

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2013**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr Ms S Trumper

Cllr E Underdown

Cllr R Hayman

Cllr Ms Maggie Walker

In attendance: PCSO Phil Anning, Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Edmonds, Cllr D Valentine, Cllr Roger Giles (DCC), Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC), Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC)

161/12 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

162/12 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

163/12 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

There were no reported crimes.

164/12 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in item 7a and Cllr Fallows declared an interest in item 10.

165/12 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

None.

166/12 To approve the March payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0574	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0575	F J Clampin	£171.19	Clerk's fee and expenses
0576	Laps Lawns	£40	Maintenance of play area
0577	P Sellick	£30	Gazette distribution in the Vale

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £5,843.34. Members accepted Mr Sellick's request to bill every six months in arrears.

167/12 To consider the following planning applications:

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

- a) 13/0112/FUL - Land At Gittisham Farm EX14 3AX Replacement farmhouse including new access to highway
- b) 13/0382/MFUL – Nu-Heat (UK) Ltd Heathpark Ind. Est EX14 1SD Construction of warehouse and distribution facility with two storey offices and associated car parking / serviced area (renewal of planning application 10/0174/MFUL)

Members had no objection to 167a).

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

Members had no objection to 167b). The Chair said he had received an email from a parishioner asking whether the parish council had a policy on replacing wood frames on windows with plastic. He has replied to say that all listed buildings in the village in a conservation area need planning permission from the relevant bodies. The parish council did not wish to add another layer of regulation. The clerk said that Catshayes had received a notice regarding the installation of a satellite dish on a listed building.

168/12 To consider parish involvement in the Active Villages project

Six cards had been received in the box in the village hall, outlining individual wishes for physical activities in the parish. The clerk will forward the details of these to the co-ordinator, Jane Sharp, from Leisure East Devon. Other residents have sent emails.

169/12 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Justin Lascelles has been on holiday for much of February and March, so has not yet confirmed a meeting date to discuss this further. The clerk said she would follow this up.

170/12 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including tree planting

Cllr Fallows left the meeting. Cllr Hayman assumed the chair.

Members heard that Cllr Valentine was unhappy with the position of the gap in the wall. In his absence, he felt a decision had been taken without reference to the planning permission. He had been at pains to establish clearly where the break in the wall was going to be and this was then shown on the plans which were subsequently approved by EDDC. Members understood that when Rufus Lyle took the ivy off the wall, he discovered a bend in the wall, a step in the wall height and a build-up of debris and weeds in the corner that would have substantially added to the labour. Members agreed that the Chair's decision on the location of the gap had been a good one, in the circumstances, and any other location could have rendered the wall unstable. The sides of the hole will now be mended and the job finished.

Cllr Fallows resumed the chair.

The Chair reported that £57 had been collected at the pantomime. Members agreed an item of furniture could be purchased, and agreed on Carol Hall's suggestion of a small bench from Gardens for Less for £59.99. The clerk agreed to liaise with Carol regarding payment, so the parish council can recoup the VAT. Bill Griffiths has also offered to make a jenga structure in the play area for free.

Members discussed Carol Hall's proposals for tree planting in the 'go wild' area. They debated measurements and the impact of a large number of trees in this space on residents, and concluded that the plans should be scaled back somewhat. They also preferred a number of fruit trees rather than the woodland type offered by the Woodland Trust, as they would be in keeping with the landscape of the parish and not grow too large. Members also expressed a desire for an update on other proposals for this part of the play area, and the clerk agreed to invite Carol to the next meeting.

171/12 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

172/12 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The clerk will contact Cllr Giles to enquire about progress on Hayne Lane. Members heard that the 'road closed' signs had been taken down and good work had been done at the top end to build a concrete gutter. However the issue is far from resolved, said the Chair, as neither lorries nor delivery vehicles are safe to pass. Nevertheless they use this route as height restrictions at the railway bridge prevent entry from below. Cllr Hayman also reported terrible potholes along the road between his farm and the triangle near Sherman's, which he felt would soon become impassable for cars. The clerk agreed to report this to Cllr Giles, along with an inspection cover in the middle of the village near the Dower House which overflows in periods of heavy rain.

173/12 Matters for the forward agenda

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

174/12 Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that having investigated what neighbouring parishes are doing for Parishes Together, Buckerell had expressed an interest in joining up to employ a parish lengthsperson. This was due to be discussed at Buckerell's parish council meeting on Tuesday 5th but the clerk said she had not heard any more. Neither had she heard from Honiton TC after offering a substantial chunk of the Parishes Together funding to their youth project. She agreed to follow this up.

The Chair brought members' attention to an item in the local paper quoting Honiton councillor Mike Allen. The clerk agreed to write to EDDC, cc Cllr Brown, reminding the council that any potential development in Gittisham parish should see allocated money spent in the parish, not elsewhere.

175/12 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 3rd April and Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2041 hrs.

Chairman.....

3rd April 2013