

# Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

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

**1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr: David Potter.

**2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda -** None declared.

**3. 🖐️ Resolved:** Approved the minutes of the prior GP meeting (24<sup>th</sup> June 2015).

**4. Information: Update on actions from prior meeting:**

- External Audit for 14/15 returned signed off with no comments and public notices posted.
- NAT schedule of work for October submitted
- Risk Assessments completed
- CPA seating completed and grant from surplus memorial funds.
- Height restrictors installed at Peartree Field entrance, Scout Path entrance and Village Hall field entrance.
- Three steel bollards installed at the Dagwood Lane desire line access through the hedge to Peartree Field.
- Consultation held with the Post Office managers over the closure of the Doddinghurst Road Post Office and its transfer to Budgens. Public Notices posted and website updated to advise residents of the consultation. Information also published in the October "Link" Newsletter.
- Hedge at 1 All Saints, an empty property, was cut, under the general power of competence, after resident's complaint of it overgrowing the footpath with hawthorn. Owner agreed to pay the £50 cost of hedge cutting.
- Unauthorised development on land adjacent to Tudor Lodge on Brook Lane reported.

**5. Information:** CPA Stage 2 - implementation deferred until 2016/17. The Clerk is to propose alternative breakdowns of the project to enable areas outside the Play Area fenced area to be implemented earlier in 2016 using Awards for All grant if possible.

**6. Information:** Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Grant Funds - Borough Councillor Roger McCheyne has agreed that the Parish Council can use his allocation of 2015 Project Funds (approx. £675) for these village celebrations and an application to the Essex Community Foundation for £2000 is to be followed up. An organisers meeting had been held and some free stalls offered by Peter Salmon as well as a celebratory cake. All the entertainment - juggler, magician, donkeys, bouncy castles, band etc. had been booked as well as the Village Hall.

**7. Resolved:** Resident of 67 The Gardens requested hedge at rear of 67 and 69 The Gardens, and backing onto the Parish Council Burial Ground, to be cut. The council did not approve a budget for this work as the resident was at liberty to maintain the hedge and the Council did not want to retain any cuttings from the hedge.

**8. Resolved:** Subject to a safety survey no action on the dilapidated bench seat located on the Doddinghurst Road grass verge near Brook Lane was agreed.

**9. Resolved:** Action re 898 bus service withdrawal. The consultation has already been responded to. The Clerk is to establish from the local Surgery practice manager how patients referred to hospitals are expected to get there if they have no private transport available

**10. Any Other Urgent Business** strictly for information only. None raised

The meeting was attended by no members of the public

**The meeting closed at 22.00**

Signed:

Dated: 17/02/2016