**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.**

**Present: Chairman - Cllr J Manser**

 **Councillors -** **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**

**20 Members of Public Present**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Randall-Johnson, Cllr D. Baker**

**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. A public consultation was suggested in view of the number of residents affected by this application. There were more than ten members of the public commenting on this application, wishing for more information and expressing much anxiety regarding the future. Cllr Howe stated that he would be happy to convene a meeting when Devon Highways could also be present which he hoped could assist in alleviating the concerns of residents. There was much discussion on this application. It was noted that the application did not take into account the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that the application had been put forward by Darts Farm and not by the Fire Brigade. Cllr Howe confirmed it was not to be assumed that the application would be approved and advised that a public footpath cannot be closed. One member of the public reminded the meeting that there were main gas pipes and water pipes involved and it would cause great difficulties to disrupt those services. A further member of the public mentioned that coaches park up nearby and this could cause problems when the museum is running. Cllr Bloxham responded indicating he would be speaking to officers at Highways and highlighting this possible problem, and as the highway authority, their decision would be final on this aspect.

**11. PLANNING (this Agenda item was brought forward in view of public attendance)**

 **18/2682/FUL Chapel Hill, Clyst St George**

Cllr Howe confirmed that the whole site was within the green wedge and also building within open countryside. Cllr Dearsley considered it conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan which will carry a great deal of weight. There would be considerable disruption for neighbouring community and amenities. Cllr Bragg reported that on looking at the website, four or five plans are being updated, therefore difficult to decide. He considered the footpath to be very necessary for staff at the Fire Station and locals to walk to the George and Dragon, and if that were to be replaced by the proposed footpath to Darts Farm, it could cause difficulties for those wishing to walk to the George and Dragon. He considered this to be the main problem. Cllr Manser did not consider that the transport plan shows that the footpath will disappear, and thought it was not something that could be carried out. Cllr Marks also concerned regarding the footpath and that the proposal conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan.

 **VOTE UNANIMOUS** that Cllr Manser prepare statement objecting to application on the grounds of Greenfield Wedge, Open Countryside, against Neighbourhood Plan, insufficient parking and increased traffic, to be circulated and approved.

 **Alcohol Sales Darts Farm** Cllr Manser called for vote on comments to Licensing Authority on increase of hours which we objected to. Final agreement for hours Sunday 8am to 2300 hours.

 **VOTE: Ratified - all in agreement.**

 **18/2911/FUL 4 Odhams Cottages, Ebford Lane, Ebford EX3 0QY**

Cllr Manser explained this application was for an increase in bedrooms and living areas .Member of Public wished to speak on this application. (Allowed by the chair) He explained that the application was to upsize the property from a two bedroom to four bedroomed property and would reduce the carparking space extensively and take away the garage too. There would be no alternative parking nearby and it is inappropriate to park in the road. Access to neighbouring property would be difficult. Cllr Manser thanked the member of public for this input, and agreed with the comments made. Cllr Bragg and Cllr Marks agreed also. Cllr Dearsley considered the application to be unsympathetic to the surroundings, the lane narrowed and there was no consideration being shown with regard to parking.

 **VOTE: Unanimous objection**

 **18/2504/MFUL Odhams Wharf (Cllr Dearsley left the room)**

VOTE to be taken on Cllr Baker’s email sent in response to this application, also noted that the lack of landscaping, but that has been taken up by the Landscape architect at EDDC.

 **VOTE – UNANIMOUS support.**

**5. County Councillor’s Report:** (made during the Open Forum comments.) Cllr Bloxham confirmed that there were two matters under discussion at County Hall at present – a review of traffic speed limits across the County, (and congestion/speeding which he is working on with Bishops Clyst, Farringdon and Clyst St George Parish Councils). Also where Parishes are signed up to the “Snow Warden Scheme”, liability could fall on the Parish but it is expected that D.C.C. will take on the liability.

 **District Councillor’s Report:** Cllr Howe, no further comments.

**6. Correspondence -Clerk to Report**

 We have received an email re Heritage Strategy and Landscape Character Assessment.

 Received an email from, PCSO Justin Willis re Devon and Cornwall Community Speed

 Watch Scheme. We will be notified when the new policy is in place and are requested

 not to apply for any further scheme at present.

 Email from DALC re Garden Party Nominations for 2019 at Buckingham Palace which

 H.M. the Queen will be Hosting. This is required by 23 January 2019

 Email from Jamie Buckley reminding us that the applications for Communities

 Together Fund close on 16 January 2019

 Email from Cllr Bloxham re Temporary Traffic Order at Ebford Lane from

 1.4.2019 – 29.4.2019. This will be put on the noticeboards and website

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

 **8. Finance -** The Clerk reported that the current bank statement had been circulated. There is one account outstanding for Village Hall fees for £24. The Clerk called for a vote on the accounts and the payment above.

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

 **9. Highways/Traffic Report**

 Cllr. Manser reported that due to road closures expected in Topsham, and Ebford Lane the survey would have to be postponed until later in the year. He confirmed that Simon Bates of East Devon Council would let us have a copy of the survey data from the lane past Kenniford Farm.

 **10. Parish Precept 2019/2020**

 Cllr Manser reported that he had distributed a draft budget for 2019/20 to the Councillors; he proposed that the sum to be claimed for the Precept stay the same as last year.

 **VOTE:** **Unanimous agreement with Cllr Manser’s proposal.**

 **12. Councillors Reports:**

Cllr. Bragg reported that the gullies had now been cleared, and the road sweepers had visited Clyst St George, Cllr Bowen also confirmed it had also visited Old Ebford Lane.

 Cllrs. Marks, Dearsley, and Williamson had no report to make.

 Cllr Manser reported that he had now received three quotes for the grass cutting.
 After discussion Cllr Dearsley proposed that Countrywide have the contract.

 **VOTE: all in favour of Countrywide being instructed.**

Members of the Public: Public1 – asked why grass cutting in Clyst St George on one side of the village had ceased to be cut. Cllr Manser replied that this had been done by Devon County Council in the past, but no longer. This also included Chapel Hill and the roundabout. Cllr Manser said that it was Devon County Council’s decision on whether long grass was a visibility hazard for traffic, and if so, they cut it. He confirmed that the Parish Council paid for grass to be cut where residents regularly walk. He said that if the grass was not cut on the footpath at Chapel Hill, he will take this up with the contractors.

 Signed………………………………………………Dated…………………………………………

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm. Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm