

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER 2018
in the Parish Room, Gittisham**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward
Cllr D Fallows (Chair)
Cllr C Hall

Gittisham Vale Ward
Cllr D Valentine

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr R Pratt, Cllr A Wilkins, Cllr M Walker, Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair), PCSO Darren England

89/18 To accept and approve apologies
Apologies were received and accepted.

90/18 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018
The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2018 were amended to register Cllr Walker's comments about item 73/18. Members noted that EDDC is actively seeking traveller sites with facilities as part of the Local Plan. The minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Chair.

91/18 To receive the Beat Manager's Report
The police did not send a report. Cllr Bond agreed to forward the website link to the clerk for her to check crime statistics in future.

92/18 To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Valentine declared an interest in minute ref 103/18 as he is chair of the steering group for Gittisham CLT.

93/18 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

School Funding

Cllr Twiss reported that school funding continues to be a big issue. Gary Streeter MP, chair of the Fairer funding group, will be hosting an event in Westminster in October at which Cllr Twiss hoped a senior member of DCC would be present to argue the county's case.

Highways

Cllr Twiss explained he had expressed concerns in the past about the gully clearing programme, but he was pleased to report that the contractor was ahead of programme at approximately 60 per cent complete. A new patching machine has been brought in to address some of the problems on the more minor road network.

Cllr Bond drew members' attention to the leaflet distributed in recent days about EDDC's new metal recycling service. She added that EDDC's move to Honiton is due to take place in January 2019 and is so far on target.

Cllr Twiss left the meeting.

94/18 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 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 internal window on ground floor side (south) elevation and remove partition walls in kitchen
- b) 18/2172/TRE – 7 Honeysuckle Drive Honiton EX14 2YL – To carry out a crown reduction via thinning on that part of canopy overhanging the driveway. No more than 20 per cent of the live foliar area will be removed from any one branch and pruning will be limited to the making of target pruning cuts predominantly no greater than 50mm but where necessary up to 75mm in diameter, to remove branch end lengths of up to 2m maximum length; to make safe any dead wood through either reduction or if necessary removal.

Members agreed to have no objection to a), providing it meets with the approval of the conservation officer (LBC). Members agreed to have no objection to b).

95/18 To note the latest planning decision notices

- 18/1745/VAR Blamphayne Sawmill Gittisham EX14 3AN – Variation of Condition 6 (use condition) of planning permission 17/2560/VAR (variation of original permission for construction of workshops, stores and office / shop) to allow the entire building to be used for B2 or B8 uses - **Approval with conditions.**

96/18 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

Cllr Twiss said that work on the “Farway packet” (which will be installed close to Gittisham) will begin later this year, although there have been some delays on projects due to the main contractor going into administration. Cllr Valentine expressed concern and disappointment that there appeared to be no formal document which mentioned Gittisham being in line to receive a superfast broadband connection. Cllr Bond advised the Chair to send a formal letter registering this to Cllr Twiss, cc Phil Roberts of Connecting Devon & Somerset. The Chair agreed to draft a letter and circulate it. Members discussed the merits of registering interest with Voneus, a company which has installed superfast broadband in Talaton. The clerk agreed to contact Talaton’s clerk to understand more. Cllr Hall said she would canvass opinion among village residents as to who would be keen to register their interest with Voneus and Gigaclear.

97/18 To consider measures to reduce traffic speeds in Gittisham village

Cllr Wilkins sent a note to say that said DCC had not replied to his latest request for a response, following their assessment that was due to be carried out before 3rd September. He said he would be submitting a Freedom of Information request. The clerk agreed to contact Cllr Twiss to ask if this issue could be put on the agenda of the forthcoming Highways meeting before the end of the year, and said she would also send him Cllr Wilkins’s attachment.

98/18 To consider fundraising for a defibrillator in Gittisham Vale

The Chair congratulated everybody involved in the plant sale, which had raised £390.

99/18 To receive an update on the Hayne Lane development

Members heard that boulders had been installed opposite the development at the bottom of Old Elm Road, which are designed to prevent future unauthorised use of the land. The meeting noted a comment by Cllr Walker concerning her unease at the tone of the discussion of this item at the last meeting. The openings were measured by EDDC’s Streetscene to ensure their mowers could maintain access. The Chair circulated a draft letter which would be included in any new home owner’s welcome pack. Its tone was approved by those present. The clerk will forward to Baker Estates, and ask to be kept informed which houses have been sold so they can be added to the distribution list for the Gittisham Gazette. It was agreed that Cllr Pratt should approach Mr Sellick to find out if he would consider including the Hayne Lane development in his delivery.

100/18 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine reported that the application to establish a Community Land Trust (CLT) for Gittisham had been submitted to the Financial Conduct Authority. Members agreed to approve £40 for this. The FCA has 15 days in which to respond. Cllr Valentine added that the steering group will meet every third Thursday in the month.

101/18 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including fundraising and regular safety inspections

Cllr Hall said she would draft a press release to publicise DCC's Investing in Devon grant of £2,000 towards the play area equipment. She reported that she had been in touch with Safe and Sound Playgrounds about the small roundabout, which no longer rotates, but the company had advised her to get in touch with another supplier. While there was no progress to report on the fruit tree planting in the wild area, members agreed that apples should be avoided as there is a surfeit of them in Gittisham village.

102/18 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Cllr Hall reported that Len Abbott had cut the hedge in the play area. She agreed to contact Combe Estate regarding the state of the bench in the rookery, and ascertain whose responsibility it is to maintain it. The issue had been raised by a number of residents.

103/18 To approve the October payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0905	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0906	F J Clampin	£165.15	Clerk's salary & expenses
0907	Michael Poll	£60	Grass cutting, ref. 509/18/8

Cllr Valentine left the meeting.

0908 Financial Conduct Authority £100 Gittisham CLT registration

Cllr Valentine returned to the meeting. (This payment was subject to a resolution at the September meeting.)

0909	Len Abbott	£44.63	Lengthsman work, July 2018
0904	Len Abbott	£51	Lengthsman work, August 2018
DD	NEST	£11.19	Clerk's pension (£6.22 employer monthly contribution and £4.97 employee contribution)
DD	NEST	£11.19	Clerk's pension (August 2018 approval, as no council meeting that month)

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £22,564.61 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk presented the half-yearly budget review at the meeting. She explained that a personal tax rebate had been paid into the parish council's account totalling £1,154.76 and this would be reimbursed to the clerk at the next meeting.

104/18 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

105/18 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Members noted a large pothole 150m uphill from Keeper's Cottage.

106/18 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include WWI Commemoration, Vale defibrillator fundraising, Hayne Lane, limited residential development, broadband, lengthsman work, speed limits for Gittisham village and play area on

the next agenda.

107/18 Clerk's Report

None.

108/18 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 7th November and Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

Chairman.....

7th November 2018