

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5TH APRIL 2017**

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
Cllr E Underdown

In attendance: Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk), John Adamson (member of the public)

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Walker, Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

201/16 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

202/16 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2017

Members agreed amendments to the minutes: removing the declaration of interest for the Chair in item 184/16. It was agreed to summarise the nature of the business discussed in item 200/16. The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2017 were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

203/16 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No reported crimes since the last meeting.

204/16 To receive declarations of interest

None.

205/16 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Randall Johnson said there was the possibility of an additional £3.7m becoming available for Highways, depending on the outcome of a meeting on 12th April. Members noted that double yellow lines had been painted along part of Devonshire Road; they asked if DCC could consider painting these along the narrowest section of the road at its west end. Cllr Randall Johnson also told members about a report into dementia services, which she had been involved in. It has been looking at care provided in Honiton as an example of good practice. Cllr Bond reminded councillors of several public consultations currently out for consideration, including the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan and the East Devon Villages Plan. Due to boundary changes, Cllr Randall Johnson will not be representing the parish after the next election. The Chair thanked her for her many years of service for the parish.

Cllr Randall Johnson left the meeting.

206/16 To approve the April payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0795	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE (Month 12)
0796	F J Clampin	£166.00	Clerk's salary and expenses
0797	Nick Adams	£96.30	Annual inspection of play area
0798	DALC	£118.23	Annual subscription
0799	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (invoice ref.392/17/1)
0800	Len Abbott	£31.25	Lengthsman work
0801	Len Abbott	£87.50	Lengthsman work
0802	Len Abbott	£125.00	Lengthsman work

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £20,364.74 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk said half of the annual precept and council tax support grant had been received.

207/16 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 17/0428/FUL Unit F (Land Off Devonshire Road) Heathpark Industrial Estate Devonshire Road Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton - change of use of building from B1/B8 (light industry/storage) to D2 (health club and gymnasium) together with the insertion of a first floor and associated external alterations
- b) 16/2610/FUL Old Estate Yard Gittisham - retrospective change of use to convert existing builders / storage yard to staff parking area.
- c) 16/2609/FUL Old Estate Yard Lane To Catshayes Farm Gittisham EX14 3AE - construction of path and footbridge (retrospective application)

Members had no objections in principle. However, with respect to a), councillors asked if there would be sufficient parking for the customer base and sufficient sound insulation. Regarding c), the clerk agreed to forward observations from DCC's Flood & Coastal Risk Manager on the bridge construction to Homegrown Hotels and Combe Estate.

208/16 To consider the latest planning decision notices

- a) 16/0831/FUL Relocation of existing workshop/office/storage building and compound including formation of new vehicular access and extension to existing access drive. - Land At Rear Of 1 Hamlet Cottages Weston – approved.
- b) 16/1353/CPE Certificate of lawful use of the site as a nursery, inc. erection of polytunnels and storage of agricultural, horticultural and building materials along with ancillary sales to members of the public. Erection of office building associated with on site activities – granted.

209/16 To consider fundraising for a defibrillator in Gittisham village

John Adamson presented two options for the defibrillator on behalf of his wife Stella who could not attend the meeting. The clerk said she would speak to the headteacher at Feniton Primary, where they have successfully raised money for equipment and training in the use of a defibrillator. Cllr Wright from DCC had arranged for £500 from the council's locality budget to be put towards the costs in Gittisham. Members agreed to seek further advice and clarity from Stella Adamson as the two options presented quite different possibilities, and supported the decision to fundraise.

210/16 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine said he'd not heard yet from Justin Lascelles at Combe Estate regarding the options he would be presenting to trustees. He added that Devon Communities Together had passed the site appraisal to EDDC planners. He advised that a public meeting should be held later this year to discuss the formation of a Community Land Trust with members of the parish. Councillors agreed this should be a community-led project.

211/16 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said there was no update on this.

212/16 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The clerk said the annual inspection of the play area had been carried out at the end of March, and there were various recommendations which would need action. Members agreed to find a suitable date for a working day which would coincide with building the new item in the wild area. The clerk said she would contact the relevant equipment suppliers and get an idea of costs.

213/16 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

None.

214/16 To consider any late entry correspondence

Members heard that for progress to be made, the next step for installing faster broadband would be for Combe Estate, its tenant and BT to decide on a route for burying the cable. The clerk said she would ask the estate for an update, cc. Laurent Boon from BT.

215/16 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Cllr Bond agreed to check guidance regarding the height of structures requiring planning permission.

216/16 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include defibrillator, limited residential development, lengthsman work, play area and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

217/16 Clerk's Report

None.

218/16 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 3rd May (annual parish meeting) and Tuesday 13th June at 7.30pm.

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

Chairman.....

3rd May 2017