

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
in the Parish Room, Gittisham**

**Present:**

**Gittisham Village Ward**  
Cllr D Fallows (Chair),  
Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair)  
Cllr C Hall  
Cllr M Walker

**Gittisham Vale Ward**  
Cllr D Valentine

**In attendance:** Fiona Clampin (clerk)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Pratt, Cllr A Wilkins, Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Cllr Phil Twiss (DCC), PCSO Darren England

**183/18 To accept and approve apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted.

**184/18 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**185/18 To receive the Beat Manager's Report**

There were no crimes reported in December 2018.

**186/18 To receive declarations of interest**

None.

**187/18 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives**

Cllr Twiss sent the following report in his absence:

Winter Service

“There has been some pretty inclement weather in the wider South West over the last couple of days in Devon. The Highways teams have done a fantastic job in keeping open as many routes as possible. Overnight has seen a hive of activity from contractors and Highways officers in responding to the snow. Heavy snow fell across most of the county starting at around midday on Thursday 31st January starting in the West of the county. Snow continued to fall throughout the remainder of the day and into Friday morning. The snow caused significant disruption across the network, with gritting crews working through the day and night dealing with the impact. Snow levels have varied considerably across the region and in East Devon we have been quite fortunate with main routes being kept open, in large part due to the staff from the Honiton depot going out on an almost continuous basis to grit and clear roads in our area.

“A373 Cullompton – Honiton has seen drifting snow at the Honiton end, but the gritter has been able to blade and has been constantly working through the night. Dunkeswell has had issues with heavy drifting snow, requiring a tractor with plough/blower equipment to clear, but the road is open and passable with care. There is enough salt/grit in depots to cope with a prolonged spell of winter disruption, which will hopefully not be needed!

DCC General

“I sit on the Adult Health Scrutiny committee at County Hall where at our most recent meeting we looked at a number of issues including how the NHS Devon Partnership winter plan is working and the overall integration of services between the NHS and DCC, where there remain issues on recruitment and retention of staff, particularly in the social care sector, but improvement to contracts are helping this.

“Reassuringly while there are pressures in the system the winter plan is working well and effectively.”

Cllr Bond sent a message in her absence to say that Blackdown House, the new EDDC headquarters, would be operational from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**188/18 To note the latest planning decision notices**

18/1131/LBC – Rapshayes Farm, Gittisham EX14 3AB - Re-slate roof on main farmhouse; construction of porch on east elevation; block up internal door (from dining room); block up internally window on ground floor side (south) elevation and remove partition walls in kitchen. **Approval with conditions.**

**189/18 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village**

Cllr Hall said that Voneus had been canvassing residents of Gittisham village to assess interest in the company developing a high-speed broadband service. She reported there was a positive response, which would enable Voneus to make further progress, subject to planning. Several sites have been identified for the necessary infrastructure. Members heard that Voneus is keen to organise a question and answer session in the village hall, and agreed that in principle this latest development was positive news.

**190/18 To consider capital works to Gittisham Village Hall**

Cllr Hall said the report produced by Luxton Chartered Surveyors had been passed to the village hall committee for its consideration. She agreed to obtain three quotes from builders to proceed with the work. EDDC has confirmed that £28,000 of CIL money can be used for village hall refurbishment. Cllr Hall agreed to keep the village hall committee informed.

**191/18 To receive an update on the defibrillator in Gittisham Vale**

Members heard that the inclement weather had prevented the installation of the defibrillator scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> February. This has been put back to 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**192/18 To receive an update on the Hayne Lane development**

The clerk agreed to write to Graham Hutton of Baker Estates to establish which houses are now occupied, so that parish material such as the Gazette can be distributed. The Chair reported that some work had been done on drainage at the site.

**193/18 To consider limited residential development in the parish**

Cllr Valentine reported that the special general meeting is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March to re-elect the board. He said that membership of the Community Benefit Society is now in excess of 40. The next steering group meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 4pm.

**194/18 To consider plans for expenditure in the parish under the Community Infrastructure Levy**

Cllr Walker said she had carried out an informal survey as to what new equipment children and young people would like. Outdoor table tennis was a popular choice, as was a climbing wall. Cllrs Walker and Hall agreed to work up a costed proposal to present at the next meeting, before sending to EDDC.

Members agreed that future costs and upkeep of items needed to be taken into consideration.

The clerk said she would contact Jamie Buckley at EDDC about carrying out a survey of parish children, which is a requirement of the funding. She said she would also establish from Sulina Tallack whether a shed or shelter for sport / play equipment could be included in the overall amount.

**195/18 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including fundraising and regular safety inspections**

The clerk said she would ask Nick Adams to carry out the annual safety inspection, with members' approval. Cllr Hayman agreed to pass on some rabbit guards to Cllr Hall, to protect the fruit trees in the wild area.

**196/18 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish**

Cllr Valentine reported that the gully by Clysthayes had been cleaned but not repaired. It appears there is a

structural issue. Cllr Walker agreed to ask Len Abbott to take a look.

**197/18 To approve the February payments and to note the current bank balance**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0930	HMRC	£41.46	Tax
0931	F J Clampin	£163.29	Clerk's salary & expenses
0932	Gittisham PCC	£160	2016 Gazette printing costs
0933	Gittisham PCC	£180	2017 Balance of Gazette printing costs
0934	Gittisham PCC	£90	Parish room hire, 2018
0935	P Sellick	£60	Gazette distribution, Vale
DD	NEST	£11.19	Clerk's pension

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £20,319.21 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk advised members that the parish room rent would rise to £92 in 2019.

**198/18 To approve a supplier for the parish amenity area maintenance contract 2019-20**

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.

**199/18 To consider any late entry correspondence**

Members expressed concern over the increasing amount of dog mess up Dark Lane. Cllr Walker agreed to see if she could source some appropriate signage.

**200/18 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC**

The Chair would like to ask DCC if the tree guards along the link road can be tidied up.

There was concern over the occasionally patchy nature of the Stagecoach service for King's School, and DCC's lacklustre response. Cllr Hall said she would get in touch with Cllr Twiss to explain the situation, cc the clerk of King's School governors. Cllr Valentine said the school was aware of the issues, but added it should be kept informed of any developments in the correspondence.

**201/18 Matters for the forward agenda**

It was agreed to include parish litter pick, village hall capital works, Vale defibrillator, Hayne Lane, limited residential development, broadband, lengthsman work, play area maintenance contract, and CIL / S106 expenditure on the next agenda.

**202/18 Clerk's Report**

Members noted EDDC's new crowdfunding scheme for community projects.

**203/18 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in the parish room.**

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

Chairman.....

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019