

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council held at 20.00 on Thursday 1st March 2012, Parish Room, (adj. Village Hall), Church Lane, Doddinghurst.

Present: Clrs. Mrs D Dicker (Chairman), Mrs A Richards (Vice Chair), Mr G W Bateson, Mr G Smith, Mr A Farrow, Mrs D Rogers-Harrison and Mr A Oliver; Borough Councillors Mr K Parker and Mr R McCheyne.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs: Mr C Enderby, Mrs J Le Page, Mr A Smith, Mr P Davenport; County and Borough Councillor Ann Naylor.
2.  **Resolved.** Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd February 2012 approved and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests from Members.** Clr Smith declared a personal interest in item 11.
4. **Noted: Clerk's report back on progress following the meeting of the 2nd February 2012:**
 - i. Grant application for Jubilee event funds submitted.
 - ii. Neighbourhood Planning "Building Communities" 3 day event attended.
 - iii. Details of the 2012 election dates obtained and issued in March agenda.
 - iv. Briefing on election process for 2012 issued to Councillors.
 - v. Met with Highway officers to discuss the state of roads in the village and drove them around to view the current trouble spots. Discussed communication problems.
 - vi. One ashes interments carried out in February.
 - vii. Written to Brentwood Borough Council monitoring officer (Steve Boyle) requesting information on the Borough Council's plans for compliance with the new rules on Members interests and emphasised the importance of urgent clarification to the Parish Council.
 - viii. Public sector mapping agreement membership applied for (Ordnance Survey). Graphical Interface to be determined.
 - ix. Gritting around Parish Office and Rooms carried out due to snow falls.
 - x. Complaints of lack of gritting outside the schools received - no volunteers or action by schools to ensure gritting took place.
 - xi. Allotment renewal notices to be issued at the end of February.
5. **Noted: Schedule of Correspondence received up to the 22nd February 2012.**
6. **Financial Reports and Minutes and Feedback from Committees.**
 - a.  **Resolved:** Approved the Financial Reports for February 2012.
 - b.  **Resolved:** Approved the Schedule of Payments for February 2012.
 - c. **Information:** No Planning Committee meeting held since 31st Jan 2012.
 - d. **Information:** Noted General Purpose Committee draft meeting minutes of the 15th Feb 2012.
 - e. **Information:** Feedback from Members relating to Committees attended in prior month. Clr Smith gave feedback on the Infrastructure, Asset and Localism meeting. Doddinghurst Parish Council had been awarded over £2000 towards the Diamond Jubilee Event being held on the 3rd June. Brentwood was looking to better use its assets (Land and Property) in the Borough. The lead officer on Localism is to be Brian Partridge and Adrian Tidbury is involved with Highways. Clr Enderby attended the Police NAPs meeting - see below for information; and the Clerk and the Chairman attended an EALC Planning Day covering Neighbourhood Planning on the 29th Feb 2012.
7. **Information: 2012 election dates.**
 - Publication of Notice of Election – 27th March
 - Delivery of completed nomination papers (to the returning officer) – 4th April
 - Publication of statement as to persons nominated – 10th April
 - Notice of Withdrawal – 11th April
 - Notice of Poll – 25th April
 - Date of Poll - 3rd May

- 8. Information:** Localism Act and changes to the Code of Conduct planned for May 2012. (BBC Monitoring Officer - Steve Boyle - feedback). The monitoring officer confirmed the new arrangements insofar as publication of the asset register of members interests would be required on the principal authorities website, as well as the Parish Council's website - and that these would include the relevant assets of the member plus member's spouse/partner's assets (although it isn't clear if the names of the spouse or partner is also stated). Steve Boyle also advised that the new "Disclosable Pecuniary Interests" are unlikely to be defined until July 2012 so until then the current rules will apply.
- 9. Information:** Noted: Neighbourhood planning and feedback from the "Community Building" event in written report from the Clerk.
- 10. Information: Noted:** General Power of Competence eligibility criteria are similar to the Power of Well Being, e.g. electoral mandate of two thirds and having a qualified Clerk. The power enables the council to do anything a "reasonable" person could do.
- 11. 🗳️ Resolved:** Approved Mayday activity including funding Punch and Judy event @ £90.
- 12. Information: Noted:** The Essex Boys and Girls Club is putting in a bid to the BBC fund to run an activity day for clubs in the Brentwood area and also to run a network for advising local clubs and prospective clubs to help them set up clubs for young people to attend. It was also noted that this bid was successful.
- 13. Information:** End of Council 4 year term - Dinner @ The Willow - Tuesday 10th April 2012 agreed as proposed date.
- 14. Other urgent information** (No council actions/letters/undertakings permissible on this item). Cllr Dicker advised that she would visit Blackmore Youth Club to establish if there was any opportunity for establishing a transport arrangement that would enable Youth, without access to transport in Doddinghurst, to get to and from the Blackmore Youth Club.

The meeting closed at 22.00

Minutes signed:

Date: 5th April 2012

Comments in public session:

The Council was advised of the changes in Police arrangements arising from its new Policing Blueprint. Significant changes were underway in removing geographic boundaries, restructuring police teams into specialist crime units and introducing IT systems. Officers dealing with crime would be equipped with IT systems that would enable them to be assigned from one call out to another without having to return to the station to write reports saving time in travelling and doing paperwork. Locally the number of PC's would rise from 11 to 16 and PCSO's fall from 16 to 13 a net gain of 2 people. The number of custody suites would be cut and Brentwood would house Neighbourhood Police that covered Doddinghurst with local stations (at KH) closing. Demarcation lines would be reduced with 3 Essex Local Policing Areas being created and Brentwood is combining with Epping and Harlow as LPA West. Serious crime collaboration with Kent and Essex is also being enhanced. Fast response units (999) would attend from one of the 8 hubs being set up in the County in a "borderless" pattern so that the nearest available unit arrives irrespective of location.

NHW advised that the Brentwood Asset, Infrastructure and Localism committee had approved a grant application by them for NHW funds.

A query was raised about the use of floodlights at Moudaire Farm contrary to approved planning permission.

The meeting was attended by 5 members of the public.