

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Doddinghurst held on Thursday,
11th April 2019 in the Parish Room, Church Lane, Doddinghurst, CM15 0NJ.**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Dicker (Chairman to the Parish Council), Ann-Marie Smith (Clerk to the Parish Council), Borough Cllr Roger McCheyne, Cllr Alan Farrow, Reverend Ann Coleman, Peter Salmon, Karen Powell representing the uniformed groups.

Apologies from: Borough Councillor Keith Parker and Cliff Poppy; County Cllr Lesley Wagland; Cllr Michael Capon; Ingrid Nicholson, Head of the Infant School; Mr Gowland, Head of the Junior School. Where provided written reports were read and are attached to the minutes.

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19th April 2018

Approved and signed

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

None

3. Reviews of 2018/19 from:

(a) **Chairman of the Parish Council - Cllr Mrs Debbie Dicker** – please see the attached report given in person.

(b) **Village Hall - Chairman, Cllr Alan Farrow** – please see the attached written report.

(c) **All Saints Church** – Rev. Ann Coleman written report given in person, please see attached.

(d) **Dagwood Trust** - written report given by Rev. Ann Coleman in person as Chair of the Trust, see attached.

(e) **Doddinghurst Infants School** – No report provided

(f) **Doddinghurst C of E (VC) Junior School** – Mr Gowland provided a written report, please see attached.

(g) **Scouting/Uniformed Groups.** – **Karen Powell** – written report given in person, see attached.

(h) **Neighbourhood Watch** – **Peter Salmon** – presented the Neighbourhood Watch report in person, see attached.

(i) **Brentwood Borough Council - Cllr Roger McCheyne**, verbal report presented in person as follows:

- Local Development Plan. Consultation has now finished and the Plan will be presented to Government in late June. No building sites identified in Doddinghurst but some in Blackmore and Kelvedon Hatch.
- BBC continues to try and save money because of Government cuts.
- Fly Tipping in Dagwood and Days Lane has continued to be a problem but the new enforcement team have responded quickly. NATs team doing excellent work.
- Town Hall development – supposed to be finished June/July this year.
- Planning. A planning application has now been submitted for the Willow and nothing is currently happening with Waterworks Spring Farm since it was purchased.
- In the absence of ECC Lesley Wagland, who sent her apologies, Roger Mc Cheyne mentioned ECC Highways Pot hole improvement programme. Lesley has recently confirmed the completion of works in All Saints Close. He also mentioned ECC involvement with the Local Plan to ensure the infrastructure for housing and development is provided including improving the A127.

4. Matters raised by residents at the meeting.

None raised.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.30.

Signed:

Dated 11th April 2019

Written reports follow:

Letter from the Chairman of Doddinghurst Parish Council

I cannot believe another year has gone since writing to you, where does the time go?

The past year has seen the final completion of the play area, with the installation of the teen shelter, and the kicking goal. Unfortunately, whatever the parish council put in for the older youths of the village, a small minority still seem to take pleasure in destroying as much as they can. The zip wire was out of action before the holidays which meant it could not be enjoyed by other young people. What is it about this minority, perhaps someone could let us know? The parish council is having discussions with Blackmore youth club, to see if our older youths can join. The parish council would be prepared to hire a bus which would have to be driven

by a responsible adult so that those who would wish to go and return could do so. Hopefully this will come to fruition.

At the moment we have no new plans for the village, apart from making sure Doddinghurst remains a good place to live.

The parish council accommodation, attached to the Village Hall, is in need of refurbishment, especially the roof, and estimates are being sought. The parish room, office and toilets are in need of updating and we hope to begin this work during the year.

The council had a 25 year lease on Peartree playing field and last year we were given the opportunity of purchasing the land in advance of the lease expiry. The parish council believes this purchase has secured a good future asset for the village. There are no plans to change its current recreational use but we would be interested in hearing the views of residents on how the village can best use this resource.

There have been two recent police meetings with the public held in the parish room. Both meetings were well attended, and another one is being planned for the Spring. Please come along and find out how the police deal with any local crime and disorder.

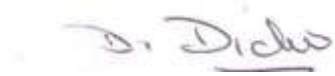
The May Fair will once again take place on the first Monday in May 2019, this is a popular morning in the village, especially as it gives the clubs and charities an opportunity to collect money for their associations.

The new Village Hall committee consists of four members of the parish council, together with three residents. The parish councillors however are there as residents of Doddinghurst and not as parish councillors. Since the new committee was formed a free of charge redecoration has taken place to bring the décor more up to date. The hall also needs a new heating system and other improvements but to do this we will have to obtain funding for the work first. PLEASE SUPPORT THE VILLAGE HALL. It is a key resource for the village as it provides a location for a pre-school and many clubs. It is a central location for the community in the village with its heavily used car park and recreational areas.

In May 2020, there will be a full re-election of the parish council, and we are hoping that residents will come forward to take a place on the council. Being a parish councillor is a worthwhile job serving the community you live in. Most of the present parish councillors have been on the committee for quite a few years, giving as much of their time as possible, but every committee needs new blood and new ideas. From May 2019, there will be reminders of the election to come in 2020. Do enquire about becoming a parish councillor, it is certainly interesting and enjoyable.

As you are no doubt aware over the Christmas period, we have had a serious fly tipping episode which, thanks to Brentwood Borough Council, has now been cleared but it is a growing problem that affects the whole of Essex. Our groundsman works six days a week to keep the central recreational areas of the village clear of litter but this costs money so it would be better if people used the litter bins and did not create a problem in the first place! The Parish Council do have a few regular volunteers who help to litter pick lanes such as Days Lane

and Dagwood Lane and recently a group of enthusiastic members of the Doddinghurst Facebook discussion page took to the lanes with their black bags which was wonderful to see. Many thanks to all of you for your support. Remember the Parish Council is your council and is there to serve you.



Debbie Dicker - Chairman of the Parish Council

January 2019

Village hall report 2018-2019

Accomplishments this year

The caretaker and committee members have become experts in blocked drains, temperature controlled taps and the various oddities of the hall.

We have completed fire assessments to gain a fire certificate and have procedures and checks in place to maintain standards.

Thanks to Zoe Moss and her team who have given the hall a face lift. After some delay we now have our own website thanks to Nick Moss. We are hoping for a volunteer to administer and update this site with pictures and events.

We are also looking for local sponsors and company advertisements to enhance our website

We have standardized our structure on hires and bar prices. A reassessment of our waste collection has reduced our yearly costs.

Disappointedly our requests for imaginative new heating systems quotations have not been that successful and is still on going.

The bookings for preschool and various evening clubs are flourishing, but our planned race night event had to be cancelled as not enough tickets were sold.

The bookings for the hall hires is lower than last year.

However the new cinema club had its first showing to a full hall and has gained a strong membership.

Security and parking remain an ongoing problem.

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on 20th May at 8pm all villagers are welcome.

Once again our website is: **doddinghurstvillagehall.com**

Alan Farrow

Village Hall Chairman, 18th April 2019

All Saints Church Report to the Annual Parish Meeting of Doddinghurst for Year 2018

The Church in Doddinghurst is in good heart!

We are delighted to be part of the community of Doddinghurst and feel we have a good and positive relationship with the Parish Council and the people of the village.

The building continues to be well maintained thanks to the generosity of the worshippers and many members of the local community through the Friends of All Saints. We are grateful for all their support. The project to develop the back of the Church has stages one and two completed. The Churchyard always looks beautiful and is cared for by a team of volunteers under the leadership of Caroline Seville. In 2018 we were awarded first prize for the Best Kept Churchyard in Essex!

Our Parish Eucharist on Sunday continues to flourish with people of all ages coming together to worship God. Many children and young families take an active part in leading our worship including some being Eucharistic ministers. The monthly Church Parades are well attended and our 'Saints Alive' monthly Sunday group for children enjoy many exciting activities and crafts including recently building a large boat which was wheeled down the aisle! Our second Holiday Club, Summer Explorers, ran for four mornings in the Village Hall under the leadership of Jane Miles and a team of 20 adult leaders and 10 young leaders. 50 children from our village attended. We had our third Party of Light for All Saints tide, this time in the Scout Hut, where we made slime amongst other things and had a treasure hunt by torchlight!

A team from the Covenant Churches continue to go into the Junior School to run 'Open the Book' Assemblies most Mondays, and twice termly they hold 'Messy Church' in the Infant School. We also go into school 4 times a year to lead, with the children, a Eucharist service and to work with different year groups on various parts of the curriculum relating to faith.

During the year 1 adult and 5 young people were confirmed by the Bishop of Chelmsford and the new Bishop pf Bradwell

The Guild of Simeon and Anna, which is a group of older people who have a ministry of prayer for the church and the village continues to underpin all our activities.

The Church web site managed by Claire Abraham is continually updated to reflect the Church's seasons and our Facebook page managed by Jane Miles gives regular updates, including photos of all that is going on.

The Church continues to support the Friday coffee morning for St Francis Hospice, to run Monday quiz afternoons , various talks on the history of the Church , summer cream teas and many other community events.

A number of significant events for the whole community took place in 2018 including:

- 2018 year marked the centenary of the ending of World War 1. About 300 adults and children attended our Service of Remembrance with the Act of Remembrance taking place at our village War Memorial. The uniformed organisations paraded, the

combined choir from both our schools sang, and wreaths were laid by representatives from the Church, Parish Council and Uniformed Organisations to commemorate those from our village who died in the Two World Wars. A special display including displays of poppies was held in Church and in the afternoon Caroline Seville gave an illustrated talk on Doddinghurst 1914-18.

- Our first Richard Stonley Festival, to celebrate the life of Doddinghurst's very own Tudor Diarist, was held in June. It was opened by Lord Petre of Ingatestone Hall who also lent Tudor costumes for the team to wear. There was a whole host of activities including the Tudor re-enactment group setting up camp with many stalls and educational activities, a Tudor Feast held in the Church followed by Tudor dancing in the Churchyard, an interactive drama performance by a theatre company based on Shakespeare's plays and a special service on Sunday morning at which we used a chalice which would have been used by Richard Stonley himself.
- The Carol Singing in the Willow was again very well supported and a generous collection sent to the Children's Society

Dagwood Trust

The Dagwood Trust, whose Trustees include the priest and Churchwardens and representatives of the Parish Council, have continued to support the educational and recreational development of our young people through grants given to the Junior School for Bibles for Year 6, to craft activities and diary writing workshops for the children at the Stonley Festival and to the Village Hall for emergency work so that the children using the Hall could continue to do so.

Future

- On May 11th David and I will be celebrating 70 years (between us) in priestly ministry and 85 in diaconal ministry. The Bishop of Chelmsford is coming to preside and preach at the special Eucharist and this will be followed by a buffet lunch in the village hall
- We look forward to our first Church and Village Scarecrow Festival in September!
- All Saints will welcome a curate joining us in September
- The new Bishop of Bradwell will make his first visit to All Saints on Advent Sunday where he will lead the service and also confirm some of the congregation
- 2020 will see the 500th anniversary of Stonley's birth so we are just beginning to plan for that event

The Church appreciates the support of the community, aims to serve it and looks forward to developing ways in which we can all work together for the benefit of our village.

Finally, on Thursday 28th March I was licensed by the Bishop as (House for Duty) Priest in Church of All Saints Doddinghurst rather than Associate Priest but with responsibility for Doddinghurst. We have a full PCC, two Churchwardens and a deputy church warden. It is good to see that the Diocese considers that All Saints is thriving enough to have its own priest again. This is due to the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of the congregation and the people of Doddinghurst.

The Revd Ann Coleman 10th April 2019

Doddinghurst Cof E Junior School – Head of Schools’ report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2019

The last two terms of this academic year have been very busy at Doddinghurst Junior School. The school is currently transitioning to become an Academy as part of the Osborne Cooperative Academy trust. The formal conversion date is due on 1st May 2019. Following leadership changes in October 2019, Mrs Benjeddi was appointed as Interim Executive Head of School and my role changed to Interim Head of School. Mrs Benjeddi has been a great support to the school during this time, helping us to develop a new progression document in writing and making some changes to the premise of the school (front fencing).

School numbers are just below 200 at the moment and we look forward to welcoming the new year 2s from the Infant school in September. Our pupils continue to enjoy coming to school. We have provided our pupils with a wide range of opportunities and events which enrich the curriculum, such as:

Themed history days – children and teachers dressed as Ancient Egyptians and WW1 soldiers. A visitor brought in artefacts and spent the day in school helping children understand what life was like during these periods.

Sporting Events – Miss Prince (PE lead) has been very busy, taking the children to many events such as Football tournaments, Cross Country, Netball and Multi-sport events to name but a few. Our Year 6 Football team are in the Semi-Finals of the regional league Cup. World Book Day - We dressed up as a favourite book character and each class did a book related activity. Each class also decorated their classroom reading area to reflect a favourite book.

Bikeability – training in how to ride a bike safely on the roads

Anti-bullying Week – In November the school joined thousands of schools across the country in saying ‘no’ to bullying. The children learnt about different ways to prevent bullying and this has been followed up with NSPCC workshops in school and e-safety workshops to promote positive uses of internet technology and how children can recognise the dangers of being online.

STEM week – The whole school took part in a ‘plastic waste’ awareness week. In their houses they learnt about the threat of plastic waste to the environment and then designed alternative ways to use plastic so that it isn’t wasted.

Our children have also raised money for various charities so far this year, including Red nose day, Sport England foundation and will be doing some work to support Bowel cancer and research, after Easter.

As a school we continue to work closely with Rev. Ann and All Saints Church. The school choir sang at the Remembrance Day Service and years 3 and 4 have led Advent and Easter Services. Rev Ann has also led, assisted by various classes, several Eucharist Services for

pupils and their families in our school hall. Rev Ann has also facilitated a number of Theological reflections which encourage the children to think more deeply about an important Christian topic.

We are all very much looking forward to see what the summer term brings and establishing a new working partnership with the Osborne trust.

Mr A Gowland, Deputy Head

1st Doddinghurst Scout Group

Thank you for inviting 1st Doddinghurst Scout Group to present a report to the Parish Meeting.

We are very proud of what we have achieved since the last report. In the past year we have been lucky to have recruited two leaders bringing us up to 2 leaders in the Beaver Section, 5 leaders in the Cub section and 3 leaders in the Scout Section. Sadly Jason Hassell moved away from the area but Phil Sell, Assistant Scout Leader, and Dave Phillips, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, have joined the team as we provide scouting for 76 young people between the ages of 6 and 14, 24 Beavers aged 6-8, 28 Cubs aged 8-10 ½ and 24 Scouts aged 10 ½ - 14.

Meetings are held weekly in the Scout hut and each term each section work towards activity badges and challenge badges, on completion of all 6,7 or 9 challenge badges depending on which section the child is in, the young person will receive their Chief Scouts Bronze for Beavers, Silver for Cubs and Gold for Scouts and are invited to an annual County Event where they are awarded a certificate. This year we are very proud to have been able to put forward 11 young people for their Bronze Awards, 5 young people for their Silver Award and 5 young people for their Gold Award.

An enormous amount of time and effort is put in by the leadership team each week prior, during and following weekly meetings in providing the various activities and events to facilitate every child achieving the Chief Scouts during their time in each section.

Beavers and Cubs have had some fantastic sleepovers and Camps with more planned for May and June preparing them for greater things to come in the Scout section. Before Christmas the Scouts hiked from Doddinghurst to Thriftwood avoiding the roads for a camp and in March did a Survival Skills camp in Noak Hill, making shelters to sleep under, making fires, sharpening pen knives, skinning rabbits and cooking pigeons. Last year some of our Scouts travelled to Wales and walked Snowdon and a similar trip in Snowdonia is scheduled over the May bank holiday weekend.

The Scouts have fundraised to help with the cost of the trip to Snowdon by holding a Scout Group Brunch on a Sunday morning in February and October, cooking and serving an excellent cooked breakfast, keep an eye in the link for the next Brunch date!

As a Scout Group we have been busy fundraising to enable us to improve the facilities in the Scout Hut and had the main hall re-plaster boarded, re-plastered and painted, a brand new stainless steel kitchen and new front doors. We received generous donations from

businesses in addition to holding fundraising events of our own. We have a lovely well maintained garden area and have plans to relocate the camp fire circle later this year.

We are holding a BBQ with Race night on 18th May, and will use the money to replace some of our smaller tents and purchase more camping equipment – more information on the BBQ is in the Link.

Scouting makes a positive contribution to society by helping young people to develop as active members of the community, who are self-reliant; who are caring; who are responsible and who show commitment. We regularly attend Church Parade services in All Saints Church and have a very strong link with Revd Ann who frequently drops into our meetings joining in with our activities.

The experiences our young people have in Scouting are likely to stay with them for the rest of their lives, all of the volunteers at 1st Doddinghurst are proud to be a part of making this a reality.

Karen Powell
1st Doddinghurst Scout Group – April 2019



BRENTWOOD AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Annual report for Doddinghurst Parish Council – April 2019

We continue to have our table of Crime Prevention Booklets and (free) Crime Prevention items in Priest House at some of the Coffee mornings held there and this year, thanks to Brentwood CVS, we were one of many tables in the Village Hall for a Seniors Information Coffee Morning. This was very well attended and proved to be quite a success for the CVS. In turn they were very appreciative of the courtesy and assistance they received from Doddinghurst.

The monthly 'Scary be Wary' posters are still being displayed around the Village to update those Residents who may not have access to the internet. The information/advice on these posters is always authorized by Brentwood Police.

We shall again have our table at the Mayfair in the Village Hall.

Our local 'Beat Officer' PC Faye Matthams now holds regular meetings in the Parish Rooms with a view to talking through any local issues being experienced. These have been well received by those that attend and some positive outcomes have been achieved – but of course there is always more work to do.

We continue to work closely with the Community Safety Partnership and the Community Policing Team covering the whole Borough.

Crime figures for the U.K. in the past year still show an increase, although part of this is due to changes in crime recording. Still of concern in our area is theft of and from motor vehicles and Residents are encouraged to use Faraday Bags if they have 'Keyless Car Entry'.

Doddinghurst continues to remain relatively low in Crime in relation to other areas of Essex but Scams with particular reference to the elderly and vulnerable members of our society are still a worry.

We still represent Essex County NhW on the PF&CC's Rural Crime Forum, Essex Crimestoppers Board and Community Agents Essex Partnership Board.

Peter Salmon
11th April 2019

End of Reports