

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

**Present:**

**Gittisham Village Ward**

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr Ms S Trumper

Cllr E Underdown

Cllr R Hayman

**Gittisham Vale Ward**

Cllr D Valentine

**In attendance:** Cllr Roger Giles (DCC), Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC), PCSO Phil Anning, Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Ms Maggie Walker, Cllr M Edmonds, Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC)

**147/12 To receive and accept apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted.

**148/12 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Giles said he wished to clarify item 133/12, indicating that the 28 per cent budget cut over three years was in fact 30 per cent when factoring in the Chancellor's additional 2 per cent cut.

**149/12 To receive the Beat Manager's Report**

There were no reported crimes. However PCSO Anning warned parishioners to be on their guard, after a spate of rural thefts from houses in Payhembury and Offwell.

**150/12 To receive declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**151/12 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives**

Cllr Giles said DCC's Highways department had been to investigate the blocked drains by the iron bridge on the old A30. There is still work to be done. Cllr Giles said that due to wet weather, many road defects have not yet come to light but they are expecting many more to surface. Cllr Giles promised to follow up issues with the above blocked drains, and also to investigate whether work would be starting soon on the south end of Hayne Lane. He also announced that DCC's budget would be set at a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February. He updated members on a continuing trend in healthcare provision to centralise services at the RD&E, but informed the council that the campaign to keep the option of overnight stays in the maternity unit at Honiton Hospital had been successful.

Cllr Brown reported his version of events from EDDC's Development Management Committee meeting yesterday. He said he had maintained that the figures put forward for the numbers of dwellings needing to be built were based on out of date research. Without a Local Plan in place, he said, applications for developments are likely to be granted as EDDC now has to make up numbers to fall into line with Government policy. Cllr Valentine said he took issue with some of the points raised by Cllr Brown, but did not explain further in the meeting.

**152/12 To approve the February payments and to note the current bank balance**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0571	F J Clampin	£159.60	Clerk's fee and expenses
0572	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0573	Honiton PCC	£60	Gazette printing costs

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £6,115.73.

**153/12 To consider parish involvement in the Active Villages project**

Members heard a presentation from Jane Sharp, who works for Leisure East Devon's Active Villages. This is an outreach project that has been running for 2½ years, and has organised physical activities in 14 East Devon villages so far. Jane would like to know what sort of activities Gittisham parishioners would like to see held close to home, and to this end she has handed consultation cards to Barbara Mullett who will ensure they are distributed with the Gazette. She explained that her funding is from Sport England to put on free activities, and lasts for another 18 months minimum. The cards should be left in a voting box in the village hall by the end of February. The clerk agreed to put some information on the parish website, and to pass on Hamish Hall's details to Jane. Once Jane has a clear idea of what kind of activity is wanted and the level of involvement, she can potentially organise something.

**154/12 To approve a supplier for the parish amenity area maintenance contract, 2013-14**

The clerk outlined four bids submitted for the maintenance contract:

1. Grounds Maintenance SW £725 + VAT
2. Laps Lawns £800
3. A W Services £1,050 (quoted for 25 cuts; rate for 20 would be £840)
4. TG Landscapes £1,930

Members resolved to award the contract to Laps Lawns. Cllr Valentine said planning permission had been granted for the hole in the wall, and this could be realised as soon as possible. He agreed to speak to Carol Hall about the most suitable site. The Chair said he would speak to Carol Hall about the trees to be delivered from the Woodland Trust for the 'go wild' area.

**155/12 To consider limited residential development in the parish**

Justin Lascelles has not yet confirmed a meeting date to discuss this further. The clerk said she would follow this up.

**156/12 To consider any late entry correspondence**

The clerk read out a message received from EDDC regarding funding for small rural businesses. This has come from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership. The Chair said that the parish's contribution towards the Ottery Help scheme under the banner of Parishes Together had been successful. The clerk reminded members of a further deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> March for more Parishes Together funding. She agreed to check what neighbouring parishes are doing to see if Gittisham can contribute its part of the pot, and members resolved to support Honiton Town Council's youth project with a £300 Parishes Together contribution.

**157/12 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC**

Cllr Giles to investigate Hayne Lane works.

**158/12 Matters for the forward agenda**

It was agreed to include play area, Active Villages and residential development on the next agenda.

**159/12 Clerk's Report**

None.

**160/12 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030 hrs.**

**Chairman.....**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2013**