

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 15th October 2016, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs: Alan Farrow (Chairman), Phil Arnell, Gerry Smith.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Julia Le Page and Diane Rogers-Harrison
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda -** None declared.
3. **👉Resolved:** Approved the minutes of the prior GP meeting on the 15th June 2016.
4. **Information: Update on actions from prior meeting:**
 - (i) Thurrock Council had paid a full refund and apologised for their no-show at the Queens 90th birthday event and the delay in making a promised refund. They were reminded that a free climbing wall activity was promised for the 1st May 2017 but Grangewaters haven't yet confirmed.
 - (ii) The new defibrillator has been installed and an article included in the "Link" magazine.
 - (iii) Letters had been received from the Children's Air ambulance, the village Carpet Bowls society, the Bentley Handbell Ringers and invitations to All Saints November Service of Remembrance. These were discussed for information purposes.
5. **Information: CPA 2016 Project - planned Installation dates, village notices etc.** The CPA 2016 safety surfacing tender had been let and the start date for the installation is the 31st October 2016. Two installation teams are being provided by the Contractor to reduce the timescale to 5 days, subject to weather conditions. Notices are being posted and the schools advised. Grant applications made to the Brentwood Community Fund and FSJ trust had yielded no financial support for the project.
6. **👉Resolved: Approved 2017 outline programme of work for recreational areas for financial planning purposes.** Subject to full council financial approval of funds, three areas for the improvement of facilities for teenagers were agreed for further evaluation:
 - (i) A replacement for the teen village.
 - (ii) An all-weather surface for the kicking goal and replacement of the goal posts - the latter is currently provided by the Football Club.
 - (iii) A "circuit training" facility. Councillor G Smith is to provide more information.An overall sum of £60k was considered appropriate as the budget for these three items for forward financial planning purposes (which was based in part on estimates received).
7. **Information: Village Hall usage.** The Village Hall published audited financial report for the year ending March 2015 is available to download/ view on the charity commission website. The report show that the Village Hall remains financially viable with income comfortably exceeding expenditure and over £10k in its bank account. Its returns are also currently recorded as being up to date.
8. **👉Resolved:** Agreed action relating to increasing number of "floral beds" being created by burial plots owners. The Clerk is to write to plot holders who are excessively planting their plots with a "gentle" reminder of the lawn cemetery regulations and ask owners to scale back the planting on their plot in the course of the next 12 months. Items such as small trees and bushes are to be removed before they start to grow.
9. **👉Resolved:** Approved, a replacement for the failed "Cistermiser" auto flush system - the Marnic PIR activated water watch controller @ £99 + VAT and delivery.
10. **👉Resolved:** Approved, the draft Newsletter for Dec 2016/ Jan 2017 issue of the Link magazine and publication fee of £200.
11. **Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only. None raised.

The meeting was attended by no members of the public

The meeting closed at 21.50

Signed:

Dated: 15th Feb 2017