

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

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward
Cllr D Fallows (chairman)
Cllr M Walker

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 R Hayman, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

71/15 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

72/15 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

73/15 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

Two crimes reported since the last meeting:

- 1) 4th August, elderly female received telephone call for payment of goods; payment made but enquiries revealed fraudulent call
- 2) 7th August, old A30, at local agricultural show, male offender assaulted unknown male aggrieved.

74/15 To receive declarations of interest

None.

75/15 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Bond explained that EDDC has written to the inspector, Anthony Thicket, proving its five-year land supply figures. The district council is waiting to hear whether the figures will be accepted. Members noted that the Gleeson application at Heathfield had been turned down.

Cllr Randall Johnson sent a message thanking Cllr Hayman for attending the DCC Highways meeting. She asked if the parish council has a road warden. The clerk will reply to say that the PC has somebody who is Chapter 8 trained.

76/15 To approve the September payments and to note the current bank balance

The clerk explained that the remaining half of the precept had now been received.

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0685	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE
0686	F J Clampin	£179.40	Clerk's salary and expenses

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £12,791.44. It was noted that £1.20 was overpaid to Len Abbott last month, which will be rectified on a future invoice.

77/15 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 15/1840/LBC – 2 Drillers Cottages Gittisham, EX14 3AQ Reconstruction and repair of rear garden wall
- b) 15/1846/LBC – 1 Riverside Cottages Gittisham EX14 3AE Replacement of clay tiles to outbuilding
- c) 15/1788/FUL – Unit 7 Alliance Court Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton EX14 1YL Construction of a covered area on the eastern elevation of unit 7

Members had no objections to the above.

- d) 15/1771/MFUL - Combe House Hotel Gittisham EX14 3AD Alterations and extensions to hotel and stables to provide additional hotel bedrooms, kitchen and staff facilities. Creation of car parking areas, conversion of pavillion to bar and store room to treatment rooms. Construction of polytunnel and associated works
- e) 15/1772/LBC - Combe House Hotel Gittisham Honiton EX14 3AD Alterations and extension to hotel and stables to provide additional hotel bedrooms, kitchen and staff facilities; conversion of pavilion to bar and store room to treatment rooms

Members resolved to raise concerns with EDDC on the following grounds:

- the historic setting of the original building and its architectural merit must be taken into account, and ensure that these are not compromised by any works proposed by these applications
- the integrity of the historic building must be maintained
- existing features should be preserved
- an expansion of this scale will create additional traffic movements on small roads which are not fit for this volume of vehicles
- a colony of rare bats on site should be protected
- past proposals to alter the pavilion have been refused; any decision should be consistent with these

Cllr Bond said EDDC planning officers would be meeting English Heritage for an on site visit this week. Members agreed the timescale appeared to be somewhat restricted, and resolved to add further comments over the coming weeks.

Cllr Bond left the meeting.

78/15 To consider the draft East Devon Local Plan

There was no update on this.

79/15 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Members resolved to discuss at the October meeting.

80/15 To consider limited residential development in the parish

The Chair said he had received responses indicating the preferences of 43 people so far. Members resolved to undertake further publicity, with the clerk agreeing to write a short press release.

81/15 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

Members resolved to discuss at the October meeting.

82/15 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

The Chair reported that Len Abbott had cleared a ditch along Honiton Lane, which led to the flood subsiding. Cllr Valentine said some work had also been done on Dark Lane.

83/15 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

84/15 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

None.

85/15 Matters for the forward agenda

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

86/15 Clerk's Report

Members noted EDDC's Working Together for the Future of East Devon event on 9th October. The clerk outlined various road closures including Dowell Street in Honiton (night time, 6th-10th September), Hind Street in Ottery (night time, 7th-11th September) and the road from just past Winsor Cottage to outside Parkers West for repairs to stop a tap leak (12th-14th October). Members agreed no additional sandbags were required.

87/15 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 7th October and Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2035 hrs.

Chairman.....

7th October 2015