

# **GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, GITTISHAM ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

**Present:** Cllr D Fallows (chairman), Cllrs D Valentine, A Wilkins, R Pratt, M Walker, C Hall, R Hayman, Susie Bond (EDDC), Phil Twiss (DCC), Fiona Clampin (clerk), one member of the public

**Apologies:** PCSO Darren England

### **1. Introduction by Council Chairman**

Cllr Fallows welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted and approved.

### **3. To confirm the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Report on the Council's activities over the past year**

The Chair thanked all members for their work and the wider community in 2017/18. He highlighted the support of Cllr Hayman as Vice-Chair and the clerk's work. He expressed his gratitude to the district and county councillors for championing the interest of the parish. He welcomed two new councillors to Gittisham and thanked former Cllrs Trumper and Underdown for all their hard work in the past.

Cllr Fallows expressed his delight at seeing the defibrillator installed in Gittisham village, and said he hoped that another would soon be present in the Vale in partnership with Honiton Town Council.

Cllr Fallows praised the work of Len Abbott in keeping ditches and drains clear, and making the parish an even more attractive place to live.

Regarding the proposal for small-scale development in Gittisham village, Cllr Fallows said he was heartened to see progress on this front, and he looked forward to seeing a formal working group established.

In terms of broadband, Cllr Fallows said he was disappointed there appeared to be little progress in establishing faster speeds. However, he said it was high on the list of parish council priorities, and he urged all members to continue working towards a better solution for the parish.

Cllr Fallows said The Pig appeared to be a thriving business; members noted concern over increased traffic flow and speeds, but heard that the management were aware of this.

In conclusion the Chair wished everybody in the parish well, and said he was confident members would pursue the parish council's business and the interests of residents in the year ahead in a positive manner.

Members thanked the Chair.

## **5. Annual Police Report**

The police report outlined the annual crime list for the parish, which stands at 11. (The full list is attached to these minutes).

## **6. County and District Council Representatives Reports**

Phil Twiss: My first year as County Division member for Gittisham has passed in the blink of an eye and it has been a similar, but different experience to that of being a District Councillor. A significant part of my time has been involved with training and sitting on the DCC Health scrutiny has presented its own challenges. I have been asked by the Leader of DCC to become the Councils representative on the r, D & E council of Governors from the annual meeting of the Council and look forward to this role very much.

I am grateful for the support I have received from Gittisham PC and will continue to do my best for the Parish in the coming and subsequent years where budgetary constraints, particularly impacting on roads maintenance and reductions to social care services are a great concern, but my personal overriding priority remains provision of a Superfast Broadband service to its residents.

Susie Bond: A great deal of time (mine, parish councillors and EDDC officers) has been taken up with the Hayne Lane application, and variations to the percentage of affordable housing. It is galling to think that the application was granted two years before a Local Plan was in place and now, two years after the Local Plan being approved, there is still not a single property completed. Otherwise, a highlight of the year has been the roll-out of the green waste kerbside collection service. So far, 6,000 households have signed up. The cost is £48/year for a fortnightly collection and currently the free offer of the green bin (this will cost £20 once the initial offer expires).

The Chair thanked both councillors for the work they'd done for people in the parish.

## **7. Reports by Village Organisations**

No reports received.

## **8. To consider any matters raised by residents**

Cllr Pratt reported that Vale residents had queried the lack of a bus stop at the end of Devonshire Road, with a request for one dating back to 2007. Cllr Twiss said the parish council would have to make a formal request which would then be decided by DCC's Highways & Traffic Orders Committee. Cllr Wilkins added that an additional bus stop would be welcome at the end of Old Elm Road where buses turn, especially with the creation of the Hayne Lane development.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1953 hrs.

**Chairman.....**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

# **GITTISHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 03/04/2019**

**11 Crimes – 2018/19**

**4 Crimes 2017/18 7 Crimes 2016/17 6 Crimes 2015/16**

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**3 Violence without injury**  
**1 Vehicle offence**  
**4 Other Theft**

**2 Burglary non-dwelling**  
**1 Other Offence**

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