

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2017**

Present:

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

Gittisham Vale Ward
Cllr R Pratt

In attendance: Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk), Stella Adamson (member of the public), John Adamson (member of the public), Graham Hutton (Baker Estates), Tom Biddle (Baker Estates), Steve Jolly (Newgate Communications)

Apologies for absence: Cllr D Valentine, Cllr E Underdown, PCSO Phil Anning

80/17 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted. The Chair explained that Cllr Trumper had stood down as parish councillor, and therefore a casual vacancy exists. The period during which any ten electors can give notice requiring an election to fill the vacancy will expire on 20th October 2017.

81/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

82/17 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No report received. Cllr Bond said she would pass details on to the clerk to investigate why the parish council has not received any reports for the past five months.

83/17 To receive declarations of interest

None.

84/16 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Roads & Bridges: regarding the 'Welcome to Gittisham' sign on the approach to the village from The Forge side, Cllr Twiss said DCC is now putting the onus on parishes to foot the cost of replacing signs such as this. As to the missing roadside crash barrier on the road from just before the bridge over the A30 towards the village via The Forge, Cllr Twiss explained this is significantly 'over spec', as a legacy from the construction of the A30, and would not normally have this type of barrier in place. The cost of repairing or replacing the broken section is not viewed currently as a safety or financial priority.

Health and wellbeing: Cllr Twiss explained that the voluntary sector 'Action in East Devon' event run at The Beehive on 7th September was interesting in confirming that the dots are still not fully joined up between the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and DCC, in terms of joint working. e.g. DCC looking to commission community care beds in Exeter, following the closure of Whipton Hospital, which came as a complete surprise to the CCG person attending. Cllr Twiss said he had asked if this could be considered for both Honiton and Seaton. He will follow this up with the newly established DCC Adult Health scrutiny Standing Scrutiny Group, on which he will sit, when it first meets on either 31st October, or 9th November, to consider progress/performance with the new model of care and other matters.

Cllr Bond said work on building EDDC's new offices had begun in Honiton.

85/17 To approve the October payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0834 HMRC

£41.46 PAYE

0835	F J Clampin	£166.21	Clerk's salary and expenses
0836	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0837	F J Clampin	£165.85	Clerk's salary and expenses
0838	Community Heartbeat Trust	£1,775	Defibrillator
0839	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (invoice ref. 445/17/8)
0841	Len Abbott	£210.38	Lengthsman work in Sept 2017

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £16,070.30 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk said a donation had been received from the First Aid training day, totalling £110.

86/17 To note the latest planning decision notices:

a) 17/1053/MFUL Land at Meadow View Nursery Honiton - proposed development of garden centre, incorporating new building, covered sales area, outdoor sales area, storage and car parking and widening of the access. – Approved.

87/17 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

Cllr Twiss said he had written to Connecting Devon & Somerset programme managers requesting that Gittisham parish be considered as a priority for use of 'gain share' funding, as a result of efficiencies for the completion of Phase 1 of the CDS superfast rollout. He said he would await news of how funds will be spent this side of Christmas.

88/17 To consider the condition of the emergency gate on Old Elm Road

Cllr Twiss reported that the Highways Officer is looking to replace the defective lock on the gate between Old Elm Road, connecting on to Hayne Lane.

89/17 To consider replacing the parish council noticeboard in Gittisham Vale

Cllr Pratt said the noticeboard had been taken off the wall, and was now propped up against the wall of a neighbouring bungalow. He said the back of the board on the lower sill had rusted away. Members resolved the purchase of a replacement noticeboard; the clerk to source.

90/17 To receive an update on the housing development west of Hayne Lane

Tom Biddle showed members the plans for Phases 2, 3 and 4 which have been slightly amended after consultation with EDDC planning officers. In some parts of the site, the three storey buildings have been reduced in height to 2 or 2.5, which was welcomed by councillors. There will also be increased landscaping with more trees at the west end of the site. The affordable housing will now include some of the houses, and part of the apartment block will be open market housing, instead of exclusively affordable housing. This will provide a greater mix of affordable and rented units throughout the site. Graham Hutton, Development Director, agreed to investigate Cllr Walker's request regarding covenants on affordable housing.

Graham Hutton said work on Phase 1 had begun, the planning conditions have been discharged and Natural England has granted Baker Estates (BE) a licence to remove a hedge. He felt the consultation process had been instructive and encouraging. Mr Hutton raised the subject of the affordable housing percentage at the site, which currently stands at 40 per cent but there is some scope to change this to 25 per cent and provide improved facilities with the additional funds. Members expressed some disappointment that affordable housing percentages were often being changed, when it was one of the most pressing issues facing the district. However, they said they would like more time to consider alternatives, if this meant that there could be better community facilities for this isolated development.

Cllr Twiss, Graham Hutton, Tom Biddle and Steve Jolly left the meeting.

91/17 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine will provide an update for the next meeting.

92/17 To consider fundraising for the defibrillator

Members heard that the defibrillator had been installed in the village telephone box, with the installation work provided free of charge by electrician Ben Hulbert. The equipment is now live and ready to use. Stella Adamson said she would copy the notices showing where the defibrillator is located, and the Chair agreed to fix notices to the telephone box. Red paint for the box is due to arrive shortly. The defibrillator fundraising was given a boost at the recent First Aid training day. A workshop to allow residents to learn how to use the defibrillator will take place in Gittisham village hall on 2nd November, 6-8pm. The Chair thanked Stella Adamson for her work in this area, and Jennifer Lawrence-Jones who instigated the project.

93/17 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said there was no update on this.

94/17 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

There was no update on this.

95/17 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Cllr Walker agreed to ask Len Abbott if he could check periodically the silt in the tunnel of the river, as this may need to be cleared every 4-6 months. South West Water has cleared out the sewage network, but is going to be carrying out a thorough investigation as to why the recent leak occurred.

96/17 To complete the annual review of effectiveness of internal control and risk assessment

Deferred until next meeting.

97/17 To complete the annual review of standing orders and financial regulations

Deferred until next meeting.

98/17 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

99/17 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The Chair said the road past Beech Walk was in a terrible state, and there were no signs of spray painting to indicate it might be repaired soon. It is being used increasingly by people to access The Pig.

100/17 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.

101/17 Clerk's Report

None.

102/17 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 15th November and Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2105 hrs.

Chairman.....

15th November 2017