

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee
held at 20.30 on the 16th January 2013, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall),
Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.**

Present: Cllrs: Alan Farrow (Chairman), Mrs Julia Le Page, P Arnell, Mrs Diane Rogers Harrison, Colin Enderby, Gerry Smith, Graham W Bateson.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Clr: D Potter.
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.** None declared.
3. **👏 Resolved:** Approved, the minutes of the GP meeting held on the 21st November 2012
4. **Information:** Update on actions since prior meeting.
 - Minute book created for the years 1991 to 2001
 - Tree Plaques installed for Brenda Windhagauer in the burial ground and the Jubilee Oak Tree on Peartree Green.
 - Bylaw sign - awaiting installation
5. **Doddinghurst Road Flooding.** The background to this matter was set out and the fact that the Clerk has visited the home of Mr Robert Neale of Willowbrook in Brook Lane who was flooded in November 2012. The entire responsibility for Flood and water management rests with Essex County Council and the Clerk had sent a letter to the Essex Flood Management Team on the topic but so far had had no reply.
6. **261 Bus Service failures.** Clr Enderby advised the committee that following a number of service failures in January 2012 he had agreed a letter with the Clerk to be sent to Regal Busways. A reply is currently awaited but the problem may have to be escalated (the service is now a commercial operation).
7. **Peartree Field Mounds and hedges.** Mr Porter has been instructed to trim the mounds and un-mown areas of Peartree Field and to avoid damaging any trees or wild sown saplings. Andy Laing has supplied information relation to potential hedge-layers.
8. **Scout path lighting** Two lamps have failed near the small car park and are to be replaced.
9. **Large Swing shackle replacement.** Clr Farrow has replaced the large swing bushes and shackle bolt assemblies.
10. **CPA refurbishment update.** Clr Le Page set out some ideas for the children's play areas and requested an up-to-date catalogue from "Playworld". Clr Farrow is pursuing the provision of a metal "Container" to be used as a hang out shelter for youths.
11. **War memorial update.** Clr Farrow advised that an inaugural meeting of the memorial committee had been held, and he had been elected Chairman. The memorial location in the front churchyard of All Saints had been agreed together with its design. Initial pricing suggest a cost of £8500 but the process of surveying the ground for buried remains prior to putting in foundations is complex and could take some time to resolve. The main challenge was going to be raising the capital funds to carry out the work but the Friends of All Saints had agreed a substantial contribution towards the capital costs. The Parish Council may be asked to assist with insurance costs in the future.
12. **Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only.
 - Dagwood triangle maintenance - the site is to be visited by the committee in the spring to decide how to manage it.
 - Allotment padlock - broken again and is to be replaced, may take 2 to 3 weeks to do so.
 - Highways potholes - Councillors were encouraged to report all problems on the ECC pothole website.

The meeting closed at 21.45

Signed:

Dated: 20th Feb 2013