

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward
Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair)
Cllr C Hall

Gittisham Vale Ward
Cllr R Pratt
Cllr E Underdown

In attendance: Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Cllr Phil Twiss (DCC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk), Graham Hutton (member of the public), Tom Biddle (member of the public)

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Walker, Cllr D Valentine, Cllr D Fallows (Chair), PCSO Darren England

Before the start of the meeting, Graham Hutton and Tom Biddle outlined the amendments in the latest planning application for the Hayne Lane development. Mr Biddle said there was clearer delineation of paths, additional trees within the street scene and additional banks. He said the height of some retaining walls for back gardens had been reduced to 900mm. Cllr Underdown enquired as to who would maintain the trees on the site. Graham Hutton explained that DCC Highways would adopt the public roads and footpaths at the side of the road. Everything else which is not adopted or sold to a plot owner will belong to the management company appointed by Baker Estates for the site. Cllr Twiss said there was concern over work on the site coinciding with the silage season, and forcing road closures; Mr Hutton sought to reassure members that this would be avoided. Cllr Hall enquired about drainage and flooding on the site. Mr Hutton said there was a 1200mm diameter culvert underneath the railway line which would help with drainage. Mr Hutton also noted Cllr Underdown's comments about lorries queueing up at the junction with Heathpark Ind Est. The clerk agreed to put something in the next gazette about road closures, if known at the time of going to press.

Graham Hutton and Tom Biddle left the meeting.

165/17 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

166/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

167/17 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No crimes since the last meeting.

168/17 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in 6a) as his is the neighbouring property.

169/17 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Broadband

Cllr Twiss said he had met Connecting Devon & Somerset Programme Manager Phil Roberts to express his concern that communities connected to the Feniton exchange have superfast broadband, but not Gittisham. Phil Roberts has said he will put the case for extending the Gigaclear service down the hill from Rectory Cottage (Combe Estate are agreeable to micro-trenching inside the hedges of relevant fields) and hopes to have an answer in the next three weeks. Cllr Twiss said he would report back after 26th February.

Highways

Cllr Twiss said he would be meeting DCC's Mike Brown to discuss the budget for Feniton & Honiton

division and possible 'Pothole Action Fund sites' i.e. schemes identified by the DCC Highways Asset Management team which includes parts of the road at Tommy Wax.

Healthcare

Cllr Twiss said the delayed transfer of care figures had been more than halved in the six months from June to November, well in excess of the national average.

Cllr Bond said the Greater Exeter Strategic plan is being drawn up which will sit above Neighbourhood and Local Plans. There will be a plan for housing for 2020-2040, looking at infrastructure, employment sites etc. with an agreement on how new housing will be distributed. Housing and employment will go hand in hand. The date for release has been pushed back.

Cllr Bond explained that South West Water is looking into fat and drainage issues in the village.

Both councillors reported that council tax increases were likely to be rubber-stamped at the end of this month, with bills for 2018/19 appearing mid-March. A Band D property will increase £63.27 or £1.22 per week to a total of £1,331.19 pa.

Cllr Twiss and Cllr Hayman left the meeting. Cllr Underdown took the chair.

170/17 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 18/0140/FUL – The Forge Gittisham EX14 3AR – Construction of cover to yard area to create a dry area and enable storage for equipment.

Members had no objections. Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

- b) 17/2690/MRES – Land West of Hayne Lane Gittisham – Proposed erection of x240 residential dwellings and associated parking, garages, roads, drainage and landscape (amended plans)

Councillors had no objections.

171/17 To consider a request for street names for the Hayne Lane development

Councillors had no objections to the names proposed by Baker Estates, which have been inspired by the 1842 title maps : Nether Close, Furze Close, Hodges Close, Meadow Acre Road or Acre Meadow Road and Hedge Field Close. Members requested Meadow Acre Road rather than Acre Meadow Road.

172/17 To note the latest planning decision notices

None.

173/17 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

See Cllr Twiss's report above (169/17). Cllr Hall agreed to collate information from residents as to how much they would be prepared to pay for broadband.

174/17 To consider limited residential development in the parish

In Cllr Valentine's absence, he sent an update: Meeting held 16th January. Those present included Justin Lascelles on behalf of the Combe Estate, Wessex CLT, Devon Communities Together and David F and myself. The Estate confirmed their interest and willingness to assist with the delivery of this proposal. The meeting covered a lot of ground and established a number of principles and focused attention on the former Estate Yard site opposite Clysthayes. The Estate confirmed that the site is surplus to their needs. The proposition is that the site is developed for six affordable homes for rent for local people with a further three plots for development by the Estate as homes for rent to be managed by the Estate. A Gittisham CLT (Community Land Trust) needs to be created to take on the freehold of the land to be developed for the six affordable homes, to provide the local interest in the planning application process and to assist with the management of the homes once they have been built. The affordable housing will be a mix of one, two and three-bedroom homes for rent. Wessex CLT will provide assistance with the establishment of the GCLT, the negotiations with the Estate and EDDC for grant aid, the identification of a Housing Association that, together with GCLT, will submit the planning application and build and assist with the management of the

homes. It is important that this proposal is seen as a community led scheme. Assistance is required from the local community and a public meeting where the proposals can be explained in more detail should take place. At that meeting a steering group should be formed of willing helpers. Later a board for the GCLT will be voted in. The village hall has been booked for the evening of Thursday 15th March for this Public Meeting. Further details will be published in the March Gazette together with the leaflet which was circulated to councillors.

175/17 To note the casual vacancy for a councillor for Gittisham Vale ward

Cllr Underdown said he had tendered his resignation from the council, and the March meeting would be his last as councillor. Cllr Hayman thanked him on behalf of the parish council for his many years of service.

176/17 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

No update.

177/17 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The clerk agreed to email Helen Hayman to ask her to keep the old slide. Cllr Hall said she would ask the Woodland Trust if they were still offering free trees; a ring of birches could potentially be planted in the spring.

178/17 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

None.

179/17 To approve the February payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0855	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0856	F J Clampin	£197.91	Clerk's salary & expenses
0857	Gittisham Village Hall	£84.16	Hire 2017
0858	Peter Sellick	£60.00	Gazette distribution in the Vale
0859	Arthur J Gallagher Ins	£218.81	Lengthsman public liability insurance
0860	Creative Solutions	£605.68	Vale noticeboard

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £17,946.66 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). Cllr Hayman welcomed Cllr Hall as a new councillor, and members agreed that the clerk could arrange some training for her.

180/17 To approve a supplier for the parish amenity area maintenance contract, 2018-19

The clerk said she had approached three contractors to invite them to bid for the annual maintenance contract. Members resolved to appoint Michael Poll for another year.

181/17 To consider any late entry correspondence

Cllr Pratt said he had submitted a Parish Together (PT) application with Honiton Town Council for a defibrillator for the Vale. Gittisham's contribution would be £511.50 if successful, which could be match-funded by a contribution from the parish council reserves. Honiton could provide approximately £1,075 if successful in securing PT money, plus anything else it chooses to contribute. Stella Adamson has said she will be able to provide more CPR training. Concerns were raised over the siting of any defibrillator. Cllr Pratt said a Vale resident had offered to provide a power supply, but no conclusion was reached on what would happen if that person moved house.

The clerk reported that the new noticeboard for the Vale had arrived. Cllrs Pratt and Fallows will be mounting it on the wall.

182/17 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The clerk agreed to contact Cllr Twiss to ensure that the theft of the Welcome to Gittisham sign at the east

end of the village had been reported. Cllr Underdown asked Cllr Bond to check the status of the travellers' site at Trafalgar Bridge, Weston.

183/17 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Hayne Lane, limited residential development, broadband, lengthsman work, play area and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

184/17 Clerk's Report

None.

185/17 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 7th March and Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

Chairman.....

7th March 2018