

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015**

**Present:**

**Gittisham Village Ward**

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr M Walker

Cllr R Hayman

**Gittisham Vale Ward**

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr R Pratt

**In attendance:** Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Trumper, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

**36/15 To accept and approve apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted.

**37/15 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**38/15 To receive the Beat Manager's Report**

The police sent the following report:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Burglary, caravan window smashed to gain entry, nothing stolen
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June: Criminal damage to motor vehicle, at a private location three windows smashed on a motor vehicle

**39/15 To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in 42/15 (a & b), as he owns the neighbouring property.

**40/15 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives**

Cllr Bond said sessions to hear the latest version of EDDC's Local Plan would be held the following week. She reported that the development at Ottery Moor Lane in Honiton had been approved, with 17 per cent affordable housing and no S106 funding for education, health or infrastructure due to the cost of removing asbestos from the site. Cllr Bond told members that Feniton and Exmouth had been chosen for a trial recycling scheme which will include plastics and cardboard as part of the kerbside collection. Landfill will be collected every three weeks as part of this. Five companies are bidding for the contract.

**41/15 To approve the July payments and to note the current bank balance**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0688	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE
0689	F J Clampin	£174.98	Clerk's salary and expenses
0690	PLandscape	£106.80	Grass cuts, June (maintenance of play area)

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £9,962.59.

**42/15 To consider the following planning applications:**

- a) 15/1172/MFUL - Blamphayne Sawmill Gittisham EX14 3AN Construction of workshops, stores and office/shop with associated landscaping and parking
- b) 15/1341/FUL - 1 Westgate Cottage Gittisham EX14 3AU Construction of a first floor extension on north elevation, use of roof space for living accommodation and ground floor extension for WC

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

Members resolved to recommend approval of the applications.

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

**43/15 To complete the annual review of effectiveness of internal control and risk assessment**

Members approved the risk assessment which had been prepared by the clerk, subject to some small amendments. This completes the annual review of effectiveness of internal control.

**44/15 To consider the draft East Devon Local Plan**

Cllr Valentine said the parish council's representations had been received and acknowledged. He could not see any merit in speaking at the hearing sessions the following week, and EDDC says both written and oral representations carry the same weight. Members discussed the employment land allocation, which is not part of the hearing sessions. The Chair said that Honiton Town Council is not in favour of the employment land allocation west of Hayne Lane.

**45/15 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chair reported back from a meeting he had attended the day before with Honiton Town Council and Awliscombe PC. Tim Spurway from EDDC was also in attendance. The Chair said there was a risk of the Vale and the Hayne Lane development becoming disenfranchised from Honiton's Neighbourhood Plan if Gittisham were not a part of it, or if Gittisham did not develop its own Neighbourhood Plan. He reminded members that a Neighbourhood Plan has statutory protection, but only in so far as it conforms with the Local Plan. Also, Neighbourhood Plans are community plans and therefore membership is drawn from the community – not parish councils. Cllr Pratt agreed to see if anybody in the Vale would be interested in working on this.

Members resolved to continue the dialogue with Honiton TC and Awliscombe. Cllr Valentine asked if some idea of cost could be brought to the next meeting.

**46/15 To consider limited residential development in the parish**

The Chair reported that the new managers at Combe House could be employing up to 90 people, which raised the bar in terms of housing need. He, Cllr Valentine and Cllr Bond are due to meet EDDC and Combe Estate on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Members noted Cllr Walker's view that the proportion and layout of affordable rental and market housing in Alfington was a successful model.

Cllr Valentine left the meeting, due to childcare commitments.

**47/15 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections**

Members heard that the working day on 11<sup>th</sup> July to tidy up the play area has been publicised.

**48/15 To consider any late entry correspondence**

None.

**49/15 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC**

Cllr Fallows has written an e-mail to Cllr Wright thanking her for the flood gauges, which have finally been installed.

**50/15 Matters for the forward agenda**

It was agreed to include lengthsperson, limited residential development, EDDC Local Plan, play area, and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

**51/15 Clerk's Report**

The clerk said she would be approaching the bank again to see if they would be able to set up a direct debit for HMRC payments.

**52/15 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

**Chairman.....**  
5<sup>th</sup> August 2015