

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

**Present:**

**Gittisham Village Ward**

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr Ms S Trumper

Cllr Ms Maggie Walker

Cllr E Underdown

Cllr R Hayman

**Gittisham Vale Ward**

Cllr D Valentine

**In attendance:** Cllr Roger Giles (DCC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr M Edmonds, Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC), PCSO Phil Anning, PC Clive Vickery

**92/12 To receive and accept apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted.

**93/12 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**94/12 To receive the Beat Manager's Report**

There was one reported crime, an attempted break-in to an industrial unit via the rear fire door. The alarm was activated and no entry gained.

**95/12 To receive declarations of interest**

None.

**96/12 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives**

None.

**97/12 To approve the November payments and to note the current bank balance**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0556	P Sellick	£30	Distribution in Vale of Gittisham Gazette
0557	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0558	F J Clampin	£163.80	Clerk's fee and expenses

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £14,274.97.

**98/12 To consider the following planning applications:**

12/2326/LBC – Combe House Hotel Gittisham EX14 3AD Re-slating of existing slate roof covering including some replacement timbers, lead work and rainwater goods; removal of existing cement based render to pediment and re-rendering in lime render

Members had no objections.

**99/12 To consider limited residential development in the parish**

To be discussed at next meeting. Members agreed that while the development plan is in stasis, little progress could be made.

**100/12 To consider the provision of rubbish bins in the parish**

Members agreed to monitor the play area bin from time to time. Cllr Valentine suggested putting up a sign asking visitors to take their rubbish away, but no agreement was reached.

**101/12 To consider the issue of drains and ditches in the parish**

Members heard there had been some correspondence regarding the recent heavy traffic of farm contractors and damage to the roads and ditches in the parish. Blocked drains had subsequently caused flooding in a garage at Truances. Members asked Roger Giles to pass on thanks for DCC's recent work cleaning verges and this should help to keep the worst of the water off the road. Cllr Hayman observed that drivers need to be more considerate when meeting tractors. Roger Giles encouraged members to air their concerns, as this is more likely to get results. Members asked him to report blockages in the smaller lanes as well, such as Dark Lane, as this only leads to more drainage problems further along the larger roads. Councillors Hayman and Valentine have both worked to alleviate the drainage problem along Dark Lane, and Roger Giles will report the culvert issue to Mike Brown at DCC.

The Chair said he had spoken to Honiton and Ottery town councils and Feniton parish about using funds from the Parishes Together scheme to employ a lengthsperson to maintain ditches, but they had different priorities. He will investigate with other parishes to see if they are interested. Cllr Hayman mentioned that Luppitt may be, and also Buckerell as the latter has an ice problem when water seeps onto the road. Cllr Hayman agreed to reflect on the parish's priorities as regards ditches and report back. Members agreed that work on a culvert would run into thousands of pounds, but Roger Giles mentioned he might be able to unlock some funding to achieve something more substantial and sustainable, thanks to the Investing in Devon fund. Bids for this have to be received by the end of December.

Members agreed to support Ottery's Parishes Together proposal with a small contribution towards the Help charity to provide after-patient care with the Coleridge Medical Centre. This was felt to benefit certain members of the parish registered with this practice.

**102/12 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 has been shifted once more, and it is not clear when this will be. Roger Giles reported that several planning applications had gone in to build houses in Ottery, which would potentially put pressure on King's School and eventually lead to limiting the boundary of school catchments. David Fallows said he would approach DCC leader John Hart when he comes to Honiton at the end of this month to ask if the county council, as the education authority, could be more combative in response to large planning developments and the impact this would have on school places. Members remarked that if EDDC has no plan in place, there is no basis for rejecting planning applications.

**103/12 To consider the formulation of a strategic plan to cover the period 2012-2015**

Cllrs Valentine and Fallows have met to finalise the document and incorporate members' comments. This document will be presented at the next meeting.

**104/12 To consider the Community Infrastructure Levy and infrastructure priorities for the parish**

The clerk had received a letter from EDDC, asking what the parish's infrastructure requirements would be in future. This is in connection with the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is a new levy that local authorities in England and Wales can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money can be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want - for example new or safer road schemes, park improvements or a new health centre. Cllr Valentine said Mid-Devon had been a pilot area for this, and explained it was wide-ranging in the way it gathered in funds. Members agreed that a community centre for the Vale would be welcome, as would improvements to roads, better respite care facilities and medical centre improvements in Honiton. They felt also that this information should be gathered as part of the local plan.

**105/12 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, insurance cover and to note the current play area finances**

Members heard that the two new pieces of equipment had been installed in the play area, and were so far working well. They agreed to pay the supplier once it is clear that the equipment works as it should. Cllr

Valentine said the planning application for change of use of the new part was ready to go, and residents with properties bordering the play area were comfortable with the idea of creating a gap in the wall. Members thanked the offer of Rufus Lyle to provide labour for this, with materials costing £20. They felt there would be no need for a gate. There are various proposals for further facilities and landscaping, including a pizza oven and willow sculpture. Cllr Hayman said he still had the slide from the old play area, which could be incorporated potentially into a new structure. The Chair agreed to inform Carol Hall that there might be some funds to support the above, although Cllr Valentine asked for any ideas to be sent to him first.

**106/12 To consider any late entry correspondence**

None.

**107/12 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC**

None.

**108/12 Matters for the forward agenda**

It was agreed to include ditches, the play area, Strategy 2012-15, Local Plan and residential development in the next agenda.

**109/12 Clerk's Report**

None.

**110/12 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 2042 hrs.**

**Chairman.....**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2012**