

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 17th April 2013, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs: Alan Farrow (Chairman), P Arnell, David Potter, Mrs Diane Rogers Harrison, Colin Enderby, Gerry Smith and Julia Le Page.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Graham W Bateson.
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda.** None declared.
3. **Resolution:** Approved the minutes of the GP meeting held on the 20th March 2013.
4. **Information:** Update on actions from prior meeting.
 - LED floodlights (for potential use on Scout path) demonstrated.
 - DOFC account completed and issued for payment.
 - Peartree mounds - chased up Mr Porter.
 - Discussed scout path lighting and meter box arrangement with Karen Powell.
 - New 261 Bus timetable to be operated from May 2013 received.*
 - Letter of complaint about highway defects and repair issued to ECC.
 - New burial and parish room fees from 1st April 2013 issued.
 - Revised fees agreed with contractor for cemetery maintenance.**
 - Requested repair to water pipes on allotment.
 - Allotment renewals completed.

* The Council agreed to write to the Traffic Commissioner to request that the 261 service performance by Regal Busways be challenged as unacceptable and the proposed revised timetable rejected. To request that if necessary the service is returned to a subsidised one if that was needed to reverse the decision by Regal Busways to operate a 90 minute service from the 7th May 2013.

** The council noted that the contractor concerned had today complained to the Clerk about the agreement struck as a result of information he had received from a source he declined to reveal. The confidential nature of such discussions was reconfirmed by councillors.

5. Information: CPA refurbishment - progress update. Quotes were being obtained but the cost of replacing the play surface for the up to 5 year old toddler section of the play area alone was estimated at £22k.

6. Information: CIF fund - application re play area refurbishment. The clerk is to obtain the CIF grant forms for completion.

7. Resolved: The southern boundary of Budgens Fields, to be marked with new fencing provided by new landowner Mr Parrott of the Barn, had been approved by Clr Farrow who had walked the boundary with the landowner.

8. Information: Footpaths issues along the River Wid and into Brook Lane remain to be investigated. The Clerk is to write to Mr D Parrott relating to the use of free draining hogging material (rather than road scalping) on a very muddy section of Footpath where it runs across the landowners field.

9. Resolved: BBC initiative - Neighbourhood Action teams - agreed that the council would prepare a schedule of "required works" for the newly formed Brentwood Borough Council resourced neighbourhood action team. It was noted that they do no repair potholes but will repair verges and are able to work from the highway where needed - e.g. cutting back vegetation etc.

10. Resolved: Village Grass Verge Repairs, agreed, to include work in the Neighbourhood Action Team schedules - see item 9 above.

11. Resolved: Agreed action relating to the maintenance of the changing room showers. The Clerk had discussed the matter with the Chairman of the Football Club who had agreed to undertake the necessary shower maintenance, as in prior years.

12. Any Other Urgent Business strictly for information only.

The meeting closed at 22.30

Signed:

Dated: 15th May 2013