



Doddingtonhurst Parish Council

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Introduction

Welcome to the Winter issue of the Parish Council Newsletter.

2021 Parish Council Election Year

In May 2020 the 11 Doddingtonhurst Parish Councillors should have completed their 4-year term of office but because of the pandemic elections were postponed and the current councillors stayed on another year. We are awaiting confirmation but re-election should now take place in 2021 and we are seeking people who:

- Care about getting the best for their community and are willing to represent their electorate
- Want to make a difference and have a can-do attitude
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct and register their interests
- Have the time to be committed and enthusiastic in the role

If you are over 18, live locally and are interested then please email

Clerk@doddingtonhurst-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings during the covid -19 pandemic

Parish Councillors meet monthly and welcome members of the public who wish to attend. This year has been very challenging for everyone but the Parish Council has followed the Government Legislative changes due to the coronavirus pandemic and has continued to meet via zoom video conferencing. If you wish to attend any of the meetings please advise the clerk on the email address below and you will be sent the zoom joining details. Minutes of meetings held can be found on the Parish Council website:

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along with notices of future meetings. Meeting dates for first quarter of 2021:

- Jan 14th 2021 - Full Council
- Feb 11th 2021 - General Purpose
- March 4th 2020 - Full Council
- March 25th 2020- Annual Parish Meeting
- April 15th 2020 - General Purpose

Play Area

The Children's Play Area continues to be well used and we were pleased to be able to re-open it in July after the enforced closure earlier in the year because of covid -19.

When using the Play area please follow the signs in keeping your distance, using hand sanitiser regularly and not using it at all if you have any covid symptoms.

Prior to re-opening a thorough risk assessment was carried out and all repairs were completed which included major maintenance to the zip wire.

The Football fields are also now used regularly by Blackmore Youth Football Club

Unfortunately we regularly experience damage to the play area, and Football 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 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.

Doddinghurst Community Support Wellbeing Hub

The Parish Council is supporting the Doddinghurst Community Support Wellbeing Hub in its work and all details are in the news section of our website together with Essex County and Brentwood Borough support available:

www.e-voice.org.uk/doddinghurst-pc
or email the Clerk on Clerk@doddinghurst-pc.gov.uk

Village Bus Trips

The Parish Council continues to support the Village Bus service but unfortunately this has had to stop since the pandemic started. We are in regular contact with David Schuster who took over as Chair of the committee from Colin Enderby last year and as soon as trips can be resumed we will advertise them on the Parish Council website and on the village notice boards.

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 2021 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

This year as more villagers were at home during lockdown they were able to experience the many footpaths available which are detailed on the Doddinghurst Parish Council Website. We hope you enjoyed the green spaces as you walked 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 taking bookings on 07510 242851. More information can be found on 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. The time table can be found on the Doddinghurst Parish Council website. Please continue to support this bus in order to secure its future.

Parish Office Refurbishment

Refurbishment of the Parish office, stage 1 installation of disabled toilet is about to start but unfortunately hiring of the Parish Room which is suitable for small meetings (up to 20) has had to be temporarily stopped because of the pandemic.

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:

www.Essexhighways.org.uk

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.

Parish Council Officers:

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Parish Council Website

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

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