

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2013**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr Ms Maggie Walker

Cllr E Underdown

Cllr R Hayman

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr M Edmonds

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Ms S Trumper, Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC), PCSO Phil Anning, PC Clive Vickery

Prior to the start of the meeting, Genevieve Evans exercised her right as parish resident to raise the issue of EDDC's Local Plan which is currently out for public consultation. She has written to EDDC on three occasions to express her opposition to its plans for 300+ homes in Gittisham parish as outlined in the Local Plan document. Cllr Valentine explained the importance of her writing again and to ask for her representations to be registered and forwarded to the planning inspector. He said the current consultation is that which will be taken into account by the planning inspector at a public enquiry later this year. Members encouraged residents to express their views on the plan to EDDC by noon on Monday 14th January.

Genevieve Evans left the meeting.

129/12 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

130/12 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

131/12 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

There were no reported crimes.

132/12 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in item 134, as he is due to be reimbursed by the council. All members declared an interest in item 135a as the application is for Gittisham's public amenity area, which has been leased to the parish council.

133/12 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Giles said he understood that, contrary to Cllr Randall Johnson's report in the December 2012 meeting, Devon County Council was to have its funding reduced from central Government. It would amount to a 28 per cent cut over three years, which was worse than had been feared. The Chair said his colleague had perhaps been referring to the award for councils who chose to freeze council tax for a certain period. Cllr Giles said he had been hopeful of securing some money for flood defences, but this now seemed unlikely and was dependent on the outcome of other schemes. He is however optimistic about installing a flood gauge for the parish by the railway bridge near the forge.

Cllr Giles informed members he was keeping up the pressure on DCC not to give further approvals to

planning applications in his area without first giving serious consideration to the implications for education provision. A recent special meeting of Feniton PC had attracted 158 members of the public who were concerned about the impact of various developments in their parish on local services, the primary school and also King's in Ottery. Cllr Giles said there had been some discussion at county level of doubling the size of Feniton Primary, but nowhere had this been addressed in any capital building programme. Cllr Valentine asked Cllr Giles to clarify at a later date what would happen to Section 106 funds attached to developments in Feniton and Ottery and whether these would be ringfenced for education.

134/12 To approve the January payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

0565	B G Hayman	£38.50	Sand for bags
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Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

0566	F J Clampin	£163.20	Clerk's fee and expenses
0567	HMRC	£31.20	PAYE
0568	Village hall	£65	Hall hire, 2012
0569	Honiton PCC	£20	Gazette printing costs
0570	Honiton PCC	£146.16	Gazette printing costs

(N.B. Cheque 0569 replaces 0562 from December 2012, which had an incorrect payee. The amount has been returned to the parish accounts.) Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £6,366.53.

135/12 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 12/2555/COU – Land north of Marker Close Gittisham - Change of use from agricultural to village amenity area
- b) 12/2635/FUL – Hayne Farm Hayne Lane Gittisham – Extension to cattle building.

Members had no objections to 135 b). Interest declared by all members re 135a). Cllr Valentine said EDDC's conservation officer had asked why a 3m opening in the wall dividing the two parts of the play area was necessary. Cllr Hayman explained that access past Eveleigh's farmhouse is not a public road and any large machinery trying to reach the play area for relevant work would be unable to pass as the current gap is not wide enough. This would potentially cause a nuisance to residents. Cllr Valentine will explain this to EDDC and a decision is expected in the next three weeks.

136/12 To agree the budget for 2013-14

The clerk circulated a spreadsheet showing likely expenditure for the rest of the current tax year, and forecast expenditure for 2013-14. It was resolved to set budget expenditure at £7,675, the details of which are attached.

137/12 To set the precept for 2013-14

It was resolved to increase the precept by 5 per cent to £7,350.00, the balance of the budget to be taken from reserves.

138/12 To discuss support for Ottery & District Help Scheme under the Parishes Together Fund

Members resolved to commit £20 under the Parishes Together Fund, supplied by DCC and EDDC, towards supporting the Ottery & District Help Scheme towards achieving their objectives. There is no cost to the parish council.

139/12 To consider the issue of drains and ditches in the parish

Members thanked volunteers and DCC for recent work unblocking drains and ditches in the parish. Cllr Giles said a flood gauge under the railway bridge will have to be carefully sited, so as to avoid seeking permission from Network Rail. Approval for this item could happen within the next four weeks. The

Chair reported that Hayne Lane is closed until further notice at the southern end, as flood damage to the road has left it in a dangerous state. (Access to the farm shop is still permitted). He asked if funding would be found to repair this. Cllr Giles said the Leader of DCC had confessed in a recent BBC interview that he did not know where any money could be found to repair the county's 8,000 miles of roads.

140/12 To receive a report on the Local Plan meetings at EDDC to date and to consider future input

Members had no additions or amendments to the parish council's submission to the latest draft of EDDC's Local Plan, and approved its content. The clerk agreed to correct the final few errors and send to EDDC by Monday 14th January.

141/12 To consider limited residential development in the parish

The clerk agreed to write to Justin Lascelles at Savills to ask if there had been any progress on this.

142/12 To consider any late entry correspondence

The clerk read out a message received from the Active Villages project. Its co-ordinator is proposing to attend a future PC meeting to show how the project could support rural communities to develop opportunities for people of all ages to experience the fun of sport. Members resolved to invite Jane Sharp to attend the next meeting in February.

143/12 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Cllr Hayman asked Cllr Giles to investigate blocked drains by the Iron Bridge. The manholes on the south side of the old A30 are blocked, he said.

144/12 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include renewal of the maintenance contract and residential development on the next agenda.

145/12 Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the occupier of Rapshayes had been informed by EDDC that permission to install a satellite dish on a Grade II listed building was required, and changes to the appearance of a listed building without Listed Building Consent constitutes a criminal offence.

146/12 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 6th February and Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2048 hrs.

Chairman.....

6th February 2013