



Doddinghurst Parish Council



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Summer of Celebration

I am sure all residents will have enjoyed the historic events which happened this summer. Namely, Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics and Paralympics.

It was wonderful to see so many villagers come together and support the Parish Council's celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June. Despite the rain the event was very well attended and much positive feedback received.

Tribute to Groundsman

I am sure that many of you will be familiar with the early morning sight of Patrick doing his rounds to keep our village clear of litter. Just 3 days after Patrick went on holiday for a week in August the parish office received several complaints about the level of litter in the village. Patrick has to be commended for the hard work

and effort he puts into keeping Doddinghurst so neat and tidy. The fact that it is noticed so quickly when he isn't around proves just what an excellent job he does. (It took the Deputy Clerk and the Chairman over two hours one morning to sweep up broken glass and collect three black bags full of rubbish from just around the play area!).

Parish Room

The Parish Council have a small room for hire at the side of the Village Hall. It is suitable for small groups (up to 20 people) and can be hired for morning, afternoon or evening sessions. Tables and chairs are provided, as well as tea and coffee making facilities. The cost of hire is £9.00 a morning, afternoon or evening, so if you would like further details please contact the Parish Office on 01277 824245.

Winter Salt Bag Scheme

Essex County Council have once again offered us the opportunity to participate in their winter salt bag scheme which provides salt for rural areas to be used on pavements during bad weather conditions.

However, this scheme will only be successful if people are prepared to come forward and act as volunteers. It is not down to the Parish Council to spread the salt (we just don't have the manpower) but we do provide and store it. All it needs is for a few community minded people to get together and arrange to spread salt on areas in the village which are identified as being a priority. For example, last winter complaints were received about how dangerous the ice on the pavements outside the school was. We would like to try and make sure that doesn't recur this winter but can only do that if Doddinghurst residents are prepared to get involved. It is all too easy to moan that nothing is being done and that someone else should be doing it! We may be lucky and have a

mild winter this year, but if not, let's be well prepared and get some spreading arrangements in place nice and early.

If you would like to find out what exactly is required of volunteers and how you can get involved then please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 01277 824245 or via email: clerk@doddinghurst-pc.gov.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan

The June Village Meeting was a great success with over 80 people attending. As people have been away on summer holidays little communication activity was scheduled for this period, however, we did formally ask Brentwood Borough Council to proceed with their consultation on the approval of the Neighbourhood Plan Area for Doddinghurst based on the Parish boundary and this was consequently planned to run from 7th September until 18th October. May we remind villagers that we are looking for people prepared to join door-to-door surveys teams around the village aiming find out what residents want for the future of Doddinghurst.

ANNUAL RETURN
Doddinghurst Parish Council
Statement of Accounts
For the year ended 31st March 2012

	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	
1. Balances B/F	71,297	65,939	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the council's financial records.
2. Annual Precept	46,858	46,859	Total amount of precept income received in the year.
3. Total other receipts	30,522	29,287	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook minus the precept.
4. Staff costs	26,152	26,957	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	7011	7,564	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings.
6. Total other payments	49,575	35,830	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	65,939	71,734	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	65,351	70,970	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	395,107	395,415	The recorded current book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council.
10. Total borrowings	96,602	93,061	PWLB Borrowing: This money has been granted to the Village Hall (£60k) and Priest House (£40k) for renovation work, completed Feb 2011.

Highways Defects

I am sure you will be delighted to hear that additional funding has been made available for Highways repairs in the area. We have seen a summer spate of orange markings that have appeared around potholes and other road defects in Doddinghurst recently. We are not privy to specific information regarding when the repairs will take place. It is dependent upon things such as weather conditions and when the teams are scheduled to be in the area. Nevertheless keep reporting any pothole defect on the Essex County Council website!

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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