

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council held at 19.00 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Parish Room, (adj. Village Hall), Church Lane, Doddinghurst.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs D Dicker (Chairman), Mr A Farrow, Mr A Oliver, Mrs J Le Page, Mr. G Smith, Mr. P Arnell, Mr. M Capon, Mr D Powel

**Apologies for Absence:** Received from: Cllrs. Mr A Smith, Mr D Potter, Mrs D Rogers Harrison

**MEETING AGENDA &  
MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. **Declaration of Interests** for topics on the Agenda. – None Declared
2. **Closure of the meeting to members of the press and public.** Resolved and Approved: (the items are subject to commercial and/or personal sensitivity)
3. **Land at Peartree:** The Council has been offered the opportunity to purchase the freehold of land currently under lease to the Parish Council as recreational space and generally referred to a "Peartree Field".

This topic is to inform Councillors of the background to the offer, the current position on the lease and enable Councillors to discuss the merits or otherwise of the purchase of the land by the Parish Council. (A background briefing on the leased property and its history was supplied by the Clerk)

- 3a. **Resolved, Approved** that the Parish Council should make an offer for the Land. (Using powers of Land Purchase LGA 1972 ss124,126,127,s139 and Open Spaces Public Health Act 1875, s.164)
- 3b. **Resolved, Approved**, the sum of money to be offered for the purchase of the land. **Also Resolved and approved** a discretionary additional sum for negotiating purposes to be available to the Clerk to the Council.
- 3c. **Resolved Approved**, The Clerk to research and propose an agency, or agencies, for approval by the Council to be used to sell the land and to complete the legal processes including land registration.
4. **Parish Council Vacancy for a Clerk** due to arise on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. **Resolved and Approved** that at this juncture there was an inadequate pool of applicants to justify interviews. The two people who have formally applied thus far are to be advised that their applications will be carried forward automatically and that they need not re-apply, but that the post will be re-advertised on a wider geographic area.

**The meeting closed at 20.00**

**Minutes Signed:**

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**