

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

**Present:**

**Gittisham Village Ward**

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr Ms S Trumper

**Gittisham Vale Ward**

Cllr M Edmonds

Cllr D Valentine

**In attendance:** Cllr Roger Giles (DCC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Ms Maggie Walker, Cllr R Hayman, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC), PCSO Phil Anning, PC Clive Vickery

**77/12 To receive and accept apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted.

**78/12 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**79/12 To receive the Beat Manager's Report**

There were no reported crimes this month.

**80/12 To receive declarations of interest**

None.

**81/12 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives**

Cllr Giles said that DCC leader John Hart would be touring the county and holding public sessions under the banner Your Community, Your Choice. The events are designed to ask people what their priorities are. He will visit Honiton's Mackarness Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30. The clerk said she would circulate the email about this.

**82/12 To approve the October payments and to note the current bank balance**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0553	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0554	Laps Lawns	£120	Maintenance of playing fields
0555	F J Clampin	£164.20	Clerk's fee and expenses

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £14,499.97.

**83/12 To consider limited residential development in the parish**

The Chair said he had not heard from Justin Lascelles from Savills (representing the Combe Estate) as regards setting up a meeting with Richard Marker. The Chair added he would get in touch with Cllr Brown again to arrange a meeting with Matt Dickins from EDDC. Members discussed the wisdom of building on greenfield sites and the risk to the future of rural villages.

**84/12 To receive a report on the Local Plan meetings at EDDC to date and to consider future input**

Members agreed to discuss at the next meeting. Cllr Giles explained the six-week period for public consultation on the Local Plan had shifted to October.

**85/12 To consider the formulation of a strategic plan to cover the period 2012-2015**  
Cllrs Valentine and Fallows agreed to meet to finalise the document.

**86/12 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, insurance cover and to note the current play area finances**

Cllr Hayman has inspected the hedge in the play area, and confirmed that there is no need for new plants. He will use a tractor to cut existing hedges. The clerk reported that Carol Hall had arranged a day this coming weekend to knock down a hole in the wall. Cllr Valentine asked if ancient hedgerows would be removed, as this could potentially need permission. He had been unable to process the planning application for the play area change of use because he was awaiting confirmation on where exactly the hole would be. The Chair agreed to speak to Carol Hall to postpone the event, which could take place eight weeks after submitting the planning application – provided permission is granted. The Chair also said he would speak to the residents of properties bordering the play area.

**87/12 To consider any late entry correspondence**

Being unable to attend the Parishes Together meeting, the Chair had received notes with the projects that had been put forward. They must have agreement by at least two councils to go any further. The suggestions included a collection of signs for traffic calming during events, pooled parish lengths man project, purchase of a defibrillator to be held in a central parish and training given across the parishes, two towns to fund WiFi for the town centers, Job Club support for unemployed people, community transport provision and several parishes together for technology to share documents etc on display at meetings rather than print hard copies, this equipment could also be made available for community use.

Members agreed the lengths person would be the most beneficial to Gittisham parish. Cllr Trumper warned however that potentially employing somebody could be complicated in terms of insurance. The Chair said he would write to Ali Eastland at DCC and explain that the council would be interested in teaming up with Honiton as well as Ottery.

The clerk said that there was some concern over the dustbin in the play area not being emptied. Members said it was best to remove it to see if this fixed the problem and to monitor the situation. Barbara Mullett of the Gittisham Gazette had been in touch to ask if the council would give permission to Bartlett's Farm Shop to distribute a flyer with the magazine this month. Members agreed to this, provided the content was promotional.

**88/12 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC**

Cllr Valentine deplored what he called DCC's ineptitude regarding the recent decision to grant planning permission to Wain Homes for 50 dwellings on a greenfield site in Feniton. He explained the impact this would have on both the primary school and King's, and that DCC as the education authority for the primary school should have raised concerns about the effect on an already over-subscribed school.

**89/12 Matters for the forward agenda**

It was agreed to include dustbins, the play area, Strategy 2012-15, Local Plan and residential development in the next agenda.

**90/12 Clerk's Report**

None.

**91/12 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 2020 hrs.**

**Chairman.....**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2012**