



# Doddinghurst Parish Council



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## Parish Council Summer Newsletter

As most residents are aware the levels of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, particularly at the shops and the Village Hall, have escalated over the last few months. This culminated in an incident in April where a youth was stabbed. The Parish Council is still working hard with the Police to try and eradicate this sort of behaviour but without support from the parents of these individuals it is extremely difficult.

### Gypsy & Traveller Hotline

The approach of the summer months often means an increase in traveller activity in the area. We would ask all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity directly to the Brentwood Borough Council hotline number **01277 262728.**

## Dog Fouling

The Parish Office has recently been contacted about people not clearing up after their dogs in the burial ground. Please could all dog walkers be mindful of the fact that it is not just a "cut through" to Church Wood but an area that many residents spend time in, either visiting and tending the graves of their loved ones or taking a few moments for some quiet reflection. We are proud of the fact that the burial ground is a pleasant, well kept space and we are sure the majority of residents share this viewpoint. Dog walkers are fully entitled to use the pathway whilst exercising their pets, but we ask that they kindly show consideration for other visitors to the burial ground and remember to remove anything their pooches leave behind.

**ANNUAL RETURN**  
**Doddinghurst Parish Council**  
**Provisional Statement of Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	
1. Balances B/F	33,636	71,297	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the council's financial records.
2. Annual Precept	43,167	46,858	Total amount of precept income received in the year.
3. Total other receipts	135,346	30,522	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook minus the precept.
4. Staff costs	20,080	26,152	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all council employees, including salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses
5. Loan interest/ capital replacement	0	7,011	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings.
6. Total other payments	114,772	49,575	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook, minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/ capital repayments (line 5).
7. Balances carried forward	71,297	65,939	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. (1+2+3) -(4+5+6) (Note: all figures rounded to nearest whole £)
8. Total cash and investments	70,690	65,351	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held as at 31 March. (excludes accrued Q4 VAT since not yet paid, else matches box 7 above)
9. Total fixed assets	362,413	395,107	The recorded current book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council.
10. Total borrowings	100,000	96,602	PWLB Borrowing: This money has been granted to the Village Hall (£60k) and Priest House (£40k) for renovation work, now completed.

## **Summary of Annual Report**

The Parish Council prepares an annual report that sets out the roles and responsibilities of its councillors together with statements of the challenges and work undertaken by the council over the past year including a letter from the Chairman. It includes a review of the activity of each of the areas of service carried out by the council such as the allotments and burial grounds and a breakdown of the Councils income and expenditure for the past year. The Council is audited twice, once by an auditor appointed by the council and once by an auditor appointed by central government agency. Since this audit is not completed until the autumn the information given is provisional in the sense that final sign off by the external auditor is not available at the time of writing the initial report which has to be published by the end of June at the very latest. The full report (9 pages) is published on the website [www.doddinghurst-pc.gov.uk](http://www.doddinghurst-pc.gov.uk) or can be obtained from the Parish Office that is adjacent to

the Village Hall in Church Lane. The Parish Council has been faced with a significant reduction in its grant from Brentwood Borough Council and has been made more dependent on the Precept which is a charge added to the Council Tax and collected by Brentwood Borough Council. In spite of the reducing grant Doddinghurst Council has not raised the precept this year. To be quite clear a modern Parish Council has a wholly different purpose and function to a Church Parish and the two are not connected in any way. The Parish Council run and maintain all the recreational space in the Village including the Children's Play Area, the Garden Allotments, the Parish Council Burial Ground (All Saints Churchyards are closed.), organise village events and provide an events room for village clubs and societies as well as organise the Village Bus trips.

For further information on any of the above please contact the Parish Clerk on 01277 824245.

## Allotments – Update

The new allotment season is now in full swing and we are pleased to report that demand for “growing your own” is still high. We have a total of 32 full size plots and 22 half plots. The waiting list has now re-opened and we accept applications from anyone living within a 3 mile radius of Doddinghurst village centre.

If you would like to join the happy band of allotmenters then please call into the Parish Office or ring the Deputy Clerk on 01277 824245.

**For further information on any of the items in this newsletter please note our office opening times are Tues, Weds and Thurs mornings 9.30 – 12.30. An answerphone service is available outside these hours.**

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For more information about the Council and the Village.

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