**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 10 July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.**

**Present: Chairman - Cllr J Manser**

 **Councillors -** **Cllr P. Bragg**

 **Cllr. A. Marks**

 **Cllr. A. Williamson**

 **Cllr. G. Bowen**

 **Cllr. D. Hazell**

 **County Councillors- Cllr R. Bloxham & Cllr S. Randall-Johnson**

 **District Councillor Cllr. M. Howe**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs. C. Newbery - Clerk**

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

**3. Declaration of Interest – None**

**4. Open Forum**

Member of Public **-** Application in Ebford 19/1449/FUL - flow of traffic along a small lane and density of parking issues application to bulk up the size of the property and overdevelopment. Two vans on driveway that never go in the garage and effectively on the highway. Proposed extension bulks the side of the property up, limits the driveway to a significant parking issue. Second part is to extend all along the boundary behind the garage. Proposal is to extend to within one foot of his boundary worried about damage to his property. Convert from two bedroom property into three bedroom property. Misconceived application. There was concern some steps had been left out of the planning application. Photos have been sent to the Planning Officer. Garage never been used - lady uses the drive and husband parks van on road. Dangerous.

**5. County Councillor’s Report**

 **Cllr Bloxham** reported that rural broadband was ongoing. Speed Review Report - review of road safety strategy and speed policy - agreement from cabinet to progress the recommendations and look at the way that speed policy is delivered. Good progress.

 **Cllr Randall Johnson** reported: - Fire and Somerset - Item 10 on agenda. Will be discussed now. Fire service officers are wanting to bring the service up to date. Discussion followed about retained fire people and the problems surrounding this. Over 93% of homes have fire alarms. Majority of people will never call on fire service. Fires have gone down by 33% in the last 10 years. Release funds to do more prevention and protection work. What is the impact on Clyst St George? A decision will be made in November by the Fire Service. Topsham Fire Station would likely be deployed to Middlemoor and Clyst St George but there was concern was more rural communities. Cllr Manser asked for councillors to email their views to him and he would respond on behalf of the Parish Council. The deadline for any responses was the 20th September 2019.

 **Cllr Howe** reported they were monitoring pollution on roads - Officer in charge would like to come to meeting and discuss and explain the results. Cllr Howe will forward email on and get a meeting set up for Clyst St George and Clyst St Mary.

**6. Correspondence** –

Email from Bishops Clyst PC attaching OP and CC Councillor Advocate Update – this has been circulated.

Email from Devon County Council re Project will cut carbon emissions – this has been circulated.

Email from Jamie Buckley re Healthy Conversation Skills – Free Training In Devon – this has been circulated.

Email from Cllr Bloxham re Traffic Speed Task Group Report – this has Bebn circulated.

**7. Police Report –** It was reported that no incidents reported to date. It was noted that if anyone wished to sign up to Neighbourhood Watch they could do and that would give updates.

 **8.** **Finance –** The Clerk reported that accounts had been circulated. Following payments approved at last month’s meeting, and the payment for the cleaning of our bus shelters, £100, which was requested to be carried out at last month’s meeting, we have a balance in hand of £3679.85. There is one account outstanding at present, for the Village Hall hire in the sum of £24.

 **Vote on Accounts and payment of account – Unanimous**

 **9. Clyst Road Self Help Plan -** this to be Agenda item for next meeting.

 **10. Update on the transfer of land:** Change of use from farming land to recreation space. Cllr Baker enquired whether the planning application could be sent by hand. Cllr Howe confirmed there would be a small fee for the application. He said a grant may be available but would confirm this at a later date. Cllr Manser called for the Councillors to confirm they were in agreement to pay the application fees. All confirmed this was in order.

 **11. Sign on A376 –** It was confirmed that the Burrington Estates sign was still in place, and a new sign had been erected also. The Darts Farm signage was also noted on the George and Dragon Roundabout. Cllr Howe reported that other parishes, who had experienced this problem had planted trees where the signs had been.

 **12. Compost Bin at rear of Village Hall –** Cllr Bragg confirmed that a rat had been seen in the bin. The Management Committee have been contacted and they believe a couple of the houseowners may be responsible. Cllr Bragg reported that the bins will be removed shortly and was hopeful those responsible would pay the costs for this.

 **13. Weeds on A376 –** Cllr Manser reported that no quote had, as yet, been received for clearance of the weeds on pavements. He had sent a photograph to Devon County Council, but they have confirmed this work would not be undertaken by them. Cllr Manser said that the A376 was considered to be a very dangerous road and was waiting for a quote. He considered that the worst bit is just beyond the bus stop going from Clyst St George to Exmouth. It was agreed that this was a challenging time with weeds growing so quickly. Cllr Manser had requested Countrywide for an additional charge in Ebford, and this came in at £40 additional to cut this area, which amount to an extra £200 a year. He confirmed that Countrywide do not undertake work on paths, only the verges.

 **14. PLANNING**

**19/0758/FUL – Lloret, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter EX2 7JW**

Cllr Baker reported that the application was for demolition of the existing bungalow and construction of a new contemporary dormer bungalow. Following discussion it was agreed there were no objections to this.

**Unanimous Vote to support, no objections.**

**19/1449/FUL 4 Odhams Cottages, Ebford Lane, Ebford EX3 0QY**

Cllr Baker confirmed this application would square up the front of the house and extends over the back. The objection that had been received during the Open Forum related to subsidence, but that was not a planning matter. After discussion, it was agreed that concern would be raised over parking, increasing the habitat space and a very narrow road.

**Unanimous Vote to raise concerns re the parking, increasing habitat space and narrow road.**

 **15. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Marks expressed concern that the dog bins in the village had not been emptied on Friday or Monday but had now been cleared. He would keep this under surveillance.

 Cllr Bragg reported that Philip Broom was concerned about blockage to the sewer, and spillage was coming out from the lane. A fat block had now been cleared. There was only a six inch pipe. Cllr Manser confirmed that this matter would be observed carefully, and the Parish Council would assist Mr. Broom should any difficulties arise.

 Cllr Baker had nothing to report.

 Cllr Williamson reported that he was concerned about a large party at Pebble Bed. The live music was so loud that it could be heard in the village centre and had there been a funeral at the Church, it may not have been appreciated. He felt that perhaps the Parish Council could be involved to ensure this is not an ongoing practice.

 Cllr Hazell had nothing to report.

 Cllr Bowen reported that the School wished to raise money for a permanent play structure. They were considering something similar to a Wooden Pirate Ship and finances in the region of £5,000 were required. Following discussion, Cllr Marks suggested the School apply for a grant from the Parish Council but it was confirmed that the maximum the Parish Council could allow was £300. Cllr Bloxham reported that the School would need to raise the funds in the first place, and then make application for the small balance.

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

**The Meeting closed at 8.25pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7.30pm unless there were any Planning Applications that required attention prior to this.**