

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2016**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward
Cllr D Fallows (Chair)

Gittisham Vale Ward
Cllr D Valentine
Cllr R Pratt

In attendance: Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (DCC), Ms Fiona Clampin (clerk), Ken Hopkins (member of the public)

Apologies for absence: Cllr R Hayman (Vice Chair), Cllr S Trumper, Cllr M Walker, Cllr E Underdown, Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), Cllr Claire Wright (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 the application for staff parking and a footbridge on the road to Catshayes. Mr Hopkins said he was concerned over whose responsibility it was for keeping the bridge and stream clear, especially in the light of recent heavy rain. He produced a piece of the bridge which had floated away. Cllr Randall Johnson said the responsibility lay with the riparian landowner. It was agreed to ask Cllr Bond to follow closely the progress of these two planning applications, and find out if they will be decided under delegated powers or if they will go before committee.

Ken Hopkins left the meeting.

121/16 To accept and approve apologies
Apologies were received and accepted.

122/16 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2016
The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

123/16 To receive the Beat Manager's Report
1) 21/11/16 Theft scrap metal and car batteries stolen / CCTV cameras damaged.

124/16 To receive declarations of interest
None.

125/16 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives
Cllr Randall Johnson said they had not yet heard what the county council's grant from central Government would be. DCC's draft budget has been published. As regards the A30 between Honiton and Devonshire Inn, councillors are being recommended to put the so-called "orange route" to the Secretary of State as the preferred option for a £180 million improvement scheme for the road. She also directed members to a community website called Pinpoint, where you can find out about events in your area.

In her absence, Cllr Bond sent the following report: the DMC meeting on 6th Dec refused the application by PegasusLife for 113 'extra care' apartments on the Knowle site, which will probably now mean a delay in EDDC's HQ moving to Honiton. The applicant is expected to either go to appeal or put in a revised application.

Cllr Randall Johnson left the meeting.

126/16 To approve the December payments and to note the current bank balance
It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0775	HMRC	£40.95	PAYE (Month 8)
0776	F J Clampin	£174.80	Clerk's salary and expenses
0777	Len Abbott	£87.50	Nov lengthsman work (7 hours)
0778	M Poll	£60	Grass cutting, (invoice ref. 382/16/12)
0779	Archer Safety Signs	£95.34	2 x anti-dog fouling signs

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £18,391.73 (which includes the £4,000 in the business reserve account).

127/16 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 16/2610/FUL Old Estate Yard Gittisham EX14 3AE - retrospective change of use to convert existing builders' storage yard to staff parking area
- b) 16/2609/FUL Old Estate Yard Lane To Cathayes Farm Gittisham EX14 3AE Construction of path and footbridge (retrospective application)

Members had no objection in principle to these applications. However, they said they would like to be assured that the Environment Agency and DCC Highways are content with this application. Also, that the concerns of local residents over increased usage of the lane and associated disturbance have been noted.

128/16 To note the latest planning decision notices

Cllr Pratt informed members that the following application had been approved:

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.

Cllr Pratt added that there was some discussion of erecting no parking notices along Devonshire Road.

129/16 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine said the meeting on 17th Nov with the Wessex Community Land Trust (CLT) had gone well. He promised to present a report on the next steps at a future parish council meeting, including a proposal to create a CLT to take the project further. The site appraisal on 22nd Nov with EDDC, Combe Estate and Devon Communities Together had favoured one site out of four possible.

130/16 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

No further updates.

131/16 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

The clerk said she had ordered two signs which will be installed shortly to deter people from bringing dogs into the play area.

132/16 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

The clerk said she was obtaining quotes for public liability insurance from several different sources and would report back.

133/16 To consider any late entry correspondence

Cllr Pratt encouraged members to respond to the consultation on community composting. The proposals could threaten the future of community composting groups such as Otter Rotters, he said, which would see a 50 per cent reduction in garden waste credits.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/community-composting-credits/>

Members noted that a public meeting would be held in January to discuss public Rights of Way, following a presentation given before this month's meeting by DCC's RoW officer.

134/16 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

Planning for Cllr Bond as per item 127/16 above.

135/16 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include footpaths, set the 2017-18 budget, limited residential development, lengthsman work, play area and Honiton Neighbourhood Plan on the next agenda.

136/16 Clerk's Report

None.

137/16 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 4th January and Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Chairman.....

4th January 2017