

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3rd APRIL 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
Cllr R Pratt
Cllr A Wilkins

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

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

226/18 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

227/18 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 6th March 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

228/18 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

1 Crime, January 2019: Other theft, on or near Parsonage Lane

229/18 To receive declarations of interest

Cllrs Hayman and Fallows declared an interest in items under 242/18.

230/18 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Healthcare

Cllr Twiss said that as part of his role on the DCC Adult Health Scrutiny committee, he visits various health providers and meets on a regular basis with NHS and DCC Social care staff. He said it is really encouraging to hear very recently that despite what are described as 'winter pressures', the RD&E plan worked very well and there was only one brief spell where the alert level reached black (the highest level above red).

Delayed transfers of care from an acute setting to home with suitable care packages are better than previously, Cllr Twiss explained. But the issue of staffing levels remains a concern, despite many more people being recruited and/or staying in post. Cllr Twiss said he remained of the clear view that there is still a place for a small number of intermediate hospital beds for those fit enough to leave an acute setting, but requiring a little bit more care before going home, preventing going back in to the 'system'.

Cllr Twiss reported his recent visit to the SW ambulance service (SWAST) HQ in Exeter and a very good meeting with the CEO Ken Wenman; he also toured their call centre. It is apparent that the number of unnecessary calls being made to the 999 service, rather than the non-urgent 111 version (<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/nhs-111>), or even a visit for advice to the local pharmacy is responsible for using a lot of time and delaying urgent response times. This is being actively managed to improve matters on a daily basis.

Cllr Twiss said he had questioned Mr Wenman about the headlines we see from time to time regarding long waits for an ambulance to arrive and while not acceptable in some cases, the number is actually very, very small, considering the volume of calls coming in to the call centre in Exeter and Bristol dealing with requests for help from Gloucestershire to Cornwall.

There is a project that is in its embryonic stages involving the five towns in the Wakley health area i.e.

Honiton, Sidmouth, Ottery St Mary, Axminster and Seaton. Cllr Twiss said he is helping to facilitate this, where there is a 'bottom up' approach at looking at supplementing healthcare and voluntary services in our area, often filling the gap left by funding cuts. There is work towards local organisations being contracted to deliver services in our local hospital spaces, moving towards health 'hubs' that our communities want. This is a major piece of work and 'set to run' on a long term, sustainable basis.

Cllr Bond reminded members of the current election period. Elections for district, town and parish councils are on 2 May. She said the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is still causing considerable concern. The GESP is a joint plan looking at sites for housing and economic development across East Devon, Mid-Devon, Teignmouth and Exeter City Council to enable cross-border collaboration and bring forward Government funding for infrastructure in the region. A full list of the sites put forward by landowners (capable of taking over 500 houses) will be made available for scrutiny in June (i.e. after the election).

231/18 To consider the following planning application:

- a) 19/0280/LBC Eveleighs Farmhouse Gittisham, EX14 3AF - Replace 2no. windows on ground floor north elevation and 2no. windows on ground floor west elevation; replace glazing and insert window vent in 1no. window at first floor south elevation, block up 1no. window on ground floor north elevation, install flue in east elevation, partial removal of wall to create doorway and construct wall to create new bathroom at first floor, install flue on chimney on south elevation.

Councillors had no objections to the above application.

232/18 To note the latest planning decision notices

None.

233/18 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

Cllr Hall said she had made contact with the new Voneus representative, but there was no progress to report. Cllr Bond said she would enquire.

234/18 To consider capital works to Gittisham Village Hall

Cllr Hall said she was waiting for a final quote of the three she had requested from builders for the village hall, as specified in the schedule of works. Cllr Bond said the Community Building Fund for the new financial year would very soon be available.

235/18 To receive an update on the defibrillator in Gittisham Vale

The clerk said she was still chasing up the invoice and safety certificate from the electrician who had installed the defibrillator.

236/18 To receive an update on the Hayne Lane development

Cllr Wilkins told members that power was due to be provided to the lighting columns, and he would be contacting DCC about altering the traffic signs. Cllr Pratt said he had been in contact with Carol McCann to discuss printing additional copies of the Gittisham Gazette. Cllr Wilkins agreed to visit the site before each parish council meeting to find out how many houses are occupied.

237/18 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine reported that the interim board of the Gittisham Community Land Trust had been re-elected on 21st March. This would provide a launch pad, he said, to be able to make applications for grant aid to help with start-up costs. He explained that a public meeting would be held in the near future to advise the community of the preferred site and ask for their support. Membership is now 67.

238/18 To consider plans for expenditure in the parish under the Community Infrastructure Levy & S106

Members agreed with Cllr Hall's proposal that it would not make sense to move further on this until there is greater clarity from EDDC over what funds are available and how they should be spent.

239/18 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including fundraising and

regular safety inspections

Cllr Hall agreed to follow up Cllr Bond's suggestion of an application to the National Lottery Awards for All fund for a slide and tower. Cllr Hall added that she would be meeting the play area maintenance contractor to discuss mowing a figure of eight shape in the wild area, so the rest can be left for wild flowers. Members heard that the church will be doing the same. Cllr Hall said she had been in touch with the Devon Wildlife Trust for advice. The clerk agreed to investigate what funds were remaining for the play area, and forward to Cllr Hall.

240/18 To consider logistics of a parish litter pick

Cllr Valentine said there was no update on this, but it was noted that members had been picking up litter. Cllr Pratt added that Hayne Lane was still being used to dump litter.

241/18 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Cllr Walker said Len Abbott was due to take a look at the bus shelter in the Vale. She said she would also speak to him about the wobbly noticeboard outside the village hall. Members noted that the blockage near Curlditch had been removed, and the drains at Catshayes and Clyst Hayes appeared to be working well. The clerk agreed to contact Combe Estate again to ask about progress regarding the rookery seat. Members agreed to purchase an additional bench, as the one to the right of the rookery is in disrepair.

242/18 To approve the April payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0938	HMRC	£41.46	Tax
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0940	F J Clampin	£160.88	Clerk's salary
0941	F J Clampin	£157.56	Clerk's salary
0942	Len Abbott	£82.88	6.5 hours lengthsman work, February 2019
0943	Len Abbott	£6.80	Lengthsman expenses, February 2019

Cllr Hayman left the meeting

0944	Russell Hayman	£26	Replacement strimmer head
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Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting. The Chair left the meeting. Cllr Hayman took the chair.

0945	David Fallows	£95.40	Reimbursement for annual domain name and web hosting
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The Chair returned to the meeting.

0946	HBH Electrical	£60.65	Village defibrillator maintenance
0947	DALC	£126.61	Annual subscription 2019/20
0948	Michael Poll	£60	Grass cutting (invoice ref. 504/18/7)
DD	NEST	£11.19	Clerk's pension
DD	NEST	£16.58	Clerk's pension

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £23,303.16 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk advised members that some payments for May were being brought forward to this month, due to the election on 2nd May. She added that workplace pension contributions would be rising by law from April 2019, and it was agreed to respect the recommendation of a 4 per cent employer contribution.

243/18 To consider any late entry correspondence

Members thanked Cllr Fallows for his long years of service, and presented him with a gift which they had contributed to personally. They wished him well in his retirement. Members also expressed their regret that Cllr Pratt had decided to stand down, and thanked him for his contribution to the parish over the last four years.

244/18 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

None.

245/18 Matters for the forward agenda

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

246/18 Clerk's Report

None.

247/18 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 8th May and Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm in the parish room.

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

Chairman.....

8th May 2019