

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2013**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr E Underdown

Cllr R Hayman

Cllr Ms Maggie Walker

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr M Edmonds

Cllr D Valentine

In attendance: Cllr Roger Giles (DCC), Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC)
PCSO Phil Anning, Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk), Susie Bond (member of the public)

Apologies for absence: Cllr Ms S Trumper

176/12 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

177/12 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

178/12 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

There were no reported crimes.

179/12 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in item 7a as his is the neighbouring property.

180/12 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Giles said he had been led to believe that an improved bus service would be introduced, supported by developer funding at Cranbrook. The revised bus service will take effect on Tuesday 28th May. Gittisham village will get a reduced service, from six to four buses towards Exeter and from six to five from Exeter. Cllr Giles has expressed his dissatisfaction with this to DCC's Transport Co-ordinator, and has disputed the figures of 3,018 passengers from Gittisham per year. He was told however that the timetable could not now be changed, but would be subject to a review once it is up and running. Members agreed they would also express concern as a parish council. There will however be an increase in services from Heathpark, from two-hourly to two per hour.

Cllr Randall Johnson reported on the consultation currently running on the Devon & Somerset Fire Service, regarding a range of proposals to address the reduction in Government funding that the service will receive over the next two years. She said the proposals to change the way some of the fire engines are crewed in Taunton would not have an impact on this area.

181/12 To approve the April payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0578	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0579	F J Clampin	£166.80	Clerk's fee and expenses

Members were informed that half of the precept having been received, the current bank balance stands at

£9,320.34.

182/12 To consider the following planning applications:

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

- a) 13/0352/FUL Shermans Farm Gittisham EX14 3AU Construction of agricultural workers dwelling
- b) 13/0483/LBC - Catshayes Farm Gittisham EX14 3AE Re-thatching roof (change from wheat reed to water reed)

Members discussed their concerns over the effect of the agricultural tie, as although the proposed dwelling is not on Combe Estate land, the dwelling is to service a farm rented from the Combe Estate. Councillors agreed the division of the ownership of the freehold of the dwelling from the tenancy could potentially create problems in the future. There were also fears voiced over unresolved access issues, as access to the dwelling would be down a bridleway and not a byway. Cllr Giles said this had also been raised by Ottery Town Council. The building is proposed on a greenfield site. However, members appreciated the need for additional employees for the farm business. They resolved to register their concerns with EDDC.

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

Members had no objection to 7b).

183/12 To consider parish involvement in the Active Villages project

The clerk reported that co-ordinator, Jane Sharp, from Leisure East Devon, has completed her report on the consultation and a colleague will be in touch once they have decided on the suitability of any activity and numbers.

184/12 To consider limited residential development in the parish

The clerk is continuing to press for a meeting with Justin Lascelles. The Chair said some limited development would be beneficial to the parish to counter a potential rise in holiday homes. Cllr Valentine reminded members that they would need to prepare thoroughly, with a resolution and preparation of the parish council's case, when EDDC presents its Local Plan to the planning inspectorate.

185/12 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including tree planting

Members heard that there are two areas of rubble to be removed, and agreed to form a working party to remove these as soon as possible. The wall cannot be made good until this has been done. In a recent visit for the annual play area inspection, the consultant had raised concerns about this. Cllr Valentine also raised his concerns over a capped drain, which could be dangerous. Cllr Hayman agreed to see to this.

Cllr Underdown advised letting the wild area evolve, and cautioned against allowing too many projects to proliferate. Cllr Valentine added that any additional structures could create a need for planning applications. Members supported Cllr Walker's proposal to gather together some older children to explore the area with bicycles with a view to further development of play facilities for their age group.

186/12 To consider the resignation of Cllr G Brown (EDDC)

Members noted the resignation of Cllr Brown. An election for a new district councillor will be held at the same time as the DCC elections on 2nd May, dependent on the number of candidates. The nominations close on 5th April, so who is standing will be known the following week. Cllr Giles reported that the temporary district councillor, Peter Halse, had been arguing at EDDC's development management committee for the Feniton planning applications to be refused.

187/12 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

188/12 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

None.

189/12 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Active Villages, play area and residential development on the next agenda.

190/12 Clerk's Report

None.

191/12 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 1st May and Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2040 hrs.

Chairman.....

1st May 2013