



Doddinghurst Parish Council

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Introduction

Welcome to the Winter issue of the Parish Council Newsletter.

Doddinghurst Parish Council consists of 11 Parish Councillors who each serve a 4-year term of office, but many have served multiple terms over many years.

The Parish Council looks after the following in the village:

- Play areas and public open spaces including ponds, trees and some footpaths.
- Allotments in Mountnessing Lane.
- The cemetery – ashes and burial plots.
- Flower tubs.
- Bus shelters

Parish Council services are paid for by a precept (paid by each household as part of your Council Tax Bill).

The next Parish Council elections for Doddinghurst will be held in 2024.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Councillors meet monthly as a full Council and periodically as committees and welcome members of the public who wish to attend. If you wish to attend any of the meetings please just turn up on the night. The agenda will be posted on the Parish Council website ahead of each meeting. Minutes of meetings held can be found on the Parish Council website:

e-voice.org.uk/doddinghurst-pc along with notices of future meetings. Upcoming meeting dates for early 2023 are:

- Jan 12th 2023 – Full Council
- Jan 26th - Planning
- Feb 15th – General Purposes
- Feb 23rd – Planning
- March 2nd – Full Council
- March 30th – Planning

New Website

Our website is being updated and will be launched soon. The new address will be published shortly.

Play Area

The Children's Play Area continues to be well used.

Unfortunately we sometimes experience damage to the play area and fields including graffiti and littering so if you should see any please email your local Police and council enforcement team: brentwoodcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk

The play area is inspected daily and all litter is collected by our Groundsman. Brentwood Borough Council empties the bins for us.

The costs of cleaning up and repairs are paid for by the Council with funds from your Council tax and this reduces the amount we can spend elsewhere in the Parish.

Car Park

The surface of the small car park next to the play area had become uneven and was re-surfaced in September.

Boundary Commission Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission is reviewing its Ward Boundaries for Brentwood and it is proposed that Doddinghurst and Blackmore become one Ward together. For more information and to make your comments please visit [interactive consultation portal](#)

Village Bus Trips

The Parish Council continues to support the Village Bus service. We are in regular contact with David Schuster, Chair of the committee, and trips are advertised on the Parish Council website and on the village notice boards. Upcoming trips are to London and Bluewater and they leave from the Village Hall car park. Thanks go to David and the drivers who are all volunteers.

Allotment Plots

The demand for Parish Council Allotment plots has been very high this year as more people adjusted to staying at home during the first lockdown. Lease renewal is at the beginning of April 2023 so if you are interested in taking on a plot next year please contact Clarrie Tremain at the Parish Office.

Village Green Spaces, Walks & Flower Tubs

If you are a walker, we hope you enjoy our green spaces and appreciated the flower planters provided by the Parish Council, stocked with plants at no cost to residents by Councillors who grow them. We would like to thank the people that take time to water the village flower tubs during the summer.

Please can we respectfully ask that residents keep dogs on a lead and refrain from picking any of the flowers growing in the Village so that all can enjoy the spaces.

Village Hall

Although impacted by the pandemic the newly refurbished Doddinghurst Village Hall opposite All Saints Church is fully functional and taking bookings on 07510 242851. More information can be found on their website www.doddinghurstvillagehall.com

Anyone wishing to help and/or become part of the committee should contact Cllr Julia Le page for more details. The Hall is a registered Charity that is independent of the Parish Council.

61 Bus Service

The 61 bus service between Blackmore, Doddinghurst and Brentwood is now being run by Vectare under Essex County Council licence. Please continue to support this bus in order to secure its future.

Parish Office Refurbishment

The following works have been completed:

- Electrical re-wire
- Disabled toilet
- Decoration of Parish Room including carpets and blinds
- Decoration of Office including removal of old kitchen units

The new electric system includes LED lights and remote access designed to save energy.

Highways

Our Essex County Councillor Lesley Wagland, is determined to improve the service we have been getting from ECC Highways and to make sure that our residents have a better understanding of what is being done and, if it is not going to be done, why that is. So please help them to help us by logging all issues on the highway's website:

Winter Salt Bag Scheme

Essex County Council have provided the Parish Council with salt to be used on pavements during bad weather conditions. The Parish Council rely on volunteers to spread the salt so If you would like to volunteer to do this please get in touch with the Parish Office.

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For more information about the Council, the Burial Ground, Allotments, and news on local community clubs and societies locally please see our website.

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