

## Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council held at 20.00 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013, Parish Room, (adj. Village Hall), Church Lane, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs. Mrs D Dicker (Chairman), Mrs J Le Page, Mrs D Rogers-Harrison, Mr. G.W. Bateson, Mr. A Farrow, Mr. D Potter, Mr. C Enderby, Mr G Smith and Mr A Smith. County and Borough Councillor Ann Naylor.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mr A Oliver, Mr P Arnell, Borough Cllrs. K Parker and R McCheyne
2.  **Resolved:** Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 approved and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests:** from Members of any item(s) on this agenda. None declared.
4. **Noted:** Clerk's Report back on progress following the January 2013 meeting.
  - i. One new interment (full burial plot 137) Jan 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - ii. CPA Playchips and installation invoices prepared for Ward Budget scheme allocation per R McCheyne
  - iii. Awaiting date for meeting with Jo-Anne Ireland at BBC to discuss partnership agreement.
  - iv. Newsletter prepared and submitted for publication in next Link magazine.
  - v. Issue raised about placement of soil from new grave (see 1(i) above). Awaiting letter to Burial Board.
  - vi. Margaret Bland (new Chair of Doddinghurst Horticultural Society) been in contact re revised May Day arrangements.
5. **Noted:** Schedule of correspondence received up to the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
6. **Financial Reports and Minutes and Feedback from Committees.**
  - a. Financial reports for January 2013 deferred to next meeting for technical reasons.
  - b. Schedule of Payments for January 2013 deferred to next meeting for technical reasons.
  - c. **Information:** Noted Planning meeting updates.
    - i) Moudaire Farm floodlights. Planning Officers have given their approval. ii) Outings Lane. Outline application for 2 detached houses on site of old surgery. No objections. ii) Camping & Caravanning Club. Site upgrade and improvements. An issue with light pollution is the main problem with neighbours and this has been raised in response to BBC.
  - d. **Information:** Noted. Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group Update. Door to door surveys are now under way and forms are being returned steadily. Some are being returned without addresses so members of the survey team should be writing the addresses on the forms in advance.
  - e. **Information:** Noted: Allotment Committee Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013.
  - f. **Information:** Feedback from Members relating to Committees attended. Cllr G Smith reported his experience at the Town Centre Management, Community and Localism panel. This newly formed BBC panel was set up for the town centre, retail development, leisure, sport and youth initiatives. Cllr Smith expressed concern about the behaviour of councillors and gave his reasons for walking out of the meeting, a matter he had communicated to the Chair of the Committee in question.
  - g. **Information:** A meeting was held by Cllr Ann Naylor with Chris Stoneham from ECC Highways Customer Services, on 5<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the road defects in the Village. The meeting was attended by Doddinghurst Parish Councillors who provided a written summary of the agreement reached.
7. **Information:** Noted. Response from Regal Busways to letter of complaint regarding poor service on route 261 in which they apologised for poor service in January 2013 and had promised to recruit additional drivers and obtain more suitable vehicles for the local roads.
8.  **Resolved:** Newsletter approved for insertion into March Link magazine.
9. **Information:** Noted. Response from Cllr John Jowers regarding flooding issue. The Clerk was asked to draft a reply for agreement.

10. **Information:** Noted. Parish Council response to ECC Highways issues had been addressed at meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February - see 6g above.

11. **Other urgent information:**

The Parish Council has been asked to run the May Day Fair from this year. If agreed by the Council Cllr Le Page has volunteered to arrange the Punch & Judy and bouncy castle and to liaise with Doddinghurst Horticultural Society regarding the stall holders. Cllr Dicker, as in past years, will continue to organise the Maypole dancing with the infant school. NHW offered to help set up the tables in the Village Hall.

Cllr. Farrow informed councillors that the War memorial committee will commence fund raising once matters such as planning, design and content of the memorial have been determined.

Sunday Bus 228 Route. Cllr Enderby stated that this service had failed to attract sufficient customers and is due to cease as it is running at a loss of £1,000 per month.

**The meeting closed at 21.30**

Comments in Public Session:

Peter Fisk explained the benefits of using Smart Water to mark property and how the notices alone are often an effective deterrent.

External lighting at the new surgery is extremely bright and nearby residents have queried if it need be so well lit through the night.

Minutes signed:

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013