

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2018**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (Chair)
Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair)
Cllr C Hall
Cllr M Walker

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr R Pratt

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr D Valentine, PCSO Darren England

204/17 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

205/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2018

The clerk observed that figures for the affordable housing on Hayne Lane were incorrect, and agreed to reissue the March minutes with the correct information. The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2018 were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

206/17 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No reported crimes since the last meeting. Cllr Pratt had observed some flytipping on Hayne Lane, but Cllr Bond said this had since been cleared.

207/17 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in item 6a) as his is the neighbouring property. The Chair declared an interest in item 15, as he is due to be reimbursed by the council.

208/17 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Highways

Cllr Twiss said the missing finger post for Gittisham on Sidmouth Road had now been replaced. He was thrilled to have persuaded Highways to allow a temporary opening along Old Elm Road for reasons of economic impact on Bartlett's Farm and the shop. He said he would be looking to monitor the situation to see how to prevent any abuse. The access is only wide enough for cars. There appeared to be some confusion over the padlock and the gate; Cllr Pratt asked Cllr Twiss to request an email from DCC's Mike Brown, confirming it is DCC's responsibility and sharing the combination. The Chair noted that Hayne Lane and Parsonage Lane were in a poor state. Tommy Wax is due to be resurfaced during the current financial year. The clerk agreed to send Cllr Twiss a list of road issues in the parish in order of priority. Regarding the blocked gully at the bottom of Hayne Lane, the Chair was disappointed that nothing had been done to clear the blockage in the watercourse; the site needed better access and the fence is a hindrance. Cllr Twiss said Connect had cleared it in the past, but it was in fact DCC's responsibility. A meeting between the two parties on 16th April will decide a way forward.

Broadband

Cllr Twiss said Phil Roberts of Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) would be meeting him in May to gauge the short distance between Rectory Cottage and the village, with a view to extending the Gigaclear 'Farway packet'. Cllr Twiss reported he had also met BT Regional Director Paul Coles to urge him to discuss the situation in Gittisham with CDS. Members agreed that it was essential to get wayleaves right and in good time on any broadband installation. Cllrs Twiss and Bond have put in a bid to a Government programme, with the potential of a £3,000 grant per premise for a business. Cllr Twiss added that from

April, BT is obliged by the regulator to offer a £7 discount to its customers on their line rental, where they have not included broadband in their package. For further details and eligibility, see <https://btplc.com/inclusion/NewsAndEvents/News/lineonlyreduction/index.htm>

Cllr Bond explained that the green waste collection could be shared informally with a neighbour, as long as one of the properties signed up took responsibility. Cllr Walker agreed to write to South West Water, cc Cllr Bond, over fat blockage issues and drainage.

Cllr Twiss and Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

209/17 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 18/0471/FUL Shermans Farm Gittisham EX14 3AU – Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with new cattle building and associated infrastructure, incorporating robotic milking facilities

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

- b) 18/0637/OUT 1 Hamlet Cottages Weston EX14 3PB – Removal of workshkops and construction of detached two storey dwelling and detached garage (outline application with all matters reserved)

Councillors had no objections to the above applications.

210/17 To note the latest planning decision notices

None.

211/17 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

See Cllr Twiss's report above (208/17).

212/17 To co-opt a councillor for Gittisham Vale ward

There being no other candidates, Andy Wilkins was automatically co-opted to the parish council (Gittisham Vale ward) and summoned to attend the next meeting.

213/17 To receive an update on the Hayne Lane development

Ian Baker of Baker Estates sent an update to the clerk, which is reproduced here:

“I committed to updating you as to our progress with the S278 works and SWW infrastructure works affecting Hayne Lane. These works are obviously impacting on residents’ ability to access Hayne Lane under the railway bridge.

I would clarify the following:

- We have completed four weeks of our 12-week programme
- Works are scheduled to be finished by 25th May 2018
- Despite the need for some additional works to culverts and headwalls, we anticipate completing the works on programme but unfortunately not in advance of the 12-week date. Whilst Hayne Lane remains closed we have facilitated access to the top section of the lane via Old Elm Road, to provide access to the Farm Shop only. Unfortunately, it will be necessary to close this temporary access again during the week commencing 16th April whilst the service company installs its mains. Following completion of their works we should be able to reopen the access to the Farm Shop.

There are some further works to be completed as part of the S278 Agreement that are not in Hayne Lane and these will be done via traffic lights with limited inconvenience to residents once the Hayne Lane works are complete.

In regards to the overall progress and timeline of the development:

- The first timber frames have begun to be constructed
- We anticipate our show home opening in early August
- The first completions are scheduled for October.”

The clerk agreed to write to thank Ian Baker, saying that the parish council welcomes the commitment to keeping access to Hayne Farm from Hayne Lane after the completion of this first set of works.

214/17 To consider limited residential development in the parish

The public meeting to raise awareness of the Community Land Trust (CLT) will take place on 3rd May. The clerk circulated the information leaflets Cllr Valentine had had produced. Cllr Hall encouraged members to bring along other interested parties.

215/17 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

There was no update on this.

216/17 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

Cllr Walker said there were 22 children living in Gittisham village, and having spoken to many of them, there was a desire to have bigger swings for teenage children, a slide and goal posts in the play area. Cllr Hall agreed to take responsibility for fundraising for these items, and said she would follow up Cllr Bond's suggestion to approach Cllr Twiss about his locality budget and Invest in Devon budget. The clerk agreed to ask Baker Estates if a donation could be made.

217/17 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Cllr Hall said she had spoken to Len Abbott regarding run-off from the orchard at Town Farm Buildings. When the play area inspection report arrives, the clerk will speak to him about some maintenance of the play area equipment. Cllr Pratt said he would speak to Mr Abbott about tackling weeds in the Vale.

The Chair left the meeting.

218/17 To approve the April payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0864	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0865	F J Clampin	£169.75	Clerk's salary & expenses
0866	Len Abbott	£25.50	Lengthsman work, Feb 2018
0867	Michael Poll	£60	Grass cutting, March 2018 ref. 458/18/1
0868	David Fallows	£15	Reimbursement for payment for website annual name registration
0869	David Fallows	£71.40	Reimbursement for payment for website annual domain hosting

The Chair returned to the meeting.

0870	Grant Thornton	£20	Balance of VAT outstanding on cheque 830 (minute ref. 63/17)
0871	David Valentine	£85	Reimbursement for public meeting information leaflet

Members were informed that half of the annual precept had been received, and the current bank balance stands at £21,288.41 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk said she would

Speak to Nat West, as new signatories are needed for the parish council bank account. She agreed also to speak to Angie Hutchings for advice about setting up BACS payments.

219/17 To consider any late entry correspondence

Cllr Pratt reported that the Parishes Together application with Honiton for a defibrillator in the Vale had been successful. This leaves £700 to raise. Members agreed the Chair could approach Ben Hulbert to examine the faulty light in the telephone box.

220/17 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

None.

221/17 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Vale defibrillator fundraising, S137 charitable donations, Hayne Lane, limited residential development, broadband, lengthsman work, play area and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

222/17 Clerk's Report

None.

223/17 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 9th May (annual parish meeting) and Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

Chairman.....

9th May 2018