

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2018**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (Chair)
Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair)
Cllr C Hall
Cllr M Walker

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr R Pratt
Cllr D Valentine
Cllr A Wilkins

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr Phil Twiss (DCC), PCSO Darren England

25/18 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

26/18 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

27/18 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

The following crimes have taken place since April:

- 1) theft from motor vehicle (fuel stolen from farm)
- 2) theft of mobile phone after church service
- 3) theft of batteries stolen from temporary traffic lights

28/18 To receive declarations of interest

None.

29/18 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Bond told members that DCC was currently consulting communities on the mobile library service.

30/18 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 18/0919/LBC - Meriden House Nags Head Road Gittisham Honiton EX14 3AW - replace 3no. windows on west elevation. Various internal works to create holiday accommodation to include: insulate walls at ground and first floor; construct partition walls to create shower room; install 1no. vent in east elevation at first floor and 1no. vent in south elevation; construct timber floating floor at ground floor; re-instate ceilings and insulate roof slope

Councillors had no objections to the above application.

31/18 To note the latest planning decision notices

18/0454/MRES Land West of Hayne Lane Gittisham - Proposed construction of 291 no. dwellings and associated parking, garages, roads, drainage and landscaping (approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 13/2744/MOUT), amended proposal to reduce total number of units from 300 to 291 **Approval with conditions.**

32/18 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

The clerk agreed to contact Cllr Twiss on his return from holiday for an update. Cllr Walker said that Buckerell and properties on Nag's Head Road were now connected to the fibre network. Members noted that a green box had appeared close to The Forge.

33/18 To consider fundraising for a defibrillator in Gittisham Vale

Cllr Pratt said he and Cllr Wilkins were working together to organise a fund-raising plant sale at the end of September, and Cllr Wilkins said he would also be approaching local clubs and societies. Cllr Pratt reminded members that combining the Parishes Together offer, Honiton Town Council and match-funded with approximately £500 from the parish council, there remained around £300 of funds to be raised.

34/18 To receive an update on the Hayne Lane development

There was no update from Baker Estates. Cllr Wilkins said the route along Old Elm Road to Laburnum Road onwards had been dug up, but this looks to have finished now. Cllr Walker asked about sewerage and said there was a problem with the drainage.

35/18 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) would take place on 20th June.

36/18 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said a lack of community involvement was delaying progress.

37/18 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including fundraising and regular safety inspections

Members discussed the proposal from potential buyers of Eveleigh's Cottage, who had requested as part of the sale to purchase a piece of land which is currently part of the play area. The potential buyers had offered to contribute towards moving the play equipment. The Chair said he had canvassed opinion in Gittisham village, and some residents had pointed out that the current location for the play equipment is the only flat part of the site. Members concluded it would be difficult to put the play equipment in another location, and it was agreed to refuse the proposal. Cllr Bond added that in the event of the purchase going ahead, the new owners would have to request change of use from the district council. As the land in question is currently a community asset, she said it would be unlikely to get approval. The Chair agreed to write to Combe Estate with the decision.

Cllr Hall said the frame for the new swings had been installed and the matting is down. The company is coming back next week to install the rest. She suggested that the slide would cost approximately £500 to build, and Len Abbott has said he would be happy to help out. Cllr Hall said she would talk to the Woodland Trust and draw up a list of tree species that would be appropriate to plant in the wild area for the parish council to approve. Cllr Walker agreed to talk to Len Abbott about the items that need addressing from the annual inspection report. Members agreed on Saturday 30th June for a working party to tidy up the play area before the start of the school holidays and the village fete.

38/18 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Cllr Hall said Len Abbott had put in a request to insert an additional drain at "Bathtub Corner", as he is continually digging out the ditch there. She agreed to ask Len Abbott to draw up a costed plan, which will then be forwarded for the clerk to report to DCC.

39/18 To consider S137 charitable donations

Cllr Valentine agreed to attend the village hall AGM to explore options for funding much-needed maintenance work. Members agreed it was an important building for the community, and therefore needed costed plans for improvement works. Cllr Bond said there were various funding sources available, including the Big Lottery Fund. She suggested the parish council might be best placed to apply for this on the village hall's behalf.

Members discussed supporting other organisations; it was agreed to put TRIP on the next agenda as a separate item as this does not fall under S137. Cllr Hayman suggested members should consider funding for youth organisations, and urged the parish council to research this area.

40/18 To approve the June payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0881	F J Clampin	£163.20	Clerk's salary & expenses
0882	Michael Poll	£60	Grass cutting, ref. 486/18/4
0883	Alison Marshall	£116.20	Internal audit 2017/18 & expenses
0884	Len Abbott	£165.75	Lengthsman work, May 2018
0885	Len Abbott	£6.63	Lengthsman expenses, May 2018
0886	Gittisham Village Hall	£27	Hall hire, CLT public meeting, May 2018
0887	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
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 £19,570.61 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account).

41/18 To consider any late entry correspondence

Members noted that the sewage smell continued in the River Gitt. Cllr Walker said there was no update from South West Water. Cllr Hall said the river had been cleared.

42/18 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The clerk agreed to contact Cllr Twiss regarding the damage caused by a passing vehicle to the bridge in the centre of Gittisham village (again). Cllr Wilkins said he would contact Cllr Twiss about speed limits in Gittisham village, and would also draft a letter to The Pig regarding traffic which he would circulate to councillors for their approval. He added that he had been approached by residents regarding allotments.

43/18 Matters for the forward agenda

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

44/18 Clerk's Report

The Chair said the internal audit report had recommended the purchase of a laptop and combined printer / scanner for the clerk. Members agreed to a limit of £250 for the printer, which Cllr Wilkins agreed to research as to the most suitable model. Cllr Hayman said he could lend the clerk a printer in the meantime.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2100 hrs.

Chairman.....

18th July 2018