

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER 2017**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

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

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr R Pratt
Cllr D Valentine
Cllr E Underdown

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

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

Before the start of the meeting, Graham Hutton outlined the subsequent phases of the Hayne Lane development. This application has now been validated by EDDC, and is based on 40 per cent affordable housing. However, Mr Hutton said the tenure balance could change and Baker Estates (BE) is still in discussion with EDDC. There is the potential for a second application to be submitted. Cllr Valentine expressed some concern over a central part of the street scene and how it would appear on the site. Mr Hutton said roof pitches had been harmonised and the road through that part was wider to allow for a bus to pass. He hoped there would be the potential for a bus service in future for the development; Cllr Pratt added that some Vale residents had asked him if this was a possibility. Mr Hutton explained that as regards maintenance, a management company would be appointed by BE and all residents would contribute. The affordable properties will have their contribution capped.

Graham Hutton left the meeting.

125/17 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

126/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

127/17 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

No crimes reported. PCSO Phil Anning is moving to another job outside the police force. The clerk agreed to write him to say thank you for his years of service to the parish.

128/17 To receive declarations of interest

None.

129/17 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

In his absence, Cllr Twiss sent a report. The majority of his report focuses on broadband, which will be discussed under a separate item below.

DCC Health Scrutiny Standing Committee: Cllr Twiss said he would update members on the CCG's new model of care after the next DCC Health and scrutiny committee meeting later this month.

Old Elm Road gate: Cllr Twiss reported that he had purchased a combination lock for the gate. Members agreed it was important that DCC officers were aware this was their area of responsibility.

Cllr Bond said progress had been made on provision of a fortnightly green waste collection, and it is hoped that by May 2018 a paid-for green waste collection will be in service. She added that there had been some

successful fly-tipping prosecutions recently, and explained how easy it was to report this type of offence using the East Devon app if you have a smartphone.

130/17 To note the latest planning decision notices:

17/2530/TRE - 7 Honeysuckle Drive Honiton EX14 2YL – Oak; removal of branches overhanging the property back to previous approved lopping. **Refused.**

131/17 To consider the following planning applications:

a) 17/2690/MRES Land west of Hayne Lane Gittisham – Proposed erection of 240 no. residential dwellings and associated parking, garages, roads, drainage and landscape

Members had no objections. It was noted that Honiton Town Council has not supported this application.

132/17 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine said there was no update on this, although members noted he had spoken to Richard Marker.

133/17 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

Cllr Twiss said he had met DCC's portfolio holder for Economy, Skills and Training, which includes Superfast Broadband. He circulated an email which appeared to offer some hope of 'jam tomorrow'. Cllr Twiss added that many previously unconnected premises in Buckerell are now connected. However, members echoed Cllr Fallows severe disappointment at the lack of progress in Gittisham village and supported his decision to write to Cllr Twiss and the above-mentioned portfolio holder. The Chair described as unacceptable what he saw as a lack of accountability. He said it was unclear what the costs would be to residents if they were to be connected to high speed broadband, and it was therefore difficult to express a preference for one scheme over another on that basis. He questioned the justification for charging people, when other areas had their high speed broadband infrastructure funded from the public purse. The Chair added that the delay would only impact further on a limited season to carry out trenching, meaning opportunities could again be missed. Meanwhile, he said, professional, business and educational opportunities will be lost.

134/17 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt said there was no update on this.

135/17 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The clerk said Woodbury Parish Council had sent an email round earlier asking if any parishes would like to take a five-a-side football goal, which was surplus to requirements. Members said this should be followed up. However, since the meeting it has emerged the offer would cost several hundred pounds, so it has been refused.

136/17 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

None. Members noted that Len Abbott had carried out some work in the Vale.

137/17 To approve the December payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0842	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0843	F J Clampin	£179.80	Clerk's salary & expenses
0844	Len Abbott	£70.13	Lengthsman work in Nov 2017

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £19,712.84 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account). Following a presentation from the clerk, members noted that expenditure in 2017-18 is progressing according to budget. The clerk agreed to include maintenance and running costs for the defibrillator in next month's budget forecast.

138/17 To consider any late entry correspondence

The clerk said the new Vale noticeboard was now in production, and will be collected in the New Year. Members noted the energy saving network project from Devon Communities Together.

139/17 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The Old Elm Road gate lock is to be considered the responsibility of DCC.

140/17 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Hayne Lane, limited residential development, broadband, lengthsman work, play area, budget (including village hall) and precept for 2018-19 and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

141/17 Clerk’s Report

The clerk agreed to ask Pierre Graeber if he had any photos of the village telephone box before it was painted recently.

142/17 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 3rd January and Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045 hrs. The Chair wished all members a happy Christmas and thanked them for their work in 2017.

Chairman.....

3rd January 2018