

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

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

Cllr D Fallows (chairman)

Cllr M Walker

Cllr R Hayman

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine

Cllr R Pratt

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

Apologies for absence: Cllr S Trumper, Cllr E Underdown, PCSO Phil Anning

58/17 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

59/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

60/17 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

The police did not send a report this month.

61/17 To receive declarations of interest

None.

62/17 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Cllr Twiss said he was seeking clarification from the DCC Highways Officer with regard to revised planned road repairs in this current financial year 2016/17 across the Feniton and Honiton Division. He said he was encouraged that some patching projects appeared to have been brought forward.

As regards the missing finger post to the village on the Sidmouth road, the DCC Highways Officer had told Cllr Twiss that this would be replaced once a colleague returned from leave. The damaged bridge in the centre of the village does not seem unstable according to DCC Highways, so Cllr Twiss has been informed it is unlikely to be a priority.

Cllr Twiss assured members that he would be following up the situation as regards broadband provision. Cllr Valentine said the service had deteriorated in recent weeks for no obvious reason. Cllr Twiss advised residents to report this to their individual Internet Service Provider, as they may be able to 'turn up the gain' and improve speed.

Cllr Twiss said he would be attending an event at the Beehive in Honiton on 7th September, being run by Action in East Devon with the theme 'New Models of Care', to see if there is anything relevant and useful that might work in Gittisham and other local communities.

Cllr Bond said beds at Honiton Hospital had closed at the end of August. Regarding the garden waste collection, EDDC is looking into providing an additional, paid-for service at the start of next year's growing season. A contractor will be selected. Cllr Bond said the new recycling arrangements appeared to be working well, with EDDC now in the top 20 councils in the country for recycling. If there are any problems however, residents can telephone 01395 571515.

Cllr Bond added that the nursery application off the link road had been approved the day before at Development Management Committee.

63/17 To approve the September payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0827	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE (Month 5)
0828	F J Clampin	£170.01	Clerk's salary and expenses
0829	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (inv. ref. 435/17/7)
0830	Grant Thornton LLP	£100	External audit
0831	Gittisham PCC	£44.25	Gazette printing costs
0832	Len Abbott	£216.75	Lengthsman work in August 2017
0833	Len Abbott	£6.23	Lengthsman expenses in August 2017

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £18,530.66 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account).

64/17 To note the latest planning decision notices

- a) 17/1654/FUL 2 Drillers Cottages Gittisham EX14 3AQ Conversion of outbuilding. – **Approved with conditions.**
- b) 17/1441/LBC 2 Drillers Cottages Gittisham EX14 3AQ Internal alterations and insertion of rooflight and vent on north elevation of main cottage and conversion of outbuilding. **Approved with conditions.**
- c) 17/1605/FUL Kings Cottage Gittisham EX14 3AS Construction of two storey rear extension and alterations to landscaping. **Withdrawn.**
- d) 17/1606/LBC Kings Cottage Gittisham EX14 3AS Construction of two storey rear extension including alterations to existing building to form internal connection. **Withdrawn.**
- e) 17/0942/MRES Land West Of Hayne Lane Gittisham - Reserved matters application in respect of matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of 85 no. residential dwellings and associated garages, infrastructure and landscaping together with discharge of condition 4 (Construction Management Plan) all in association with outline permission 13/2744/MOUT. **Approved with conditions.**

65/17 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

There was no update. Cllr Twiss agreed to find out the outcomes of meetings due to take place this month which could affect the parish.

66/17 To consider the condition of the emergency gate on Old Elm Road

Cllr Pratt explained that the padlock on the gate had corroded, as had the hasp. Cllr Twiss said he would try to find out who has responsibility for this gate. He also agreed to ask the fire brigade to see if they could carry out an exercise to show that the gate could be opened in an emergency. Additionally, Cllr Pratt thanked Cllr Twiss for writing a letter to the Midweek Herald, explaining why Old Elm Road should remain closed at the Hayne Lane end.

67/17 To consider replacing the parish council noticeboard in Gittisham Vale

Members heard that it is doubtful that the current noticeboard will survive, were it to be attached to the rebuilt wall. Members agreed the clerk should investigate purchasing a replacement. Cllr Pratt agreed to measure the board and send details to the clerk.

68/17 To receive an update on the housing development west of Hayne Lane

Members noted Cllr Valentine's report, which is attached to these minutes.

69/17 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine agreed to bring more information to the next meeting.

70/17 To consider fund-raising for a defibrillator in Gittisham village

Stella Adamson told members the defibrillator was due to arrive w/c 11th September. Cllr Fallows recommended a local electrician to install it. The defibrillator will be locked, and when a person dials 999 they will be given a code to unlock the equipment. It will need to be tested on a regular basis as per the

instructions. The clerk said she would ask Len Abbott if he could give the telephone box a clean inside before the defibrillator arrives. Mrs Adamson said there were currently eight people signed up to the first aid / CPR event in the village hall on 9th September. This will be followed at a later date with a familiarisation evening for the defibrillator, provided by the Community Heart Trust. Cllr Valentine agreed to let The Pig hotel know about the defibrillator.

71/17 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt reported that the steering group had identified some additional funding that could allow them to make progress with the plan. A report to Honiton Town Council will be presented in due course.

72/17 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

Cllr Walker agreed to ask Len Abbott if he could remove the molehills. The Chair said he would remove weeds from the petanque court, and Cllr Hayman agreed to look at the shackle on the bird's nest swing.

73/17 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Cllr Pratt said that he, Len Abbott and one volunteer had removed the weeds and tidied up kerbs in the Vale. Cllr Walker noted that potholes on Church Mead had been filled by DCC.

74/17 To consider the use of the parish room for council meetings from 2018 onwards

Members resolved to approve the change of location for parish council meetings to the parish room in the village. This follows a request from the Folk Dance group to book the hall on the first Wednesday of every month from January 2018. Cllr Hayman said that if the council expected large numbers of people to turn up for a particular meeting, an alternative venue could be found for that occasion.

75/17 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

76/17 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Members noted the parish road warden scheme. The Chair raised the state of Parsonage Lane; Cllr Twiss said repairs on this road are in the Highways programme, but he could not give an imminent date. The clerk agreed to let Cllr Twiss know about the location of the missing barrier on the Honiton link road. Cllr Twiss also noted that the Welcome to Gittisham sign at the east end of the village had been partially removed.

77/17 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include broadband, defibrillator, Old Elm Road gate, Vale noticeboard, limited residential development, lengthsman work, play area and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

78/17 Clerk's Report

None.

79/17 Date of next two meetings. Monday 2nd October and Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2050 hrs.

Chairman.....

2nd October 2017