

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2016**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (Chair)

Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair)

Cllr S Trumper

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr R Pratt

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Walker, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

Prior to the start of the meeting, Genevieve Evans and the clerk (for Pierre Graeber) exercised their rights as parish residents to speak regarding speeding through Gittisham village. They voiced concerns over vehicles driving too fast, particularly in the light of recent accidents and the safety of children and animals. Cllr Wright said it would be possible to set up a community speed watch initiative, but advised it would be a lengthy process. Members agreed with Cllr Hayman's suggestion that written proof was needed of fast and dangerous driving through the village, and urged residents to note examples of this; Cllr Wright said it would then be possible to draw up a petition to present to County Hall. She added that the village would be unlikely to obtain a 20mph speed sign, as one in front of Feniton Primary School was refused. Members agreed to highlight the issue in a future edition of the Gittisham Gazette.

Genevieve Evans left the meeting.

104/16 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

105/16 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2016

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

106/16 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No crimes.

107/16 To receive declarations of interest

None.

108/16 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Wright said that the decision to remove inpatient beds from Honiton Hospital would be discussed at DCC's health scrutiny committee w/c 7th November. There has been a considerable degree of protest against this decision. However, she warned that further cuts to community hospitals would present themselves in due course.

Cllr Bond said the application to create a wedding and conference venue on the Combe Estate had been turned down. She is waiting to hear from an EDDC planning officer as regards a pavement on Devonshire Road, and she confirmed that EDDC would be moving its headquarters to the Heathpark Estate in Honiton.

109/16 To approve the October payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0770 HMRC

£40.95 PAYE (Month 7)

0771	F J Clampin	£164.90	Clerk's salary and expenses
0772	Len Abbott	£150	Oct lengthsman work (12 hours, inc 5 on telephone box)
0773	Len Abbott	£5.87	Expenses
0774	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (invoice ref. 378/16/11)

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £18,910.32 (which includes the £4,000 in the business reserve account).

110/16 To note the latest planning decision notices

Cllr Pratt informed members that the following applications had been refused:

16/1324/MFUL | Provision of venue for weddings, conferences and related activities through conversion of existing barns, demolition of pole barns and their replacement with new timber clad barns and provision of associated car parking, enhanced access and landscaping works. | Combe Higher Barn Gittisham

111/16 To consider the LGBCE electoral review of East Devon ward boundaries

The Local Government Boundary Commission in England is carrying out a consultation on changing ward boundaries within East Devon district to even out the number of electors in each ward. Cllr Pratt said the current situation was confusing, with a variety of boundaries for both parish and ward in Gittisham Vale. The Chair said the parish council would wait to see what was proposed, as the ward is considered to be the right size at the moment.

112/16 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine said a site appraisal had been scheduled for 22nd Nov with EDDC, Combe Estate and Devon Communities Together. He added that he had arranged a meeting for 17th Nov with the Wessex Community Land Trust (CLT), which advises on setting up a CLT.

113/16 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said the questionnaire would appear in the local paper and online. Cllr Bond left the meeting.

114/16 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The Chair said the person who carries out the annual safety inspection of the playground had looked over the plans to build a structure in the wild area, and given them broad approval, subject to more detail. The Chair agreed to arrange a meeting with Bill Griffiths, Cllr Hayman and Hamish Hall to further this proposal. Members noted the cost of two anti-fouling signs would be approximately £100; the clerk will investigate.

115/16 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Concerns were raised again over the state of the road and ditches up Parsonage Lane and also Tommy Wax. Parsonage Lane is due to be resurfaced by Willy's Wood; Cllr Wright said she would speak to DCC's Highways about the road condition near Rapshayes.

116/16 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

117/16 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Cllr Wright said she would ask Mike Brown from DCC's Highways to visit Gittisham village in connection with speeding cars. Ditches and drains for DCC as per item 115/16 above.

118/16 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.

119/16 Clerk's Report

Members noted the parish and town council meeting on 13th December 2016 with East Devon District Council, Devon County Council and the Jurassic Coast Team.

120/16 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 7th December 2016 and Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Chairman.....

7th December 2016