

**Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee
held at 20.00 on the 20th March 2013, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall),
Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.**

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

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Graham W Bateson and David Potter.

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.

- Response to John Jowers re flooding in Brook Lane - now issued.
- Peartree Mounds - on hold due to adverse weather
- Hedge Layering - ditto above.
- Parish Land bylaws sign installed.

5. 🗳️ Resolved: Approved the Burial Ground Fees and Charges 2013/14 Based on a forward plan to double burial ground fees over the next three years the first annual increase of that plan was approved. Future years are to be approved at the relevant time.

It was also noted that the burial ground maintenance contract charges had been unchanged for eight years and the contractor was seeking renewal. The clerk was authorised to discuss revised charges with the existing contractor. The long term future for the burial ground was discussed and it was recognised that there may be a long period (eg 50 years) of maintenance from about 2030 with no income to support maintenance costs, which at 2012 prices could equal at least £125,000 in total.

Approved: an increase in the 2013/14 Parish Room rental fee of £1 per session to £10 per session. All increases apply from the 1st April 2013.

6. Information: Bus Services. 261: Regal Busways advised that a new timetable is to be introduced at the end of April (29th) to resolve service failures. The revised arrangement incorporates:

- [A new 06.00 Bus from Blackmore](#)
- [All journeys will extend to the railway station in Brentwood.](#)
- [Bus frequency drops from hourly to 90 minute service to enable the round trip service to be achieved.](#)

The impact of the changes are difficult to assess without full details. A timetable has been promised and is awaited.

It was noted that the 228 service (Sunday Bus) is to cease at the end of May due to lack of support.

7. 🗳️ Resolution: To approve action relating to Highways Repairs - Draft letter of complaint about highway maintenance - delayed but in progress.

8. Information: CPA working party revised arrangements. Cllr Farrow advised that due to other commitments he would be handing over the day to day activity of the CPA working party to Cllrs Julia Le Page, Diane Rogers-Harrison and Phil Arnell.

9. Information: DOFC end of year account - ongoing.

10. Information: Noted: Receipt of Grant payment relating to the replacement of CPA playchips.

11. Any Other Urgent Business strictly for information: Noted a quotation for repairs to the Scout path lighting had been received and the Clerk is to ask for more information on a proposed LED lamp and discuss the situation with the Scouting group.

The meeting closed at 22.00

Signed:

Dated: 17th April 2013