removed from outside the Post Office and General Stores at the request of the owner, has been reinstated on the Doddinghurst Road near the Post Office Bus Stop. The winter grit has all been distributed to volunteers. The Clerk met with and discussed Highway repair issues with Rissa Long and Chris Stoneham.
5. **👏Resolution:** Approved a notice to deter parking outside Peartree Recreational Field - “No Parking please”.
6. **👏Resolution:** Approved action(s) relating to report on Burial records. To detail the errors and put in place a policy to manage the issues based on best efforts to fix, including the recording of all actions taken which may also include a letter on headstones where required.
7. **👏Resolution:** Approved action relating to volunteer gritting especially near schools and surgery - Publication of letter in the Link stating that the Parish Council is not responsible for gritting footpaths in the village but will obtain salt /grit, when offered by ECC, for use by volunteers. No volunteers = No gritting. The schools and the surgery are to be formally offered bags of salt when available.
8. **Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only. A “tree planting” ceremony was suggested, to be held on the day of the Jubilee celebrations and marked by a commemorative plaque.

The meeting closed at 21.45

Signed:

Dated: 21st March 2012