

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2017**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr M Walker

Cllr R Hayman

Cllr S Trumper

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

In attendance: Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk), John Adamson (member of the public)

Apologies for absence: Cllr R Pratt, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Phil Twiss (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

20/17 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

21/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2017

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

22/17 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

The police did not send a report this month.

23/17 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in item 27/17 as he is a member of the Honiton Show Society.

24/17 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Twiss sent an update in his absence. He is working with Connecting Devon & Somerset and Gigaclear, the contractor for phase 2 of the roll-out of superfast broadband infrastructure. It is not clear whether a proposal to supply a facility as far as Rectory Cottage would extend through Gittisham village. Members expressed anger, saying they felt the village was being missed out or forced to pay for something which other parishes would be getting for free. The clerk agreed to contact Matt Barrow at CDS and ask for a full report on how the situation has arisen and what the future options are.

Cllr Bond said comments on the Definitive Map Review should be returned by 30th June. There are two proposals to add footpaths in the parish, including one from Hayne Farm to Goldcombe. The clerk agreed to reply to DCC.

25/17 To approve the June payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments, including tax and the clerk's salary for the next month as there would not be a meeting:

0810	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (inv. ref. 405/17/3)
0811	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (inv. ref. 414/17/4)
0812	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE (Month 2)
0813	F J Clampin	£185.94	Clerk's salary and expenses
0814	Lyn Hargood	£100	Internal audit
0815	Len Abbott	£114.75	Lengthsman work in May 2017
0816	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE (Month 3)
0817	F J Clampin	£165.85	Clerk's salary and expenses

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £19,600.69 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk said a VAT rebate for 2015-16 had been received (£155.99) and a donation from the Gittisham Memories weekend of £109.23.

26/17 To note the latest planning decision notices

- a) 16/2609 FUL & 16/2610 FUL Old Estate Yard Gittisham - change of use for car park and installation of bridge over stream - **approved**.
- b) 17/0428 Unit F (Land off Devonshire Road) Heathpark Industrial Estate Devonshire Road - change of use to D2 (health club and gymnasium) together with the insertion of a first floor and associated external alterations. **Approved with conditions**.

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

27/17 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 17/0238/FUL Honiton Show Ground Nags Head Road Gittisham - Construction of steel framed timber clad building (to house machinery and equipment) together with the provision of 545m of reclaimed tarmac roadway
- b) 17/0899/LBC 2 Riverside Cottages Gittisham EX14 3AE - Replace existing roof and window and addition of new rainwater goods and fascia to bathroom extension on rear (north west) elevation

Members had no objections to the above applications. However, councillors said they would like to know if an environmental impact assessment has been carried out on a). They would like to be reassured that any visual impact will be mitigated, and that surface water from the road itself is not going to increase flood risk.

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

28/17 To receive a report on the parish council's response regarding application 17/0942/MRES Land West Of Hayne Lane Gittisham

Cllr Valentine explained the parish council's position, which was endorsed by members. The parish council objects strongly to the intensive urbanisation as presented in the street scenes and, in particular, to the use of three-storey developments which are totally alien and out of character with the countryside location of this site. It is in proximity to an AONB and does not relate architecturally to any residential development in the immediate area. The Parish Council also objects to the lack of a substantial landscape corridor along the southern boundary (abutting the farm buildings of the adjacent farm) of the site. The Parish Council supports the statements made in the supporting documentation, that except for exceptional circumstances, there are no proposals to open up Old Elm Road. Gittisham Parish Council would object strongly to any reversal of this position.

Other Matters

1. The provision of "affordable housing" in three apartment blocks will not provide the level of integration with other housing that had been previously envisaged.
2. It was anticipated that the "affordable housing" would be a mix of social rented and shared ownership. This first phase appears to only provide for social rented.
3. The provision of a significant landscape corridor along the southern boundary would help to mitigate against the impacts (noise, smell, flies, etc.) of farm activities on the amenities of the new residents.
4. The landscaping provisions along the Hayne Lane frontage are welcomed.
5. The design concepts used in the layout lack any form of local distinctiveness and fail to reflect building forms (e.g. groups of farm buildings) typical of a countryside location and rely solely on urban concepts.
6. It is regrettable that there is no proposal to provide for any renewable energy features in the design of dwellings.
7. The Parish Council would wish to seek assurances that:
 - (i) The footpath provisions along Hayne Lane to Devonshire Road, including suitable crossing points, are provided prior to occupation of any residential unit.
 - (ii) That appropriate signage is provided at junctions with the Sidmouth Road to ensure that construction traffic is prohibited from using Hayne Lane to the south of the site.
 - (iii) That in accordance with the conditions of the Outline planning permission, plans for nesting and roosting boxes for wildlife (bats, swifts, house martins, dormice etc.) will be forthcoming and provided.

(iv) That, at all times, vehicular and pedestrian access will be maintained to Bartletts Farm, shop and coffee shop.

8. The Parish Council advises that the Transport Statement requires amendment in that access for construction traffic having negotiated Turks Head junction is 1st left, and not 2nd left off Exeter Road.

29/17 To consider fund-raising for a defibrillator in Gittisham village

Stella Adamson had circulated an email prior to the meeting, recommending the defibrillator option with the Community Heart Trust. Members agreed to support this, with the understanding that an electrician has to be contracted to install it. Members resolved that half of the cost should be borne by the parish council, and the remaining half from donations / fund-raising. There will be ongoing costs on an annual basis, as well as replacement parts. The contract with CHT lasts four years. Members agreed with Cllr Hayman's suggestion that a training session should be carried out shortly before installation in the early autumn. Cllr Valentine recommended drawing up a list of first responders that would be clearly visible. The clerk agreed to check whether the PC's current insurance policy would cover the equipment.

30/17 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine told members the Combe Estate trustees would be meeting on 12th July.

31/17 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Members heard that the steering group has just agreed to appoint a consultant to analyse the responses from the consultation. This will result in a report which should identify key themes for another round of consultation later this year. As might be expected, the response from the town was very low and rather disappointing for Honiton Town Council with probably fewer than 500 out of 5000 paper surveys delivered plus an online survey and separate business questionnaire.

32/17 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The Chair said Hamish Hall had been asked to produce an updated design. Members agreed to a working party on the morning of Saturday 24th June to carry out minor maintenance work and tidy up.

33/17 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Members heard that a corner of the hedge on Parsonage Lane had been strimmed for safety reasons. Cllr Pratt said in an email prior to the meeting that he would speak to Len Abbott about finding a group of volunteers to help clear weeds in the Vale.

34/17 To consider any late entry correspondence

Members noted Merchant Navy Day in September.

35/17 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The Chair said he had noticed marks along Parsonage Lane, indicating repair work would be carried out. The clerk said she would check with Mike Brown.

36/17 Matters for the forward agenda

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

37/17 Clerk's Report

The clerk said she would investigate setting up a direct debit with HMRC, which has informed the PC it no longer wishes to receive cheques.

38/17 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 2nd August and Wednesday 6th September at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2040 hrs.

Chairman.....

2nd August 2017