



# Doddinghurst Parish Council

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## **Newsletter from the Parish Council**

### **What is Happening in Your Village?**

The Parish Council have made budgetary provision for the following work to take place in the Village this year:

- An exciting new item of equipment for the playground.
- Improvements to Village Hall
- Contribution towards Priest House refurbishment

### **New Look Website**

We have recently finished developing the Parish Council's new website; [www.doddinghurst-pc.gov.uk](http://www.doddinghurst-pc.gov.uk) and would appreciate your feedback. There is now a section for village organisations so if there is anything you would like added then please contact the Parish Office.

### **Best Kept Churchyard**

If you see anybody wandering around the Burial Ground clutching a clipboard then they may be part of the undercover judging team for the Best Kept Churchyard Competition. We have always endeavoured to keep the burial ground looking nice and tidy, so with the planting of several new trees and the forthcoming addition of a custom made notice board we have high hopes of making the grade this year!

### **Citizens Advice Outreach**

The Citizens Advice Outreach service are still holding regular private advice sessions in the Parish Room. The dates are regularly posted in the Link, on the notice boards, on the website and at the Outings Lane Surgery. Call 01277 220248 to book your appointment in Doddinghurst.

### Animal Welfare

In April two young ponies appeared on a field in the village which prompted several calls to the Parish Office from residents concerned for their welfare. An RSPCA inspection visit concluded the ponies were being kept in accordance with the duty of care required by law. For any concerns about animal welfare or to report an animal that is sick or injured the RSPCA helpline number is **0300 1234 999**.

### Village Fun Day

The finishing touches are currently being put to the arrangements for the Village Fun Day to be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. There will be plenty of activities on offer as well as competitions, food and drink, plus entertainment for all ages. We are hoping that this new village event will be as well supported by the residents as the Donkey Derby and May Day Fair. All we need now for a perfect day is the sun to shine but that unfortunately is beyond our control!

### Vandalism Initiative

Regular readers of the Link magazine will be aware of the efforts of the Police and Neighbourhood Watch in trying to combat the petty crime and anti-social behaviour which sadly is all too prevalent in Doddinghurst. The Parish Council are also involved in trying to eradicate the behaviour of a small minority that seek to spoil things for the majority.

The Parish Council are currently working with local police in a bid to try and stem the persistent vandalism which occurs in the village on a regular basis. These are your village amenities that are being damaged and the cost of repair is not insignificant. Last year the children's play area was targeted and the steps were destroyed on the toddler slide.

If you see anyone damaging property or causing a nuisance in the village then please make a note of their age, their

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### **Vandalism Initiative (cont'd/..)**

appearance, the time and place of the incident and call either PCSO Moira Kennedy on 07757 021483 or Essex Police on 0300 333 4444.

### **Parish Room**

Were you aware that the Parish Council have a very comfortable meeting room available for hire? The cost is just £7.50 per morning, afternoon or evening session. A full days hire would be £22.50. There are facilities for tea/coffee making and plenty of tables and chairs for hirers use. Approximately 25 people can be accommodated if seated.

The recent closure of Priest House for refurbishment means we have had a large increase in bookings from Village groups and organisations. However, there is still good availability at evenings and weekends so if you feel the Parish Room might suit your needs then please contact the Parish Office for more information or to arrange a viewing.

### **Parish Office Opening Hours**

To clear up any confusion that may have arisen, the Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings **only** from 9.30 am until 12.30 am. There is an answerphone so that messages can be left outside of these times, but for any urgent matters you may prefer to contact one of your Parish Councillors. Their contact details are available on the last page of this newsletter.

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy, so maybe you would be interested in serving the residents of Doddinghurst by becoming a Parish Councillor? Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

### **Village Sign Refurbishment**

Some eagle-eyed villagers have noticed the recent disappearance of the Village sign. We would like to reassure Doddinghurst residents that nothing untoward has happened, it has just gone for a "spruce-up" and should be back home very soon.

## **Nature Trail**

The nature trail which runs alongside the football pitches and through the woods has recently been completed with the sowing of woodland mix seeds. It is hoped that these seeds will produce a display of grass and wildflowers which are native to British woodland and thereby provide an environment to further encourage wildlife.

## **Parish Council Meetings**

Don't forget that the Parish Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 8.00pm in the Parish Room. We have a small contingent of loyal villagers that attend regularly but it would be lovely to see a few more faces from the Village. The public are given an opportunity during the meeting to speak about anything affecting Doddinghurst. so if there is something you would like the chance to speak out about then why not come along and participate in local government at grass roots level? Our next meeting is on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look forward to seeing you there!

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