

**GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2018**

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

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

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr R Pratt
Cllr E Underdown
Cllr D Valentine

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

Apologies for absence: PCSO Darren England

Before the start of the meeting, members noted John Adamson's comments that the defibrillator door had been left open. Mr Adamson will be contacting the Community Heartbeat Trust. Ian Baker and Tom Biddle of Baker Estates outlined the amendments in the latest planning application for the Hayne Lane development. Members were aware that EDDC had approved the proposed reduction in the number of affordable homes from 120 to 90 at the Development Management Committee meeting on 6th March. This reduces the affordable housing provision from 40 per cent to 31. Members expressed great disappointment in this decision, but Mr Baker defended the proposal and said that there would be 20-30 additional homes available through a shared ownership scheme that fell outside the S106 agreement. Cllr Hall expressed reservations about the drainage system currently proposed, and said that sediment would build up on a regular basis. Mr Baker said the drainage strategy was based on reliable information from a credible source, but the Chair warned that formulae and technical data did not tell the whole story and should be combined with local knowledge and experience. Cllr Pratt asked if there would be pedestrian access under the railway bridge for the road closures over the next three months; Mr Baker said he thought it unlikely for reasons of safety, but would check and confirm by email. Mr Biddle said the parking issue reported last month on site had been resolved. Members noted Cllr Pratt's comments that the padlock was still on the gate at the bottom of Old Elm Road; Cllr Twiss said he would ask Mike Brown about this.

Ian Baker and Tom Biddle left the meeting.

186/17 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

187/17 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

188/17 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

13/02/18 - 07/03/18 – 1 Crime, Gittisham Vale; common assault reported following incident between partners.

189/17 To receive declarations of interest

None.

190/17 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Broadband

Cllr Twiss said he had met Matt Barrow of Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) on 6th March to discuss lack of Superfast Broadband in the Feniton & Honiton County Division (and other places in East Devon), with a focus on lack of progress in Gittisham.

Matt and Lynsey Lawrence (Funding and Research Project Officer for EDDC) will meet on 9th March to look at a public sector funding bid to the 'local Full Fibre Network', in partnership with EHOD (Exeter and Heart of Devon Councils), where councillors have been asked to identify three towns or settlements in rural East Devon with low broadband coverage, who would benefit from being funded, and Cllr Twiss said the first on his list was Gittisham.

In addition Cllr Twiss said he had told Mr Barrow that he is prepared to allocate a sizeable chunk of his £10k invest in Devon funding allocation to help extend the Gigaclear 'Farway packet' Superfast rollout down the hill from Rectory/Coign in to the village. He added that he is still waiting to hear about possible 'gainshare' funds that could be used in Gittisham.

Devon Highways

Despite the challenges thrown up by winter weather in the last week DCC Highways maintained a good service in the majority of Devon and the situation is now back to normal, with salt/grit supplies still held in reserve. The Chair asked that Cllr Twiss pass on thanks to Highways from the parish regarding their response in the recent snow, and he also thanked Cllr Hayman for clearing snow. Cllr Twiss said it was unlikely that Beech Walk would be resurfaced before the end of the financial year.

Healthcare

Acute care services at the RD&E continue to cope well said Cllr Twiss, particularly compared with Derriford and Treliske hospitals, both of which have different challenges and demographics. Our local Honiton hospital minor injuries unit maintains low wait and treatment times.

Cllr Bond said the increase in council tax for 2018-19 stands at 5.27 per cent across all authorities. She said she would let the parish council know when the Community Building Fund would be available in the new financial year, which allows authorities to bid for up to £5,000.

Cllr Bond told members about a public consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, which runs until 10th May. Cllr Twiss advised members to comment, as a 'no comment' could lead to assumptions being made. Cllr Bond agreed to investigate.

Cllr Twiss left the meeting.

191/17 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 18/0262/LBC Bakery Cottage Gittisham EX14 3AF - Block up existing door from kitchen into shower room and remove existing partition wall in shower room
- b) 18/0454/MRES Land West of Hayne Lane Gittisham - Proposed construction of x291 dwellings and associated parking, garages, roads, drainage and landscaping (approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 13/2744/MOUT), amended proposal to reduce total number of units from 300 to 291

Councillors had no objections to the above applications, but asked for the disappointment over b) to be noted. Cllr Bond asked if it would be possible for any money from the Hayne Lane development to be allocated to the emerging Community Land Trust. Cllr Valentine said he would be meeting CLT advisers the following week, and would ask the question.

192/17 To note the latest planning decision notices

18/0140/FUL - Construction of cover to yard area to create a dry area and enable storage for equipment - The Forge Gittisham EX14 3AR – approval with conditions. Cllr Pratt asked Cllr Bond to check the history of the application at Heathpark by the fitness centre.

193/17 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

See Cllr Twiss's report above (190/17). The Chair thanked Cllr Hall for her work collating responses from village residents on broadband, which the clerk agreed to forward to Cllr Twiss.

194/17 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine said the public meeting scheduled for 15th March to raise awareness of the Community Land Trust (CLT) had been rescheduled to 3rd May. There will be presentations from Wessex CLT. Members approved his request to spend approximately £80 on printing 300+ information leaflets, which will be circulated with the April gazette.

195/17 To consider the Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pratt reported there had been a meeting on 31st January, the minutes of which are on the Honiton Town Council website. An awareness-raising campaign is on the cards, he said.

196/17 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including regular safety inspections

Cllr Hall reported that Hamish Hall was still amenable to building a structure with Bill Griffiths, but had asked if it still suited the needs of village residents or should alternative proposals be put forward. Members discussed the situation, and the Chair asked for comments to be sent to him.

197/17 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

The Chair said he had asked Len Abbott to look at molehills in the play area, and on behalf of the parish council thanked him for his work during the snow. Cllr Hall agreed to speak to Mr Abbott regarding run-off from the orchard at Town Farm Buildings.

198/17 To approve the March payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0861	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0862	F J Clampin	£165.85	Clerk’s salary
0863	Len Abbott	£44.63	Lengthsman work, Jan 2018

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £17,694.72 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account).

199/17 To consider any late entry correspondence

The Chair said a report for Gittisham parish for the Definitive Map Review would be made at the Public Rights of Way committee meeting on 15th March. The reports include the investigation of evidence in connection with the claim for Proposals 1 in Buckerell and part of Gittisham parish, and Proposal 2 in Gittisham, which the parish council was consulted on in 2017. Members expressed concern over Proposal 1, which if approved would create a new footpath over farmland between the old A30 and Buckerell. The clerk agreed to pass their comments to the RoW officer. The Chair agreed to check grit bin stocks in Curlditch. Members thanked Cllr Underdown for his many years of dedication and service to the parish council.

200/17 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

The clerk agreed to contact Cllr Twiss regarding the missing Gittisham fingerpost off the Sidmouth Road.

201/17 Matters for the forward agenda

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

202/17 Clerk’s Report

None.

203/17 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 4th April and Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

Chairman..... 4th April 2018