

GITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 7th November 2018
in the Parish Room, Gittisham

Present:

Gittisham Village Ward

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

Gittisham Vale Ward

Cllr D Valentine
Cllr R Pratt
Cllr A Wilkins

In attendance: Cllr Susie Bond (EDDC), three members of the public, Fiona Clampin (clerk)

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

Before the start of the meeting, architect & historic buildings consultant Kim Sankey and owner Charles Vyner Brooks outlined the draft plans for the Old Bakery in the village (circulated to members). The building has had planning permission to convert to a house since 2006, and the owner intends to create a holiday let. Ms Sankey and Mr Vyner Brooks said they had discussed the application with the district council, and believed they had a scheme which is sensitive to the surroundings. It is proposed to demolish the lean-to and replace it with something more sympathetic. They explained they had spoken to the owners of the neighbouring property about their proposals. There is no intended passage for vehicles round the back of the building. Councillors thanked them for attending, and said they would await the formal planning application.

Kim Sankey, Charles Vyner Brooks and Miranda Martineau left the meeting.

109/18 To accept and approve apologies

Apologies were received and accepted.

110/18 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

111/18 To receive the Beat Manager's Report

- 1) One burglary, Gittisham Vale in September.

112/18 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hayman declared an interest in minute ref 122/18 as he is a tenant of the landowner.

113/18 Reports from County Council and District Council representatives

Healthcare

In his absence, Cllr Twiss sent the following report: as the DCC-appointed Governor on the RD&E NHS Hospital Trust, the board will be considering on 9th November the recent detail of the long term (10-year plan) which will have significant impact right across the health and care sector affecting people of all ages.

The plan will have a strong emphasis on getting to a place of financial stability and demonstrating that the large scale funding recently announced by the Government will lead to improvements in NHS performance. In clinical care treatment there will be a focus on the following priorities:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular and respiratory
- Learning disability and Autism
- Mental Health, particularly Dementia

In terms of the RD&E, Cllr Twiss explained that there are a number of areas that governors will need to consider, not least improved performance against defined targets, further efficiency savings or increased productivity, local care systems (including Healthcare hubs) that would provide a more seamless and joined up services. An example of this is working in Honiton is that cancer charity FORCE are now providing chemotherapy treatments at Honiton Hospital, rather than the trek in to Exeter, struggling to get transport or car parking space, treatment and then back to home, adding to the stress of treatment.

Other news

Cllr Twiss reported that the devil is inevitably in the detail of the recent budget where numbers quoted are significant, but to put into context the £200m nationally to improve rural broadband connectivity sounds a lot, but considering £90m was spent on the Connecting Devon & Somerset phase one, our share is going to have to stretch a long way to speed up delivery in communities like Gittisham.

Cllr Twiss said he was naturally keen to see how much of the extra £420m potholes and road damage actually filters down to the Feniton & Honiton County Division, as while things are improving, a lot more needs doing.

Having recently been out with social workers to see clients in their Homes and visited care Homes and Mill Water School, (now at Bicton), Cllr Twiss said the extra £410m is desperately needed and again it will be see how much filters down to Devon.

- An additional £240 million in 2018/19 and £240 million in 2019/20 for adult social care. The Budget provides a further £410 million in 2019/20 for adults and children's social care.
- £420 million for local authorities to tackle potholes, repair damaged roads and invest in keeping bridges open and safe.
- A £675 million Future High Streets Fund.
- A £84 million fund spread over five years for up to 20 local authorities to help more children to stay at home safely with their families.

Cllr Bond said EDDC would be charging £2 for people wishing to park all day in its car parks between 1st November 2018 and 31st March 2019. She told councillors it might be worth reviewing the decision not to do a Neighbourhood Plan, given the quantity of development proposed in East Devon. Members agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

114/18 To consider the following planning applications:

- a) 18/2308/COU - Catshayes Farm Gittisham EX14 3AE – Change of use from C3a – Dwelling to Sui Generis: large House of Multiple Occupancy, creation of new WC within current bathroom area, removal of ensuite to Bedroom 5 including external uPVC foul waste pipes, insertion of internal door opening to Bedroom 1, refurbishment of kitchen and bathroom areas
- b) 18/2308/LBC - Catshayes Farm Gittisham EX14 3AE – as above.

Members agreed to have no objection in principle to neither a) nor b), providing it meets with the approval of the conservation officer (LBC). However, they requested further information on the purpose of the change of use.

115/18 To note the latest planning decision notices

- 18/1161/COU - Meriden House Nags Head Road Gittisham Honiton EX14 3AW - Subdivision of existing dwelling to create two dwellings. **Approval.**
- 18/0919/LBC - Meriden House Nags Head Road Gittisham Honiton EX14 3AW - replace 3no. windows on west elevation. Various internal works to create holiday accommodation to include: insulate walls at ground and first floor; construct partition walls to create shower room; install 1no. vent in east elevation at first floor and 1no. vent in south elevation; construct timber floating floor at ground floor; re-instate ceilings and insulate roof slope. **Approval.**

116/18 To consider the provision of superfast broadband for Gittisham village

Cllr Twiss said he had requested a meeting with Phil Roberts from Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) in the coming days to check the status of the rollout review with Gigaclear and when a revised timetable for delivery will be released. The Chair reported that he had sent a letter to Cllr Twiss (cc Neil Parrish MP, Leader of DCC John Hart and Phil Roberts, CDS) regarding the continuing lack of progress in the provision of high speed broadband. Cllr Bond said she would pursue Voneus. Cllr Hall said she had written a piece for the Gittisham Gazette, encouraging residents to fill in the online survey from CDS.

117/18 To consider measures to reduce traffic speeds in Gittisham village

Cllr Wilkins said DCC had now replied to his request, and would be carrying out a study of collision details and collecting speed data before the end of the financial year. The Chair thanked him for helping to arrange the new bus stop at the end of Old Elm Road, for the Honiton town service and occasional no.9.

118/18 To consider fundraising for a defibrillator in Gittisham Vale

Cllr Pratt explained that the fundraising had now reached its target. Members approved the purchase of a defibrillator (£2,020) and £155 for the cost of installation by an electrician. Cllr Pratt said Stella Adamson would be running another CPR awareness training day on 24th November. Members approved the £60 room hire for the Heathfield Inn. Cllr Wilkins agreed to investigate before the next meeting whether there was any kind of standard text which could help draw up a formal agreement for both the defibrillator and parish council noticeboard to be attached to the wall of his property. This is to avoid any future question marks, should he and his wife no longer be living there.

119/18 To receive an update on the Hayne Lane development

The Chair reported there appeared to be problems with storm water drainage on the Hayne Lane exit to the site. He said in heavy rainfall water had been observed draining from the site onto the road surface, and if freezing temperatures followed this could have serious icing effects. He agreed to speak to Baker Estates about the matter. Cllr Pratt said Mr Sellick had agreed to include the Hayne Lane development in his delivery, and would not charge any extra fee up to a limit of 20 additional homes.

120/18 To consider limited residential development in the parish

Cllr Valentine reported that a Community Land Trust (CLT) for Gittisham had had now been set up. The community benefit society has been established and properly incorporated. Members heard that a public meeting would be held on 13th December to encourage the public to become actively involved and find out more. This includes purchasing shares, with a minimum of £1 / share, which would help fund administration costs for the next 12 months. Cllr Valentine added that discussions were ongoing with Combe Estate and EDDC.

121/18 To consider an event in the parish to mark the centenary of the end of WWI

Cllr Walker said there had been considerable interest in this event, which takes place on Sunday 11th November. Members approved £150 for Cllr Hall to cover the costs of food, refreshments, a songbook and other sundry items.

Cllr Hayman left the meeting.

122/18 To consider an appeal by The Ramblers in respect of a claimed footpath from GR SY1466 9941 to GR SY1401 9844

Councillors heard that The Ramblers had appealed against DCC's decision not to permit a footpath between Hayne Lane and Goldcombe Farm. There was no change to the parish council's previous position (cf minute ref 199/17).

Cllr Hayman returned to the meeting.

123/18 To consider expenditure under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Councillors heard that the parish council had received £2,100.93 from CIL. Cllr Bond agreed to investigate which development would have produced this. The clerk advised that these funds should be used for the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. Members agreed that this

could be used for village hall infrastructure. It was resolved that the parish council would arrange any purchase or payment, as it can claim back VAT which the village hall cannot, as it is not a registered charity.

124/18 To consider progress on the modernisation of the play area, including fundraising and regular safety inspections

Cllr Hall said the spinner needed a new bearing to make it work again; members approved the payment of approximately £500. She expressed delight that around eight fruit trees had now been planted in the wild area. She explained that a painted stone would record the different varieties, rather than a sign on each tree. Members heard that the spare picnic benches which had been destined for the play area were in poor condition and beyond repair.

125/18 To consider work to be carried out by the lengthsman to maintain drains and ditches in the parish

Councillors considered the work done by the lengthsman over the last three years, which is discussed as a regular standing item each month. The council expressed great appreciation of the efforts taken. They were particularly appreciative of the major improvement in the visual appearance of the village and parish, and also of the way that the all of the watercourses have been kept free-flowing and thus contributed to flood protection. It was noted that some watercourses have been inaccessible to the lengthsman because they run within residential boundaries. The PC took the view that if residents are unwilling for the lengthsman to clear a gully, then they should take on the responsibility for clearance, as was the historical position.

126/18 To approve the November payments and to note the current bank balance

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

0910	HMRC	£41.46	PAYE
0911	F J Clampin	£165.06	Clerk's salary & expenses
0912	F J Clampin	£1,154.76	tax rebate
0913	Michael Poll	£60	Grass cutting, ref. 521/18/10
0914	Len Abbott	£70.13	Lengthsman work, Sept 2018
0915	Len Abbott	£127.50	Lengthsman work, Oct 2018
0916	Carol Hall	£150	Remembrance Sunday event costs
0917	Community Heartbeat Trust	£2,020	Defibrillator
0918	Heathfield Inn	£60	Hire for CPR training day 24.11.18
0919	Electrician	£155	Defibrillator installation
DD	NEST	£11.19	Clerk's pension

Members were informed that the current bank balance stands at £23,000.44 (which includes the £7,000 in the business reserve account).

127/18 To update the existing bank mandate

It was resolved that the authorized signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2 of the bank document, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended.

128/18 To consider any late entry correspondence

None.

129/18 Matters to be reported to DCC / EDDC

None.

130/18 Matters for the forward agenda

It was agreed to include Neighbourhood Plan, village hall capital works, Vale defibrillator, Hayne Lane, limited residential development, broadband, lengthsman work, speed limits for Gittisham village and play area on the next agenda.

131/18 Clerk's Report

None.

132/18 Date of next two meetings. Wednesday 5th December 2018 and Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the parish room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2125 hrs.

Chairman.....

5th December 2018