

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016**

**Present:**

**Gittisham Village Ward**

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

**Gittisham Vale Ward**

Cllr D Valentine  
Cllr R Pratt  
Cllr E Underdown

**In attendance:** Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk), Ken Hopkins (member of the public), Matt Morgan (member of the public), Tom Ross (member of the public), Justin Lascelles (member of the public), Judith Taylor (member of the public)

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Claire Wright (DCC), Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), PC Clive Vickery, PCSO Phil Anning

Prior to the start of the meeting, Ken Hopkins exercised his right as parish resident to speak regarding work being done in the Old Estate Yard connected to The Pig to create an overflow staff car park. He raised concerns that any bridge constructed to link the area to Combe Drive could create flooding issues further down, close to his property. Mr Hopkins questioned whether the hotel had applied for planning permission in this regard. Justin Lascelles and Tom Ross said that their understanding was that neither activity needed planning consent. There were also concerns over the level of noise a car park could create at unsociable hours and traffic volumes on a narrow road. Tom Ross appealed to those present to allow some time for the various developments to 'work through'. The Chair asked him to keep residents informed, and obtain reassurance from EDDC, in writing, that in their view there was no material change of use for the yard and hence no planning permission needed. Members felt that a bridge would need the appropriate planning permission and advice from the Environment Agency.

All members of the public left the meeting.

**35/16 To accept and approve apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted.

**36/16 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**37/16 To receive the Beat Manager's Report**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, the police confirmed the following incidents:

- 1) 10th April – dog not under control attacked another dog
- 2) 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April – outbuilding broken into and property stolen
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Vale) – common assault; domestic incident between partners

**38/16 To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in item 6 (minute ref 40/16), as he is due to be reimbursed by the council.

**39/16 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives**

Cllr Bond said that the Heart of the South West devolution bid is continuing, but it is unknown what effect Brexit will have on the process.

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

**40/16 To approve the July payments and to note the current bank balance**

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0746	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE (Month 3)
0747	F J Clampin	£164.76	Clerk's salary and expenses
0748	Len Abbott	£24.14	Lengthsman expenses in June 2016
0749	Len Abbott	£250	Lengthsman work in June 2016
0750	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (invoice ref. 354/16/7)
0751	B G Hayman	£65.52	Wheelbarrow & shovel for lengthsman (to be taken from PT grant)
0752	Russell Hayman	£340	Strimmer for lengthsman (to be taken from PT grant)

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £16,579.63 (which includes the £4,000 in the business reserve account). The clerk said a tax rebate had been received from HMRC, totalling £1,441.68, and agreed to check for whom this was destined.

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

**41/16 To consider the following planning applications:**

- a) 16/1348/LBC Meriden House, Nags Head Road, Gittisham EX14 3AW - Removal of render, repointing of revealed stonework and replacement of asbestos roofing with natural slate
- b) 16/1099/FUL Land at the West End of Devonshire Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton - Construction of single storey industrial building (Unit A) for use classes B1, B2 and B8; alterations to car park layout, internal access and omission of Unit E as approved under application 07/3056/FUL.

Members had no objections. However, it was agreed the clerk would respond in relation to b) highlighting parking concerns and lack of pavement on Devonshire Road.

**42/16 To consider limited residential development in the parish**

Cllr Valentine told members a draft report from analysis of the housing need survey showed there was an affordable housing need within the parish for six affordable homes. Cllr Valentine said the need for housing situated within the village was clear. The clerk agreed to circulate the report, and members were invited to make any suggestions to the draft.

**43/16 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Pratt said there was no update on this.

**44/16 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections**

Cllr Hayman reported that £109.05 had been raised from the Gittisham memories weekend, and this will be put towards the play area. He said he had met Hamish Hall and Bill Griffiths to discuss the development of the wild area. There is a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July, and a new date for the working party will be decided.

**45/16 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish**

Members resolved to purchase a strimmer for the lengthsman's work with the Parishes Together money, and the Chair said he would investigate whether any training was required to use it. A discussion followed about possible work to be carried out in the Vale. Cllr Hayman recommended waiting to see what DCC would do as regards hedge-cutting. The clerk agreed to report back at the next month's meeting with how much had been spent so far in relation to the budget for the lengthsman.

Cllr Trumper left the meeting.

**46/16 To consider any late entry correspondence**

None.

**47/16 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC**

None.

**48/16 Matters for the forward agenda**

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

**49/16 Clerk's Report**

None.

**50/16 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 3rd August and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2035 hrs.

**Chairman.....**

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016