

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2015**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)
Cllr S Trumper
Cllr R Hayman
Cllr M Walker

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine
Cllr R Pratt
Cllr E Underdown

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

Apologies for absence, Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

120/15 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

121/15 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

123/15 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No crimes reported since the last meeting:

124/15 To receive declarations of interest

The Chair declared an interest in item 7a (minute ref. 127/15) as his is the neighbouring property.

125/15 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Bond told members that at the end of November EDDC had issued an expression of interest regarding faster broadband for the district. She also reported that there are discussions underway about obtaining a devolution deal involving South West local authorities, including Devon and Somerset counties and Plymouth and Torbay unitary councils. Funding will be for infrastructure, business support and governance – and potentially health and social services. The aim is to make local government more streamlined.

126/15 To approve the December payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0708	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE
0709	F J Clampin	£163.80	Clerk's salary and expenses
0710	PLandscape	£53.40	October grass cutting x 1
0711	Websites Ahoy	£30	New transparency code page for website

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £11,064.05. The Chair handed the clerk a cheque for £500, the parish council's share of the proceeds from the village fete to be put towards the development of the play area. Members agreed to discuss next month (when setting the budget) the support for the Home Safeguard service. The clerk will issue guidance from NALC regarding S137 funding for members to digest before the next meeting.

127/15 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 15/1915/ADV Combe House Hotel Gittisham EX14 3AD - Erection of new sign at entrance to Combe House with illumination
- b) 15/2541/LBC 2 Beaumonts Cottages Gittisham EX14 3AG - Installation of flue for gas boiler in side elevation of ground floor and associated pipework

The Chair left the meeting and Cllr Hayman took the chair.

Members had no objections to the above, but the clerk agreed to send previous observations regarding a). Cllr Bond said the Combe House application for listed building consent has been approved with conditions.

The Chair returned to the meeting.

128/15 To consider limited residential development in the parish

The Chair said a steering group had been established, formed of four residents and Justin Lascelles from Combe Estate. The group met yesterday (1 December) where Cllr Valentine explained the process of a housing needs survey and the various considerations needed. Cllr Valentine is arranging for the group to meet people who have carried out similar surveys, such as in Beer and Yarcombe. Cllr Bond left the meeting.

129/15 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said Honiton Town Council had established a steering group which included two councillors and one ex-councillor. The clerk agreed to write to ask if the group could keep the PC informed.

130/15 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The Chair agreed to arrange a meeting with Hamish Hall and Bill Griffiths to discuss next steps.

131/15 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

The Chair agreed to go through the documentation folder DCC has passed to the lengthsman. Members suggested areas to work on, including gutters coming down over Beech Walk, the drainage ditch in the centre of the village and gully cleaning near Truances where water is coming onto the road.

132/15 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

133/15 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The clerk agreed to pass on to Cllr Wright the poor state of the road on Parsonage Lane, especially close to Willeys Wood. The situation concerns members because the road is now being used as an alternative to avoid the roadworks at Turk's Head. The passing places along Beech Walk are also suffering as a result.

134/15 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include limited residential development, lengthsman work, play area, external auditor and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

135/15 Clerk's Report

The clerk explained to members that Dunkeswell Parish Council was considering a bid for Parishes Together funding to install wi-fi access in their parish hall and purchase a projector to view consultation documents online. She agreed to keep members informed if this bid progresses incase Gittisham parish could join them.

136/15 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 6th January and Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 7.30pm.

The Chair wished all members and parishioners a Happy Christmas. There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

Chairman.....

6th January 2016