

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2012**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr Ms S Trumper

Cllr Ms Maggie Walker

Cllr E Underdown

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

In attendance: Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Edmonds, Cllr R Hayman, Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC), Cllr Roger Giles (DCC), PCSO Phil Anning, PC Clive Vickery

111/12 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

112/12 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

113/12 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

There were no reported crimes.

114/12 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Underdown declared an interest in item 7c planning application for Naggs Head Farm, Gittisham as he is the applicant.

115/12 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Randall Johnson provided members with a summary of the Chancellor's autumn statement given the same afternoon, and the implications for DCC. She said there was likely to be an increase in the county council's funding next year from central Government. There was more money available to dual part of the A30 in Cornwall, and it has been indicated that the Blackdown Hills dualling is next on the agenda. Cllr Randall Johnson explained that DCC did not yet know how much money it would have to spend next year, but its intention was not to increase its part of the council tax.

116/12 To approve the December payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0559	EDDC	£167.50	Planning app for change of use, new play area
0560	F J Clampin	£165.68	Clerk's fee and expenses
0561	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0562	Honiton PCC	£20	Gazette printing costs
0563	Laps Lawns	£80	Grass cutting
0564	Safe and Sound Playgrounds	£7,000	Play area equipment (2 x items) and installation

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £6,810.59.

117/12 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 12/2450/COU - Curlditch House Gittisham EX14 3AE Change of use from C3 dwelling house to C1 hotel boarding house
- b) 12/2587/TCA - The Dower House Gittisham EX14 3AF Silver Birch – fell; Beech - fell and replant
- c) 12/2593/FUL – Naggs Head Farm Gittisham EX14 3AW Construction of roof covering over dung store

Cllr Underdown left the meeting for item c).

Members had no objections to any of the applications.

Cllr Underdown returned to the meeting.

118/12 To discuss the appointment of a new editor for the Gittisham Gazette

Members heard that the current editor, Barbara Mullett, wishes to retire. Carol Hall has offered to replace her, and members resolved to support this. They congratulated Carol on her appointment and thanked Barbara for her many years of service to the parish. The clerk agreed to write to the chair of the PCC to explain the council's resolution.

119/12 To consider limited residential development in the parish

The Chair reported that there had been no change in the situation. Cllr Randall Johnson advised him to make an appointment with the chief executive and leader of EDDC to discuss the parish council's desire to see some limited development, particularly as the village had been through some turmoil in the past when the estate sold many of its properties. She said there was nothing to be lost in doing this, so the Chair agreed to proceed, along with Cllr Valentine.

120/12 To consider the issue of drains and ditches in the parish

The Chair said there had been some progress as a result of DCC and local residents attending to some of the ditch problems: Dark Lane now has manicured ditches on either side and there is less water on the road near Truances. A parishioner had suggested the formation of a working party to deal with drains and ditches, but members felt the situation had improved to such an extent to render this unnecessary.

Members agreed with the Chair that a flood gauge would be a useful tool underneath the railway bridge, following recent flooding there. The clerk agreed to contact DCC's Mike Brown to see if he could help, and thank him for the expediency of his recent work.

121/12 To receive a report on the Local Plan meetings at EDDC to date and to consider future input

The public consultation on the latest draft of EDDC's Local Plan is now open and parishioners are invited to respond by Monday 14th January 2013. The employment land around Hayne Lane is still part of the plan, and the reserve site for 300 homes lies entirely within Gittisham parish. Cllr Valentine felt that it was important to seek clarification of EDDC's calculations in terms of windfalls, as this would affect its policy as regards developing a reserve site outside the Built-up Area Boundary. This may be raised later at the enquiry with the planning inspector. The Chair and Cllr Valentine agreed to circulate to members the objections they are preparing in response to the consultation.

122/12 To consider the formulation of a strategic plan to cover the period 2012-2015

Members thanked Cllr Valentine once again for his work on this plan, which had been circulated before the meeting. Members formally adopted the emergency plan, which will be put on the parish website, and encouraged parishioners to study it. The clerk agreed to send the plan to EDDC and Cllr Randall Johnson. The latter will send the clerk a locality budget form to request an additional salt bin at the bottom of Honeysuckle Drive.

123/12 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, and to note the current play area finances

Members heard that the two new pieces of equipment installed in the play area were working well and therefore resolved that payment for them could be issued. Cllr Valentine said he had submitted the planning application for change of use of the new part, and had been required to draft a supporting statement. He agreed to send this to the clerk, and also to supervise where the gap in the wall should be. The Chair reminded members that topsoil would be installed in the spring.

124/12 To consider any late entry correspondence

Members resolved to accept the £5 rise in rent for use of the village hall. The annual rate will stand at £70 from 1st January 2013.

Cllr Walker said she had been in correspondence with a parishioner who had indicated that a satellite dish at Rapshayes does not have planning permission. Members thanked the parishioner concerned and this has since been referred to EDDC as the planning authority.

125/12 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The clerk agreed to contact the Combe Estate regarding a large pothole down the drive from Dower House which Cllr Walker felt was potentially dangerous. It is not on a DCC highway.

126/12 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Local Plan and residential development in the next agenda.

127/12 Clerk's Report

None.

128/12 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 2nd January 2013 and Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2022 hrs.

Chairman.....

2nd January 2013