

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

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr S Trumper

Cllr R Hayman

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr R Pratt

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

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

104/15 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

105/15 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

106/15 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No crimes reported since the last meeting:

107/15 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in item 7 (minute ref. 110/15) as his is the neighbouring property.

108/15 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Bond said the recycling trial in Feniton was going well, which involves a landfill collection every three weeks and more scope to collect recyclables such as cardboard. It looks likely it will be rolled out to the rest of the district at some point later next year. People will be given a new recycling bin to collect more items.

Cllr Bond added that the district council was still on track to have its Local Plan approved in January.

109/15 To approve the November payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0703	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE
0704	F J Clampin	£171.54	Clerk's salary and expenses
0705	PLandscape	£106.80	September grass cutting x 2
0706	EDDC	£641.60	Election expenses
0707	Honiton PCC	£156	Gazette printing

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £11,352.20.

110/15 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 15/2370/FUL Blamphayne Sawmill Gittisham EX14 3AN - Extension to workshop

Members had no objections to the above.

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting. Cllr Bond said she would enquire about the status of the listed building consent as regards the Combe House application.

111/15 To consider limited residential development in the parish

The Chair said he was gathering together some suitable representatives for a small working group to take this project forward. Cllr Bond said she'd be happy to help out, and the clerk agreed to email the names to Justin Lascelles at Combe Estate.

The clerk read out an email from Janice Alexander from Devon Communities Together, who'd attended the October meeting. She said EDDC's housing enabling officer is happy in principle to fund the housing needs survey next year, although he does say he will keep this under review. Paul Lowe also agrees that we should survey the whole parish, but ask for postcodes to distinguish between the village centre and the Vale.

112/15 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

There was no update on this. Cllr Pratt said he would make enquiries through his contacts to find out the latest information.

113/15 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The clerk said she had a meeting fixed for January with a representative from the company that had been in touch with Cllr Walker. The rep will quote for a ping pong table and any additional equipment. The Chair said the play area's share of proceeds from the village fete would be £400 approximately, which was welcomed by members.

114/15 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Members agreed to consider areas for Len Abbott to clear.

115/15 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

116/15 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Members voiced their concern over the slow broadband speed; the clerk agreed to ask Cllr Wright when the parish would be getting faster connections. Cllr Trumper said the resurfacing done towards Truances was of poor quality, as the surface is already cracking. Cllr Pratt reported that the work on Hayne Lane ditches had been done well.

117/15 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.

118/15 Clerk's Report

Members agreed the clerk could ask Clare Bryden to create a new page on the Gittisham website to comply with the transparency code. They also agreed the clerk could attend a clerk's course in 2016 if she felt it necessary to keep up to date with procedures etc. The clerk read out a letter from TRIP, which asked to be considered for support next year. She agreed to find previous approaches from organisations to discuss when setting the budget for 2016-17 in January, as the parish council has not made any donations for some time. Members noted the lane between Gittisham Farm Cross and Tommy Wax would be closed for resurfacing between 24th and 25th November.

119/15 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 2nd December at 8pm and Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2025 hrs.

Chairman.....

2nd December 2015