

GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 18TH JULY 2018
in the Parish Room, Gittisham

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (Chair)

Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair)

Cllr C Hall

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr R Pratt

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr A Wilkins

In attendance: Cllr Phil Twiss (DCC), Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), two members of the public, Fiona Clampin (clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Walker, PCSO Darren England

46/18 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

47/18 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

48/18 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

The police did not send a report.

49/18 To receive declarations of interest

None.

50/18 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Twiss said he had been asked to take on a role at DCC by the Leader of the Council that will act as liaison between the Adult Health Scrutiny committee, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS, the DCC cabinet and the commissioning part of DCC, additionally sitting on the Council of Governors of the RD&E Hospital Trust as the DCC appointed representative. The role is 'Scrutiny in a Commissioning Council' and he said his work is looking at how to get a more effective and seamless way of working together and understanding how this can work more effectively than currently to benefit residents.

At a recent meeting Cllr Twiss said he had asked about rumours concerning hospital closures which Dr Manton, CCG Director of strategy categorically confirmed was not the case for Honiton (and others). There is clearly confusion, certainly on Cllr Twiss's part at least, about two quite separate pieces of work with the NHS Estate where funding bids relating to buildings has to be with Government by the end of July and the overall Estates strategy which looks at what space they have, what is needed for future services.

Roads & Bridges

Repair work undertaken by Skanska on behalf of DCC is finally having a positive effect with repairs looking likely to last longer than previously, using varying types of repair systems and surfacing materials.

Other information

Devon County, West and Teignbridge District Councils, Exeter City Council and the Police, are all working with Crowdfunder, to build opportunities for community groups to bid for finance to help local projects get off the ground. The pilot partnership will be called Crowdfund Devon. Crowdfunding is a way of raising money from people who are happy to donate it to good causes, or it's given in return for some sort of reward later on. It's an idea that has grown in popularity each year, along with other alternative ways of raising cash. Collectively, Devon's councils already give thousands of pounds each year to support

community groups and to help kick-start local projects that make a positive difference for residents. The Crowdfund Devon pilot partnership will enable the County Council, West, Teignbridge and Exeter City Councils and the Police, to explore crowdfunding as an alternative way to support communities and to see if bringing together their funds with those of the public and other funders will make a greater impact; making the things that matter locally a reality for more communities. Crowdfund Devon is set to launch this month, and could potentially be useful to the parish in the future.

Cllr Bond reminded members of a consultation exercise on community involvement; the closing date for responses is 15th August. A trial will be taking place in Woodbury, Cllr Bond reported, where cardboard would be collected in its own specially dedicated recycling box.

51/18 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 18/1161/COU - Meriden House Nags Head Road Gittisham Honiton EX14 3AW – Change of use of part of dwelling to self-contained holiday accommodation

Councillors had no objections to the above application.

52/18 To note the latest planning decision notices

- 18/0878/FUL The Bungalow Nags Head Road Gittisham EX14 3AW - Construction of garage with study and bike store - **Approval with conditions.**
- 18/0471/FUL Shermans Farm Gittisham EX14 3AU - Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with new cattle building and associated infrastructure, incorporating robotic milking facilities. - **Approval with conditions.**

53/18 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

Cllr Twiss said there were signs within DCC of progress on broadband, and he hoped to have encouraging news at the next meeting.

54/18 To consider measures to reduce traffic speeds in Gittisham village

Cllr Wilkins said he was waiting for a response from the DCC department concerned to initiate a speed compliance action review, a process set up by DCC and Devon and Cornwall police. The process also looks at solutions for speed reduction, which could include a mandatory speed limit if felt appropriate. Members heard there had been a number of accidents or near misses in recent weeks, and agreed it was not appropriate to wait for an incident to take action on this issue. There are villages in Devon similar to Gittisham with a mandatory speed limit of 30mph.

Cllr Hall said several parents had written to The Pig, asking the hotel to remind staff, guests and contractors to drive carefully through the village, and had received a positive response. She said this was particularly important in the summer holidays; Cllr Willkins agreed to draft a letter from the parish council. An article will also be appearing in the gazette to remind residents to also drive with care and attention. Cllr Twiss added that horse riders were also at risk from motorists driving too fast for the road conditions. He said that there would be a DCC Highways & Traffic committee meeting towards the end of the year; if there had been no progress from DCC before then, Cllr Twiss said he could add it to the committee's agenda.

Cllr Twiss and one member of the public left the meeting.

55/18 To consider fundraising for a defibrillator in Gittisham Vale

Cllr Pratt said a piece had appeared in this month's Gazette about the plant sale, now planned for early September. He encouraged residents to donate any plants, and drop them off at Parkers East. Cllr Wilkins said he had been in discussion with Honiton Lions club.

56/18 To receive an update on the Hayne Lane development

There was no update from Baker Estates. Cllr Wilkins said the road was being washed periodically, which was helping to reduce dust. He added there seemed to be some confusion over speed restrictions, as recently installed signage indicated different speeds on the same stretch of road. He agreed to get in touch with Baker Estates and DCC Highways. The Chair urged Cllr Wilkins to take a photograph of the tyres and

chair that had been dumped in a culvert north of the railway bridge, and report to EDDC. [These items have since been removed.]

57/18 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine reported that the first formal meeting of the steering group to establish a Community Land Trust (CLT) had taken place on 20th June. He said the next stage would be to address how to set up a CLT, and added there would be some cost implications for the parish council, albeit low (in the region of £40). The next meeting of the group is on Wednesday 25th July.

58/18 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said Honiton Town Council had agreed to put this on hold for six months. It is looking to reinstate a community forum, which has worked well with other organisations.

59/18 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including fundraising and regular safety inspections

Cllr Hall said the new swings had been installed and were being well used. The Chair reported that the working party on 30th June had been a success in tidying up the play area, and thanked all who had taken part. Cllr Hayman said he had three benches available at his farm which could be used in the play area; Cllr Hall said Ben Cheffey had offered to refurbish the seats in the play area and could potentially help with these benches too.

60/18 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Cllr Hayman said the jubilee and rookery benches were looking in need of maintenance. As regards "Bathtub Corner", Cllr Hayman felt a plastic pipe would not be strong enough. Cllr Hall said she would ask Len Abbott to provide a formal quotation. She added there was progress on the blocked drain at Catshayes.

61/18 To consider charitable donations under s106A(1) of the Transport Act 1985

Members agreed to support TRIP with a donation of £100.

62/18 To approve the July payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0888	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0889	F J Clampin	£162.04	Clerk's salary & expenses
0890	F J Clampin	£160.88	Clerk's salary (as no August meeting)

The clerk left the meeting.

0891	F J Clampin	£224.99	Reimbursement for printer
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The clerk returned to the meeting.

0892	Michael Poll	£60	Grass cutting, ref. 491/18/5
0893	Michael Poll	£60	Grass cutting, ref. 499/18/6
0894	Rhino Play	£2,400	Play area swings
0895	Len Abbott	£165.75	Lengthsman work, June 2018
0896	TRIP	£100	Donation
DD	NEST	£11.19	Clerk's pension (£6.22 employer monthly contribution and £4.97 employee contribution)

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £16,158.08 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account).

63/18 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

64/18 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Members agreed to provide the Chair with a list of priority locations for road maintenance. The bridge in the centre of the village has now been hit twice within a matter of weeks.

Members discussed the new siting of The Codfather fish & chip mobile van, which had caused disruption in June to residents in certain parts of the Vale. Cllr Bond agreed to remind EDDC Licensing that this part of the Vale falls within Gittisham parish, and therefore the parish council needs to be part of the consultation process in future. (It was not on this occasion.) Cllr Wilkins agreed to monitor the situation.

65/18 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Vale defibrillator fundraising, S137 donations, Hayne Lane, limited residential development, broadband, lengthsman work, speed limits for Gittisham village and play area on the next agenda.

66/18 Clerk's Report

The clerk thanked Cllr Hayman for the temporary loan of his printer.

45/18 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 5th September and Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2050 hrs.

Chairman.....

5th September 2018