**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 13 February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.**

**Present: Chairman - Cllr J Manser**

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

 **Cllr P. Bragg**

 **Cllr K. Dearsley**

 **Cllr A. Marks**

 **Cllr. A. Williamson**

 **Cllr. G. Bowen**

 **East Devon. Cllr. M. Howe**

 **Devon County. Cllr. R. Bloxham**

 **Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Newbery**

**18 Members of Public Present**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Randall-Johnson**

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

**3. Declaration of Interest – 18/2504/ Ful Odhams Wharf; Cllr. K. Dearsly** personal interest

**4. Open Forum**

 **Member of Public No. 1** made comment on the situation regarding the Planning Application 18/2682/FUL Land off Chapel Hill and two aspects should be considered, the land was Grade 1 Agricultural Land and access to the field was allowed for agricultural access, and there was plenty of land at the Fire Headquarters. **Member of Public No 2** considered there was little difference in the two applications submitted. It was on a green wedge and should not be put forward. Cllr Manser agreed, and could see little difference in the two applications. Member of Public No. 3 queried whether it was still intended to close the public footpath. Cllr Howe stated that was not the case and said that the planning application had been moved back for the time being. **Member of Public 3** said parking would be difficult and would mean changing the landscape of garden. **Member of Public 4** commented on the Landscape Architects comments on Page 8. This should be considered in conflict of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Manser replied that he was sure this would be the case. **Member of Public 5** said lived in private road and rain causes gravel to run down and cause flooding, this should be rectified in view of the Council Tax paid. Cllr Bloxham said that a private road would not be serviced by the Council. Member of Public 5 queried why Council Tax was paid. Also queried clearing of overgrown hedge towards Old Ebford Lane, beside Rosario. It was confirmed that the County Council had done this and given the whole of the A376 a good clean up and cut back the verges. Cllr Bloxham confirmed he would raise this problem with Devon Highways. Cllr Baker suggested the Parish Council again write to the Landowners.

**5. County Councillor’s Report followed by District Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Bloxham had forwarded his reports prior to the meeting. Cllr Manser considered the Parish Council should get better feedback from Highways. Cllr Bloxham said he will endeavour to make articles more user friendly.

 Cllr Howe reported that Bishops Clyst Parish Council had attended Highways Meeting and thought that Clyst St George Parish Council would benefit from attending such a meeting. Cllr Dearsley and Cllr Williamson agreed they would attend. Cllr Howe also reported that there had been complaints about refuse collections and rubbish being left behind. He will obtain a report from the refuse collection firm and ensure they are more efficient in the future. He also reported that EDDC have now completed their move from Sidmouth to Honiton and the new offices would prove to be more efficient.

**6. Correspondence** – Clerk’s report

 **Timetable** received for May elections and this will be advertised on web and noticeboards. **Email** from Bishops Clyst PC saying one of their Councillors had attended the Police Commissioner Offices and enquired whether one of our Councillors would like to attend a Highways Meeting. Cllr Manser will attend, and we are awaiting the date of this meeting. **Snow Warden** update received on possible adverse weather conditions. **Invitation** to apply to become a member of Devon Countryside Access Forum. **Email** from member of the public complaining about speed of traffic along Clyst Road particularly causing danger of agricultural machinery entering and leaving field entrances along ClystRoad. **Email** from member of the public regarding in particular a vehicle transporter that appears permanently parked in the lay by opposite the Blue Ball Inn and allowing no access to the Parish Council Noticeboard. Also, the amount of rubbish discarded in that area. **Email** from Simon Bate re Clyst Valley Trail. Cllr Manser will speak about this in the meeting. **Email** from Cllr Bloxham relating to the traffic survey undertaken from Kenniford Farm to Courtbrook Farm, which also gave the results of the traffic survey. **Further** email from Cllr Bloxham regarding school pick up and drop off Highway issues. **Email** regarding the Fields in Trust e-bulletin. This has been distributed to the Councillors. **Email** received complaining of the noise from what appeared to be a generator in the field beside Redlands Garage where the green roofed property is situated.

 **7. Police Report -**

 The Clerk reported that no incidents had been reported on the Devon and Cornwall Police website. The Clerk reported that she has registered with Devon and Cornwall Alert, which should, all being well, notify of all incidents. This would simplify matters.

 8. **Finance –**

The Clerk reported that the application for our Precept had been acknowledged and agreed, Payment would be received, in two payments in April and September. After the payments approved at the last meeting, the balance in hand was £3475.15, as shown on the bank statement circulated. There are three accounts due to be paid this month, Countrywide £683.70, Bespoke Web Designs £59.50 and Village Hall rental for £24. The Clerk requested approval of the bank statement circulated and a vote on the payment of the outstanding accounts. Cllr Dearsley indicated that at the next meeting full accounts for the past three months be prepared for a vote. The Clerk agreed this would be completed.

 **Vote on Payment of Accounts unanimous.**

 **9. Highway/Traffic Update –**

Cllr Manser reported that in view of many roadworks in hand at present at both Topsham and to be undertaken at Ebford, it was best that the survey for this area be postponed for now. Cllr Manser expressed disappointment that the Clyst Valley Trail had been vetoed by Devon County Council and he proposed a letter be sent on this matter. He called for a vote on the letter he proposed.

 Cllr Bloxham confirmed that the decision had been taken at high level, and he had also liaised with Simon Bate on the matter. He was also disappointed about the decision. Cllr Dearsley indicated that the alternative route was more preferable, but Cllr Bloxham said that there were landowner problems with that route. He said Simon Bate was working hard to put proposals together. Cllr Dearsley considered that at certain times of the day there would be unintended consequences. Cllr Bloxham stated that the report would be available in March. Cllr Manser had emailed Woodbury Parish Council regarding the speed monitor and there was discussion on who set the monitor up and who owned it. Cllr Manser confirmed it was purchased with Parishes Together funds some years ago.

 **Vote on proposed letter: all in favour, with the exception of Cllr Dearsley. Majority decision.**

**10. New Web Address/site**

 Cllr Manser reported that he considered our website not user friendly. He requested Cllr Bowen to investigate sites that were available, ClystStGeorge.org.co.uk and also clyststgeorge.co.uk which was registered by anyvillages.com. It was suggested they may be prepared to sell or lease that address. Cllr Bowen will undertake the registering of ClystStGeorge.org.co.uk and explore the possibility of purchasing the other site from anyvillages.com.

**11. Section 106 Monies**

Cllr Manser said he had received a statement from EDDC and they show that we have £24,106 funds to be spent. Cllr Williamson enquired whether the money was secure. Cllr Howe confirmed the money was there for a limited period, after five years it will not be available. Cllr Baker enquired when CIL was available. Cllr Howe replied after 25.02.2018. Cllr Howe confirmed he would let us know what funds will disappear shortly due to lack of use.

**PLANNING**

**18/2682/FUL Land off Chapel Hill, Clyst St George – Updated plans**

Cllr Baker indicated there was a subtle boundary change, which does nothing to materially change our views.

**VOTE all in favour to strongly object**

**18/2504/MFUL Land at Odhams Wharf, Ebford – updated (Cllr Dearsley excluded)**

Cllr Baker reported that there was no material change.

**VOTE No change to our comments**

**18/2911/FUL 4 Odhams Cottages, Ebford Lane Ebford**

Cllr Baker called to ratify ou comments..

**VOTE Ratified all in agreement.**

**19/0281/FUL 16 Parkey Cottages, Clyst St George**

Cllr Baker reported this application was for change of use of land. No comments.

**Vote: Support, no objections.**

**12. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Williamson – nothing to report

 Cllr Dearsley enquired how the grit supplies were. Cllr Marks confirmed all bins were full and snow was not expected.

 Cllr Bowen – nothing to report

 Cllr Marks confirmed he had received a form to complete relating to claiming for the Parish Footpaths cleaning.

 Cllr Bragg reported that the road at Woodbury was very wet and there had been water running there.

 Cllr Baker – nothing to report

 Cllr Manser reported that the gulley at Woodbury Road had been blocked and also in Ebford. They were full of silt and it was very muddy.

**Comments from Public**

Member of Public 1 – Enquired on speed limit between the two roundabouts and whether there was any possibility of this being reduced. Cllr Manser replied that the County Council were looking at speed limits especially on the A376 and their report would be available in due course.

Member of Public 2 – considered there was a huge fund for open spaces and would like to have ideas of how this money would be spent. Cllr Manser replied that, in due course, this matter would be announced to the public before the money is spent, but further consultations were necessary before that stage could be reached.

**Signed………………………………………………………………Dated…………………………………..**

**The Meeting closed at 8.55pm**

**Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 13 March 2018 at 7.30pm**