

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 19th April 2017, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs: Alan Farrow (Chairman), Phil Arnell, Gerry Smith, Julia Le Page and Diane Rogers-Harrison and David Powell.

1. **Apologies for absence.** None received.
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 Feb 2017.
4. **Information:** Updates since last meeting. End of financial year process completed: Payroll and P60 reports issued; SAGE end year and audit reports completed with Bank reconciliation completed; Football Club and Bus Club reports issued; Insurance renewals requested (three quotes); Internal Audit booked; end of year VAT claim made; External Audit notices posted and the audit return, its covering letter and variance reports prepared, Allotment renewals completed and revenue sharing payment issued.
A new laptop had been purchased for the Deputy Clerk following a sudden failure of the graphic display in the old one due to motherboard fault.
5. **Information:** Supplier quotation for 2017 Teen Facility project. The committee reviewed the designs and options for a replacement Teen Village and Kicking goal. The kicking goal offered was in effect one end of a modern MUGA with metal fence inset with a small goal and basket-ball hoop (which had not been requested). The existing standard goalmouth is 7m wide. Its net is damaged and bedraggled and the ground badly worn. The MUGA design was rejected as its overall size was barely more than the existing full goal and at over £7,000 was not good value for money. A 7m x 7m asphalt pad for the goal-end was priced at a further £7000. In conversation with the local teenagers they expressed a liking for the existing facility, but with a new net as the ball goes through holes in the existing one, and improvement to the floor of the goalmouth. The Clerk is to discuss the matter with the local Football Club who originally provided the goal and net. The proposals for a teen village were reviewed. Wooden structures were not considered suitable. The offered solution from Park Leisure was also rejected as the plastic composite roof looked vulnerable to distortion as it arched over a 3.5m span without supplementary support. The teen village design most favoured was a metal framed "split-sphere" arrangement which gave space for a table in the middle and could seat up to 12 people. The main query was its price and the nature of the fasteners used to assemble it. The Clerk was to follow up with Park Leisure and other suppliers.
12. **Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only. Cllr Alan Farrow advised that the Fire Brigade had been turned out for a blaze in the woodland undergrowth which had been the second such fire in the space of two weeks. No damage had been reported but the Police had been informed. Small silver gas canisters are still being found after hundreds of used cylinders were dumped in the small car park in September 2016.
The EALC/NALC subscription fee renewal had been referred to the full council.

The meeting was attended by no members of the public

The meeting closed at 21.00

Signed:

Dated: 21st June 2017