

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2014**

**Present:**

**Gittisham Village Ward**

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr R Hayman

Cllr Maggie Walker

Cllr Sara Trumper

**Gittisham Vale Ward**

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr E Underdown

Cllr M Edmonds

**In attendance:** Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Jennifer Lawrence-Jones (member of the public), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Jennifer Lawrence-Jones exercised her right as member of the public to explain to members the advantages of installing a defibrillator in the village telephone box. She said growing numbers of communities were choosing to install this device, which statistics show can dramatically increase chances of surviving a heart attack. She said defibrillators are easy to use, and although training is not necessary to work it, training would be an advantage in making the community aware of the importance of responding to incidents. The device is broadly speaking the same size as the telephone apparatus currently in place. Members discussed the implications of insurance and the risk of vandalism, as well as the costs. Mrs Lawrence-Jones quoted one model at £1,000 for the defibrillator, £1,000 for the case, £600 to train 24 parishioners, and maintenance of £37.50 / year. (The latter includes replacement pads and charging the lithium battery). Members agreed that such a device would be very useful and discussed the possibility of an annual fundraising event to help towards its cost. In the end it was decided to arrange a public meeting in September for people to put forward suggestions for the use of the telephone box, and if this goes ahead as planned on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept people can learn more about a defibrillator. Mrs Lawrence-Jones said she would investigate other funding sources.

Jennifer Lawrence-Jones left the meeting.

**34/14 To receive and accept apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted.

**35/14 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. One clarification sent in by Cllr Wright resulted in a change from children's centres to youth centres in DCC report (minute ref 21/14).

**36/14 To receive the Beat Manager's Report**

There have been two crimes since the last meeting: Male offender invited into a house and whilst inside stole money (village); Vale – damage caused to wooden gate on entrance to a field.

**37/14 To receive declarations of interest**

None.

#### **38/14 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives**

Cllr Bond said she would be putting forward a motion at EDDC proposing imposing a condition on developers to begin building within two years, rather than three, in the case of large planning applications. This is while EDDC has no five-year land supply in place. She also reported that the appeal regarding the travellers' site at Weston had been dismissed (13/1661/FUL Land South West Of Trafalgar Bridge), largely due to flooding concerns. Enforcement measures will be taken to remove them from the site.

#### **39/14 To approve the July payments and to note the current bank balance**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0636	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE
0637	F J Clampin	£181.98	Clerk's fee and expenses
0638	Honiton PCC	£60	Gazette printing and distribution
0639	Layzells	£111	2 x bags of sharp sand for boules pitch and filling sandbags
0640	PLandscape	£70.80	2 x grass cuts of play area

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £11,781.68.

#### **40/14 To consider the following planning application:**

- a) 14/1246/LBC - School House Gittisham EX14 3AH Internal and external alterations to include replacement window, installation of secondary glazing, replacement partition wall and installation of insulation

Members resolved to approve the application.

#### **41/14 To consider the review of the planning application (13/2744/MOUT land west of Hayne Lane)**

Consultant Charlie Hopkins, who had successfully defended Feniton's appeal, had sent EDDC a document outlining the parish council's main objections to the officer's report. Members agreed it was an excellent piece of work, and the Chair thanked Cllr Valentine for helping Mr Hopkins. However there was much dismay and anger among councillors that EDDC's agenda and associated documentation for the planning inspection committee (PIC) meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July sent out today (2<sup>nd</sup> July) did not contain any of Mr Hopkins' material. This was despite him being asked to meet a deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> July, with which he had complied. It appeared that the officer's report had been written before the deadline. Cllr Bond agreed to follow this up asap, and also said she would be sending a summary of Mr Hopkins' work as well as the full letter to the PIC. Cllr Trumper advised the Chair to show Mr Hopkins the latest agenda and associated documentation in case he had any further advice or comments to make.

The Chair agreed to find out from Charlie Hopkins if he is registered for VAT, as this can be claimed back for the parish council. The costs are estimated to be in the region of £1,500. The Chair said Honiton Town Council had responded to his message regarding contributions to the costs, but were not able to provide any funding. Cllr Bond said she had not heard from Buckerell, or Feniton. The clerk said she had received a further pledge for £20 from a parishioner. Members agreed the parish council should cover the costs but should seek contributions. They felt they were acting on behalf of the parish, which had expressed its views strongly against this application.

At the PIC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July it was agreed that either the Chair or Cllr Trumper would speak on behalf of the parish council, and Cllr Valentine will speak as a parish resident.

Cllr Valentine left the meeting because of childcare commitments.

#### **42/14 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 and Chair. This completes the annual review of effectiveness of internal control.

**43/14 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections**

Cllr Walker agreed to carry out the next round of weekly inspections and find out whether the pedestrian gate is closing properly. The clerk said she had ordered two bags of sharp sand, which would be delivered on 10<sup>th</sup> July, and the Chair said he would find out whether there was a need to order more sandbags. There is no news yet from the manufacturer of the see-saw, the clerk reported, although the message has been acknowledged.

**44/14 To consider contracting a lengthsperson for maintaining drains and ditches in the parish**

Cllr Trumper said she had been in touch with David Wayne in Buckerell regarding a lengthsmen position, but he was not interested. The clerk said she had not been able to contact A Tucker so far, and had not yet contacted Mr Morgan.

**45/14 To consider the recruitment of volunteer snow wardens**

The Chair said he had not yet heard from Roy Bird from Cypress Close, who had agreed to be a volunteer.

**46/14 To consider any late entry correspondence**

Members expressed their disappointment regarding the late notification of roadworks in the village, which began on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Hayman said the timing of them had had a negative impact on his business, and the clerk said Little Treasures preschool were also unhappy about the lack of notice. It was agreed to contact Cllr Wright so she could pass on the message that road closures are not convenient during the silage cutting season.

**47/14 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC**

Details have been passed to Cllr Wright regarding the blocked gutter opposite Willey's Wood, and the clerk agreed to send her details of a blocked drain at Westgate opposite the cottages.

**48/14 Matters for the forward agenda**

It was agreed to include defibrillator, planning application 13/2744/MOUT Land west of Hayne Lane, play area, parish lengthsperson and snow warden recruitment on the next agenda.

**49/14 Clerk's Report**

None.

**50/14 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm.**

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

**Chairman.....**

6th August 2014