

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2014**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr R Hayman

Cllr Ms S Trumper

Cllr Ms Maggie Walker

Cllr E Underdown

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr M Edmonds

In attendance: Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), PC Clive Vickery, Barbara Mullett (Gittisham Gazette editor), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson (DCC), PCSO Phil Anning

Prior to the start of the meeting, Sheldon Ware exercised his right as parish resident to speak regarding the planning application under discussion later in the meeting, 7b) 13/2744/MOUT - Land West Of Hayne Lane. (Mr Ware is a resident of Hayne Lane.) Mr Ware said he had received a letter from EDDC dated 19th December concerning the above outline planning application, which is part of EDDC's process to notify immediate neighbours. He explained to councillors that EDDC's website lists the application with an incorrect code so he had not found it easy to find. Nor had he found it easy to register to log his comments. Also, the dedicated page for this application says, incorrectly, that the consultation period has now closed. Mr Ware said he was opposed to this application, and Cllr Valentine encouraged all parishioners to submit their views on it by the deadline of 21st January.

115/13 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

116/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

117/13 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

23rd December: Chainsaw theft from Beech Walk, which had been left by workers cutting down a tree. When they returned to the site, the saw had been taken.

118/13 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in planning application 13/2744/MOUT Land West of Hayne Lane, as he a tenant of the landowner making the application..

119/13 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Bond reported back on the first day of the Feniton super enquiry. Cllr Valentine also attended, along with around 100 Feniton residents. The enquiry is due to run for two weeks. EDDC officers were cross-examined, and there was much technical discussion as to the district council's housing land supply. The Chair said two letters from Feniton Primary and King's School had been sent to the inspector, outlining the potential difficulties with accommodating additional children - were these developments to be approved on appeal. This could result in restricting the catchment area. Members agreed that these developments could make education arrangements and transport arrangements very difficult for families in Gittisham parish,

were the schools to limit access, as currently there are sustainable solutions with public transport for Gittisham residents. Cllr Valentine said Feniton Parish Council's barrister had focused on the sustainability issues in his opening statement.

The venue had been changed from Feniton Bowling Club to Flybe's Training Academy at Exeter airport. The inspector has invited residents and interested parties who cannot travel there to attend a meeting on Wednesday 15th January, 6–10pm at Feniton Primary School to put forward representations. Cllr Valentine said he had reserved Gittisham's position of speaking at the airport venue, or if no one is available this could also be delivered at the Wednesday meeting.

The clerk said that it would be possible to lend support to Feniton PC's costs, as discussed at the last meeting. According to DALC, if the council believes that it is in the interests of parishioners that it supports this action then it could use s137 of the 1972 Local Government Act to give a donation of up to £6.98 x the number of electors towards this fund. If further grant was wanted in the next financial year the PC could give up to £7.20 times the number of electors. Gittisham cannot give a loan to Feniton PC – Feniton would need a loan sanction to borrow money and that is not possible for a revenue purpose. Cllr Bond thanked members for this generous gesture, which will be discussed at the February meeting.

120/13 To approve the January payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0610	Gittisham PCC	£21.16	Gazette printing costs
0611	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0612	F J Clampin	£183.60	Clerk's fee and expenses
0613	Village Hall	£70	Village hall hire 2013

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £9,870.98.

121/13 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 13/2646/FUL Rapshayes Farm Gittisham EX14 3AB Erection of steel portal frame building to cover livestock holding area

Members resolved to approve the application.

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

- b) 13/2744/MOUT - Land West Of Hayne Lane Honiton Outline application comprising residential development (up to 300 units 40 per cent of which would be affordable) including a new access onto Hayne Lane, highway improvements, open space, allotments and drainage (access only to be considered at this stage)

The Chairman and Cllr Valentine had circulated a draft response to this outline planning application to all members before the meeting. Members agreed to oppose this application, on the grounds that:

- it lies outside the Honiton Built-Up Area Boundary
- it is a reserve site for which there is no demonstrable need
- it will have a detrimental visual effect on the AONB
- sustainability of social, economic and environmental factors is unproven
- there are no proposed community facilities
- additional vehicle movements will exacerbate traffic pressure
- runoff and drainage will add to existing flood concerns
- loss of valuable farming land threatens a thriving business
- it prejudices the emerging Local Plan and spatial strategy for the district.

Cllr Trumper agreed to meet Cllrs Fallows and Valentine at the weekend to finalise the editing of the response. Cllr Bond urged residents to submit their views to EDDC. Barbara Mullett agreed to include an objection letter on the final page of the next edition of the gazette that people can tear off and send as their

response, should they wish.

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

123/13 To consider the East Devon village development plan document

The Chair said there was nothing to report on this document, which does not list Gittisham as a village and therefore the whole of the parish (apart from the Vale) is considered under countryside policies. Cllr Valentine said he had looked into asking for a development boundary but this was not worth pursuing.

124/13 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Nothing to report.

125/13 To agree the budget for 2014-15

The clerk outlined likely expenditure for the rest of the current tax year, and circulated a spreadsheet showing forecast expenditure for 2014-15. It was resolved to set budget expenditure at £10,185, which includes contingency and depreciation of play area items. The clerk and Chairman agreed to discuss moving the depreciation funds into a separate account. The forecast expenditure details are attached in a spreadsheet.

126/13 To set the precept for 2014-15

It was resolved to increase the precept by 2 per cent to £7,500.00, the balance of the budget to be taken from reserves.

127/13 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including safety inspections

Cllr Hayman said he had been carrying out the inspections as promised, and had flattened some of the ground and planted hedges. The Chairman agreed to take action over the drain cover in the wild area.

128/13 To consider the provision of broadband in the parish.

Cllr Bond reported there had been no movement on this, although it was noted that BT was currently recruiting additional engineers for Openreach in Devon.

129/13 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

130/13 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The clerk agreed to pass on details of blocked gullies and potholes to Cllr Wright. Cllr Bond reminded members that potholes could also be reported online, and Cllr Wright's blog contains details of how to do this. The clerk said that Buckerell PC had expressed an interest in teaming up to contract somebody part-time as a lengthsperson, and would report back after the end of January.

131/13 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Local Plan, flooding, play area, broadband connection, Twitter and residential development on the next agenda.

132/13 Clerk's Report

The clerk said £492 had been received as profit from the Christmas Fair, which will go towards the play area. Members supported her proposal to set up a Twitter account where people could report floods and fallen trees in the parish for the use of all residents.

133/13 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 5th February and Wednesday 5th March 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2100 hrs.

Chairman.....

5th February 2014