

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2016**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward
Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair)
Cllr M Walker

Gittisham Vale Ward
Cllr D Valentine
Cllr R Pratt

In attendance: Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr D Fallows, Cllr S Trumper, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

Prior to the start of the meeting, Michael Harris exercised his right as parish resident to speak regarding a proposition by Combe Estate to convert a barn in his agricultural tenancy to a wedding and conference venue. The proposal is to allow access from the caravan park. Cllr Valentine said the redevelopment was a significant proposal and would have implications for traffic in the surrounding area. Members agreed that they needed more information to understand the proposal in more detail, and the clerk agreed to invite Justin Lascelles from the estate to a future meeting.

19/16 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

20/16 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2016

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

21/16 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

The police did not send a report this month.

22/16 To receive declarations of interest

None.

23/16 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Wright said the move by NHS Property Services to take ownership of local hospitals had been deferred until the autumn. In the meantime, DCC's health and scrutiny committee are meeting on 21st June to consider a report and the proposals, which are likely to introduce further cuts for community hospitals.

Cllr Bond reported that following a review of county ward boundaries, district ward boundaries are now being considered. The aim is to have fewer councillors and the proposals will eventually be put to public consultation. She added that the Honiton draft sports pitches strategy was out for consultation, with a closing date of 8th July. Regarding the Trafalgar Bridge site near Weston, Cllr Bond said the residents were appealing the enforcement order.

24/16 To approve the June payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0737	Len Abbott	£218.75	Lengthsman work in May 2016
0738	Len Abbott	£20.71	Lengthsman expenses in May 2016
0739	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE (Month 2)
0740	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (invoice ref. 335/16/3)
0741	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (inv. ref. 345/16/6)
0742	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (inv. ref. 343/16/5)

0743	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (inv. ref. 339/16/4)
0744	F J Clampin	£178.45	Clerk's salary and expenses
0745	Lyn Hargood	£100	Internal audit of accounts, 2015-16

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £16,083.32 (which includes the £4,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk said a VAT rebate for 2014-15 had been received, totalling £130.04.

25/16 To consider proposed tourism signage for The Pig at Combe

Members had no objections to the proposed signage. The clerk agreed to check for extraction fans in the original planning application.

26/16 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine told members that more than 300 housing need survey forms had been distributed throughout the parish, with a return rate of 36 per cent. The analysis of the surveys will take 3-4 weeks, and the final report will include a reference to the possible housing need of staff at the hotel. Cllr Valentine thanked the clerk for the publicity she had done for the survey.

27/16 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said 7,000 copies of an information leaflet about the plan were being printed in June.

28/16 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

Cllr Hayman reported that funds raised from the Gittisham memories weekend would be put towards the play area. He reminded members that the wild area needed to fulfil its potential. Cllr Fallows will rearrange the date of the working party, designed to tidy up the play area and see to some of the items raised in the latest annual inspection.

29/16 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Members conceded that the telephone box needed some maintenance. Cllr Hayman agreed to continue his search for the most suitable wheelbarrow for the lengthsman's work, as well as a strimmer. It is possible the strimmer will require training to use. The clerk said she would investigate the contract of services that Luppitt Parish Council uses, to see if a similar one would work in Gittisham parish.

Cllr Wright left the meeting.

30/16 To consider any late entry correspondence

Members noted a letter from a resident regarding access through the yard at Catshayes and the issue of dog mess. The clerk agreed to respond saying that the parish council shares the concern over defecating dogs; however the yard is not a public right of way. There are some stickers available which remind dog walkers of their responsibilities. The clerk said she had received a request from a resident regarding the erection of a marquee in the play area next year for a wedding. Members had no objections; however residents in the immediate area should be notified in advance.

31/16 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

None.

32/16 Matters for the forward agenda

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

33/16 Clerk's Report

None.

34/16 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 6th July and Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130 hrs.

Chairman.....

6th July 2016