**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 5th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.**

**Present: Chairman - Cllr John Manser**

 **Councillors -** **Cllr. D. Baker**

 **Cllr A. Marks**

 **Cllr. A. Williamson**

 **Cllr Geoff Bowen**

 **Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Newbery**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Bloxham, Cllr Randall-Johnson, Cllr. Howe, Cllr. Dearsley
 Cllr Bragg**

**2. Approval of Minutes** – Unanimous approval.

**3. Declaration of Interest –** None

**4. Open Forum –** no members of public present

**5. County Councillor Report –** no County Councillor present

 **District Councillor’s Report –** Not present.

**6. Correspondence: Clerk to Report:**

* Letter received from Alison Smith of Devon County Council re Footpath No. 10

Clyst St George. This has been put on the noticeboards and our website.

**7**. **Police Report -** The Clerk reported there were no updates on the site.

 **8. Finance -** The Clerk reported that the payments agreed at last month’s meeting had been made. The bank account is in credit by £4803.29. An account from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance had been received in the sum of £683.70. The Clerk requested a vote on the payment of the account from Countryside Grounds Maintenance, and on the bank statement already distributed.

 **Unanimous vote on both payment of account and financial account.**

 **9. Highways/Traffic Report**

 Cllr. Mansell reported that the Sub Committee would look for two counters, one at Kenniford Farm Lane, and one on top of Ebford Lane to check on number of cars and speeding, to ascertain if increase in traffic in rush hour particularly on Ebford Lane and then see what Highways can do. Cllr Manser confirmed he had emailed the firm that had done work for Cranbrook to cover two positions, at a quote of £500 plus VAT. He called for a vote to cover the speed and numbers at the quote provided. Cllr Marks enquired whether the cost will be covered by our budget. Cllr Manser replied it will do primarily. Cllr Williamson enquired whether it was for twenty four hours a day, seven days a week cover. Cllr Manser confirmed it was.

 **Unanimous vote for both positions to be covered.**

 **10. Notification of Premises Licences Variation discussion carried forward from last meeting.**

Cllr Marks enquired whether the proposal was for earlier opening and later closing and if so, he considered 1am to be too late for available transport – he considered 12 midnight may be acceptable. Taxis were not so available after midnight, especially on a Sunday. Cllr Manser confirmed he had spoken to Cllr Howe who indicated that Darts had had problems selling alcohol with the present hours if an exhibition was held. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council could voice concern at the Sunday hours. It was noted that the proposed application was not applying to the Christmas Season but permanent.

 **Unanimous Vote that Cllr Manser would relay the Parish Council concerns to the Licensing Authority.**

 **11. PLANNING**

 **17/3002/MOUT Dart Business Part Road Past Darts Farm, Clyst St George**

Cllr Manser reported that he had received agreement from the majority of Councillors for the following comments :-
**17/3002/MOUT**

Clyst St George Parish Neighbourhood Plan referendum result has confirmed our Plan, judging this application against the plan we wish to emphasise that

We wish the D.M.C to take the following polices into account when determining this application.

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| **Policy No. CSG4**  | **Areas of Ecological Significance**  |
| **Areas of ecological significance should be protected from the impact of development.** **Development proposals that adversely affect areas of ecological significance will be resisted.** **Policy No. CSG6 Protection of Trees and Woodlands****Development proposals should avoid the loss of or damage to trees, woodland or hedgerows that contribute positively to the character, biodiversity and amenity of the area. Development proposals which could result in loss or damage to aged or veteran trees will not be supported. Where it is unavoidable, development proposals must provide for appropriate replacement planting on the site, together or as close as possible to it together with a method statement for the ongoing care and maintenance of that planting. Such replacement planting should be in the ratio of three trees for the loss of a large tree, two for a medium sized tree and one for a small tree.****New development within the proximity of existing mature trees will be expected to have an arboricultural method statement in place before any development commences. This will detail tree protection strategies to be employed during construction.****The areas of woodland delineated on Map 7 are regarded as important natural features. Any development proposals that would result in the loss, damage or deterioration of these areas will be resisted.**  |

The area of woodland on this site is on Map 7 and has an ecological value and should be enhanced as set out in the ecology survey.

**Policy No. CSG5 Development Outside the Settlement Areas**

**Development proposals on land outside the confines of the settlement areas will usually be supported if they are necessary for the purposes of agriculture, or farm diversification or outdoor recreation, without harming the countryside. Such development proposals should make a positive contribution to the preservation of the countryside and its biodiversity and enhancing its setting, or its responsible use and enjoyment by the public.**

**Development proposals will not be supported that result in the net loss of:**

**i. publicly accessible open space, footpaths or bridleways;**

**ii. Important views;**

**iii. Landscape features;**

**iv. Biodiversity features;**

**v. higher grade agricultural land; or**

**vi. Damage to the essential character of the area.**

The report from EDDC’s Landscape Architect highlights that views of this site from across the Clyst would be adversely affected
and makes recommendations that the Parish Council supports.
We have seen no evidence that the application is being modified to take these reports into account.

 **Unanimous Vote in favour**

 **18/2504/MFUL Land at Odhams Wharf Ebford.**

Cllr Manser reported that the bridge scheme had initially been mooted back in 2009. He reported that the Parish Council had wished for the bridge to be completed, and this was not carried out. He said that the road from the A376 to Odhams Wharf was breaking up. It is a private road. The bridge has a 1.5ton weight limit. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Baker would draft out comments for the approval of Councillors.

 **Unanimous Vote for Cllr Baker to draft response.**

  **12. Councillors’ Reports**

 Cllr Williamson and Cllr Marks had nothing to report.

 Cllr Bowen reported that he had introduced himself to Lady Seawards School as their Councillor in place of Cllr Meechan.

 In the absence of Cllr Bragg, Cllr Manser confirmed that Cllr Bragg had offered to be the Crealey Liaison Committee Councillor.

 Cllr Baker enquired whether there were any updates on the sink hole, as it was much bigger due to the recent poor weather. Cllr Baker also commented that the drains had not been cleared and were still backed up. Cllr Manser responded that he had taken photographs showing this was the case, and these had will be sent to Helen Selby. It had been confirmed that this work would be completed.

 Cllr Manser reported on behalf of Cllr Bragg that the road sweeper had not been in the area recently. EDDC had explained that this was because the bad weather had caused sand on the esplanade at Exmouth and subsequently there was a backlog of work.

 Cllr Manser reported that we would be preparing the Budget Precept in January, and that grass cutting would be included. Three quotes would be required, as last year. All present confirmed that that was acceptable. Cllr Marks said that if we were satisfied with the present contractors, then they could be used again. Cllr Manser agreed that he would obtain a quote from the firms.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm

Signed……………………………………………………………… Date………………………………..