

GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2015

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr R Hayman

Cllr S Trumper

Cllr M Walker

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Edmonds, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Claire Wright (DCC)

173/14 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

174/14 Minutes

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

175/14 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

1 crime: 23rd January, fraud: domestic incident, ex-partner gained access to aggrieved's Paypal account. The clerk agreed to contact the police to outline a resident's concerns regarding young people congregating on Dark Lane near the railway bridge.

176/14 To receive declarations of interest

None.

177/14 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Bond said the SHMAA report with the projected housing numbers for the district had been published. However, at this stage only officers are privy to the figures. Councillors will be informed of the numbers at the Development Management Committee meeting at the end of March. Cllr Bond added that Mid-Devon District Council which had carried out the consultation exercise was proposing to build 3,600 houses at Cullompton and there are concerns that this is but a short distance from the East Devon Growth Point.

Cllr Bond explained that there has been some discussion at EDDC about postponing a decision on the council's relocation until after the election. However the decision to leave the Knowle has already been taken. The Honiton / Exmouth option is thought to cost in the region of £5 million.

178/14 To approve the March payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0672	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE
0673	F J Clampin	£176.42	Clerk's fee and expenses

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £12,159.94.

The clerk advised the council that she had received a letter from HMRC explaining that a penalty could be payable for late payments under the roll-out of the RTI system, £100 for each late submission. Members agreed to change the timing of PAYE to ensure this did not happen in future, and it was resolved to put this on next month's agenda.

179/14 To approve the opening of an additional bank account for contingency and depreciation of fixed assets, and the transfer of £4,000 from the council's budget

Members resolved to open a new bank account with an initial balance of £4,000 to be set aside for depreciation of fixed assets such as play equipment, and contingency. This will be topped up each year.

179/14 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) **15/0364/FUL - Land off Devonshire Road Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton
Construction of single storey industrial building (unit F) for use classes B1 and B8**

Members discussed the valid consent for the erection of these units, which refers to the conditions attached to the original application. The clerk agreed to source these and pass to Cllr Valentine, as well as agreeing a response with him to send to EDDC planners. Councillors had no objection in principle, but would wish to draw attention to the existence of the original application and its conditions. Furthermore, members had concerns over the potential for noise generation, especially given the proximity to residential properties and the possible hours of operation with B8 use. They also highlighted the lack of any footpath along Hayne Lane, which had been requested by the PC in response to the original application. This is particularly important with regard to the 300+ homes approved west of Hayne Lane.

- b) **15/0397/TRE - Hamlet House Weston Honiton EX14 3PB T1, Turkey Oak: Lift crown making pruning cuts of no more than 10cm**
c) **15/0165/FUL East Devon Carriage Driving School Putts Corner Sidbury Sidmouth EX10 0QQ (adjoining parish) Extension to operations/accommodation building to create a dwelling for a rural worker**

Members had no objections.

180/14 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Justin Lascelles has agreed to attend April's meeting to discuss this, the clerk reported.

181/14 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk agreed to get in touch with Honiton Town Council, as there was no update on this.

182/14 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The clerk said Nick Adams was due to visit for his annual safety inspection and risk assessment this month. The Chair said he would tighten the spring mechanism on the gate to meet the required closing time. The supplier of the seesaw had been in touch regarding the crushing hazard, and said that the manufacturer's equipment conformed to European standards (EN1176) and "could be used without any risk, which is higher than with other playground equipment." Nick Adams had responded to this, saying that nevertheless "a heavy rocking component of a see saw should have an arresting mechanism to reduce the abrupt impact with each buffer and the potential for crushing." He quoted from BSEN 1176-1:2008 Clause 3.2.6 of the Standard referred to in the Annual Inspection Report. He explained that most modern seesaws have either a spring or some internal mechanism to dampen the impact, and the Navis seesaw in the play area has neither. He recommended close monitoring of the equipment, and reporting any problem to the supplier. The safety inspection sheets are currently with Cllr Walker.

The Chair said he had visited Blamphaynes with Bill Griffiths, and Bill was now designing plans incorporating two towers, a slide, ladder and net. Members also expressed their enthusiasm for the idea of logs sunk in the ground as stepping stones, and there was some discussion as to how to source these.

Following the meeting, the clerk advised members that PLandscape had agreed to maintain the play area for another year, at a cost of £44.50 (ex VAT) per cut.

183/14 To consider contracting a lengthsperson for maintaining drains and ditches in the parish

The clerk agreed to check the length of the Chapter 8 training, as four days could present an issue for the

resident who has expressed an interest in maintaining drains and ditches.

184/14 To consider the future uses of the telephone box in Gittisham village

The Chair said there was no update on this.

189/14 To consider the recruitment of volunteer snow wardens

The Chair said as winter was drawing to a close, there was no update on this.

190/14 To consider any late entry correspondence

Members noted the licensing application for the Honiton Sausage & Cider Festival, 1st –3rd May and had no objections. The clerk had received a message from DALC asking for nominations for members wishing to serve on its county committee – councilors noted this. Cllr Walker showed members some old photos of the village which are available to buy on Ebay, ranging from 7 to 40 euros. Members expressed an interest in buying some and bringing together older members of the parish to identify the people in the photos.

191/14 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Members again raised the issue of eroded verges which arise as a result of blocked drains, potholes and a lack of road maintenance. The clerk promised to pass these concerns and photos to Cllr Wright. Cllr Bond noted the large amount of dog mess which was littering the road between Riverside Cottages and Catshayes. She encouraged residents to telephone EDDC’s dog warden to report this. Cllr Walker said she would also put a message on Facebook about this.

192/14 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include limited residential development, Honiton Neighbourhood Plan, play area, telephone box, direct debit payments for salaries and parish lengthsperson on the next agenda.

193/14 Clerk’s Report

The clerk reminded members that the election was fast approaching, and if they wished to stand they must be mindful of the key dates. The Chair said that Cllr Edmonds would not be standing for re-election, owing to ill health.

194/14 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 1st April (annual parish meeting) and Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

Chairman.....

1st April 2015