

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council General Purpose Committee held at 20.00 on the 20th June 2018, Parish Room (adjacent the Village Hall), Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs: Alan Farrow (Chairman), David Powell, Julia Le Page and Cllr. Debbie Dicker for Item 7 only

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs: Phil Arnell, Gerry Smith, Diane Rogers-Harrison
2. **Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda** - None declared.
3. **Resolved:** Approved, the minutes of the GP meeting on the 25th April 2018.
4. **Information:** Update on activities undertaken since last meeting:
 - a. **Anti-Social Behaviour and Litter**
As reported at the Monthly Parish Council Meeting on 7th June the Village Hall gates are now locked every evening to prevent cars driving around during the night and causing a nuisance to the neighbours. It was agreed at a previous GP meeting that there would not be a litter bin placed near the Teen shelter because of previous fire damage. There is now a need to review the litter bin provision and raise awareness of the cost of litter collection paid by the Parish Council. In addition to paying Patrick to litter pick, the Parish Council currently pay £162 (£3.50 per bin per week) to BBC. It was suggested that the Clerk look into producing an update for the Doddinghurst link or Village social media to raise awareness. Litter continues to be a problem and when Patrick is away Clarrie and Debbie are having to litter pick daily.
 - b. **New Clerk Induction/handover**
Induction continues with handover planned for July 5th Parish Council Meeting
 - c. **Footpaths**
Cllr A Farrow is completing the footpath risk assessment. Cllrs are asked to put forward any areas that the NAT team can work on when they are with us in August. Cllr Farrow mentioned the upright posts on Emblems Farm and fallen trees on the nature trail. Cllr Le Page has already sent 2-3 ideas to Clarrie.
 - d. **Teen Shelter completion**
Now completed and 20% retention paid to contractor. No adverse comments on the ROSPA report.
 - e. **Kicking Goal artificial grass and goalmouth.**
Now scheduled to start this week 21st June after a couple of requests by the contractor to reschedule. It will now be happening at same time as the Stonley Festival and the refurbishment of the Scout Kitchen on Monday.
 - f. **Parish Room step has been repaired by RB**
 - g. **External Audit Information is now on the website**
 - h. **Parish Annual Report is now on the website**
 - i. **GDPR Privacy notice is now on the website**

5. Play Area – Update on Remedial Works and ROSPA Report

The annual ROSPA report has been received and was discussed. There are no surprises as the remedial works recommended for the Play Equipment, due to wear and tear, are already on ordered from Broadmead, a specialist Play Equipment contractor, as agreed at the last meeting. The original quote for the play area repairs came to £1380 and included:

- Basket Ball Boards - replacement of the backboards
- Spinner bearing - freeing of top bearing
- Basket Swing - replacement of support “ropes” with stainless steel chains.
- Wicksteed “mats” by large slide - relaying a small number of mats to remove trip hazards
- Small Car Park, work to minimise “ponding” by the double gates

Since then, at the end of May, one of the Basket Swing anchor points actually broke off completely so the order has been revised to replace the Basket Swing instead of just the ‘ropes’. The order is still within the £2000 agreed at the last meeting. Estimated time scale for delivery is beginning of July.

There is a separate order for work on the car park, at £850, which cannot be done until the Kicking Goal contract has been completed.

6. Peartree Field

The Peartree Field documentation has been signed and delivered to the solicitors. Now awaiting Standard requisitions on Title and then it will proceed to exchange and completion.

7. Waterworks Spring Farm is now up for sale with tenders to be received by 13th July 2018. RB gave an update on the history of the Farm which is now being marketed as a Commercial operation at a commercial price. The Parish Council is aware that Planning consent was never granted to the owner and that there are ECC enforcement orders on the site. BCC for Planning and ECC for Land management have both been involved in the past which led to the current enforcement orders. Cllr Farrow will talk to the Estate Agents to find out more information about the impending sale and Cllr Dicker will check whether local people are aware of the it. RB will seek the advice of Suzanne Armstrong at ECC and check the facts relating to the enforcement orders.

8. Any Other Urgent Business - for information only

Date of Next meeting: Full Council to be at 20.00 on the 5th July 2018

The meeting was attended by no members of the public

The meeting closed at 22.00

Signed:

Dated: 17th October 2018