



Doddinghurst Parish Council



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Parish Council Elections

We are pleased to announce that Doddinghurst has once again a full complement of parish councillors who were recently elected uncontested for a four year term of office until 2016.

Sadly, we bade farewell to our long-serving Vice-Chair, Mrs. Alison Richards, whose family commitments prevented her from giving the time she would wish to attend to parish matters.

However, two new members are now on board and we wish them every success and hope that they enjoy their new roles.

Allotments

Following a recent article in the local press the parish office has never had so many calls from people interested in growing their own!

Allotments cont'd/.....

The new season is now underway and all plots have been let. A recent decision made by the allotment committee is not to expand the number of plots at this time.

However, there is still a waiting list (with priority given to Doddinghurst residents) so if you would like to be considered please contact the parish office.

Jubilee Event 3rd June

Please don't forget the Parish Council's wonderful event for the whole community by the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd June and opening at 1pm. We are encouraging people to have a picnic (either BYO or there will be BBQ/sandwiches available to purchase) then stay and enjoy the entertainment which is all free of charge.

Doddinghurst Neighbourhood Plan

A Neighbourhood Plan for Doddinghurst is a document that sets out how land in the Village may be used over the timescale of the plan - until 2032. It also enables policies to be established that determine future building design and what community facilities are important to the area. The plan has to pass a planning inspection and be approved in a referendum since when approved it will become planning law. The Plan area is the whole Parish of Doddinghurst.

At the time of writing a steering committee, appointed by the Parish Council, have met four times and will have held an "Options event" at the May Fair on the 7th May 2012.

Why bother?

Doddinghurst lies in attractive countryside surrounded by Green Belt with many recreational fields and areas desirable for development. A Neighbourhood Plan enables the community to have a powerful voice in what can and

cannot be done on land in their area for the life of the plan..

The Department for Communities and Local Government have provided funds of £20,000 to pay for key stages of the plan - namely the inspection and the referendum.

The Doddinghurst Neighbourhood Plan Vision is:

"To create one of the most pleasant villages in Essex for people of all ages to live in."

Has the opportunity to comment passed?

No, certainly not, there will be number of opportunities for you to provide your opinions. Whether you live in the plan area, or outside it, if you regularly use facilities in Doddinghurst please let us have your views. There will be a village meeting at 07.30pm in the Village Hall to explain what a plan is and get feedback on the options on the 25th June 2012, as well as a door to door survey in autumn 2012.

The options being considered, which includes doing nothing, and listed in no particular order, are:

1. Sheltered accommodation for elderly.
2. Starter Homes - small scale and low density.
3. Preserve and enhance rural nature of the Village, e.g.
 - Green Spaces
 - Pond & waterways
 - House Styles
 - Unlit Roads
 - Roadside Grass Verges and Trees
 - Off road parking to reduce on-road parking
4. Improve & Expand Sporting and Community facilities.
5. Building Design. Establish design policy for new builds and redevelopments in rural environment.
6. To protect the Green Belt and Green Spaces in principle:
 - Playing Fields and recreation areas
 - Woodlands and Managed Woodlands
 - Special Environmental Places (Wildlife)
 - Quiet Lanes
 - Permit development only for work for major Community Benefit.

7. Encourage small business and retail enterprise and infrastructure - register Community Assets e.g. Post Office.

8. Transport - establish comprehensive policy for people of all ages.

What happens next?

Please note the date of the Village Meeting in your diary - Monday 25th June 2012 in the Village Hall @ 07.30pm and please come along.

We also have to develop a sustainability plan based on the economic, social and environmental needs of the village and we will be doing door to door surveys in the autumn of this year. After that we will issue a draft plan for comment before submitting it for formal inspection and ultimately a referendum.

For more information and how to comment please go to the Parish Council website at www.doddinghurst-pc.gov.uk where we have published a map of the plan area and an explanatory leaflet and will give regular progress updates.

Highways Defects

In view of the recent weather conditions it was felt appropriate to repeat the information below:

To notify ECC about a pothole or any other highway problem use the online reporting system at www.essex.gov.uk. When using the online system you are provided with a logging number and confirmation via email that the defect has been reported. An inspector is then sent by ECC Highways to look at the problem who will categorise it for priority.

For emergencies please continue to telephone Highways directly on 0845 603 7631.

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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