**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 12 June 2019 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**

 **District Councillor Cllr. M. Howe**

 **Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Newbery**

**2 Members of Public Present**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bloxham, Cllr Randall Johnson**

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

**3. Declaration of Interest – None**

**4. Open Forum - None**

**5. County / District Councillor’s Report**

 Cllr Howe reported that the past weeks had been entertaining within the East Devon District Council’s changes taking place. There was now no overall control, and Councillors had worked hard to sort out the roles. He was pleased to report that he continued to be the Chairman of the Development Management Committee, and also on the Strategic Planning Committee and H.A.T.O.C Committee. Cllr Manser congratulated Cllr Howe on maintaining his position. Cllr Bragg enquired whether there was any response about Darts’ Fire Museum application and Cllr Howe will ascertain the situation. Cllr Howe explained also the situation regarding the signs on the road, which is an Agenda item.

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

 **Email** from Bishops Clyst Parish Council enclosing Report of Cllr Advocate Colin Trudgeon to the Office of the Crime Commissioner. **Email** from Bishops Clyst PC attaching the Crime Commissioner’s Update. **Email** from EDDC enclosing leaflet on Standards in Public Life and Planning Issues.

 **7. Police Report -** The Clerk reported that no incidents had been reported on the Devon and Cornwall Police website. However, there were reports of vehicle break-ins at Woodbury Common and warnings for cars to be locked securely with any valuables hidden from view.

 **8.** **Finance –** The Clerk reported that accounts had been circulated. Following payment of the various accounts approved at last month’s meeting, there was a balance of £4900.17. There were accounts received from Countrywide Ground Maintenance for the period 5 January 2019 to 31 May 2019 in the sum of £704.10, and Devon County Council for our contribution to Exe Estuary Management in the sum of £106. Ink cartridges were also required, which normally cost £75. Cllr Manser confirmed he would let the Clerk have details on an online trader who offered more beneficial terms.

 **Vote on Accounts and payment of two accounts – Unanimous**

The Clerk then turned to the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2019, a copy of which had been circulated, together with attachments. The Clerk explained the accounts had been internally audited by Mr. Brian Hampson, a resident of Clyst St George. Two votes were required on the Annual Return:

 **Vote 1 : Unanimous approval of the Annual Internal Audit.**

**Vote 2: Unanimous approval on the Annual Governance Statement and Accounts.**

 **9. Grass Cutting at Ebford –** Cllr Manser confirmed that the grass cutting frequency was five times during the months of April to October – bi-monthly. He considered this worked well. Cllr Marks agreed with Cllr Manser, and considered this arrangement continued. Some residents at Ebford had been clearing the cut grass at the traffic lights. All Councillors expressed their gratitude and thanks to these residents for doing this, it was much appreciated.

 **10. Clyst Road Self Help Path -** Cllr Manser reported that the two owners of the land in question had not responded to his letters and the matter was therefore unable to go forward. Cllr Bragg offered to investigate more information about the two owners’ family, whom he believed still lived in the area. Nothing could be done without agreement of the two owners. This would be an Agenda item for the next meeting to hear the outcome of Cllr Bragg’s investigations

 **11. Section 106 Money Project -** The Clerk reported that she had taken the advice of Cllr Howe on the necessity of obtaining planning permission. Cllr Howe had advised that permission for change of use should be sought prior to instructing Solicitors to undertake the transfer of the land. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllrs Baker and Manser would carry out the necessary procedures to put the planning application in for the change of use. It was also agreed that a plan showing the measurements and access details be produced. Cllrs Manser and Baker will liaise with Cllr Bragg and the School over this. The Clerk expressed caution that all these matters be clear and in place to ensure that the Solicitors fees did not escalate out of control. This matter to be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

 **12. Update on Sign on A376 –** Cllr Howe confirmed that the EDDC Enforcement Officer had been around the area and removed some signs. There were still a couple of signs, including the Burrington sign reported last month which was too large to remove singlehandedly! The matter was ongoing.

 **12. PLANNING**

**19/0505/FUL - Clyst St George St George Cricket Field, Clyst St George.**

Cllr Baker reported that the application was for two lane cricket nets. The Tree Officer was satisfied, as the trees were protected. Sport England had not yet given their response. After discussion, it was agreed there were no objections and that it was of great benefit to the youngsters in the village and the surrounding area.

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

 **13. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Marks expressed concern at the overflowing dog bins in the village and queried whether it would be prudent to purchaser a larger bin. After discussion, it transpired that the bins were not being emptied as regularly as they should be, which was three times weekly. Cllr Howe requested that a report of this be put online to EDDC and he would ensure that this was followed up. It was agreed that no larger bin would be necessary at this time, but Councillors will monitor to ensure provision is adequate.

 Cllr Bragg reported that a compost bin had appeared on land at the rear of the Village Hall. He was not sure who owned the bin, and would investigate as it was not a good place for it to be, especially in view that food had been deposited in it and he was concerned that rats would visit the bin., he will report back
Cllr Baker had nothing to report.

 Cllr Williamson had nothing to report.

 Cllr Hazell reported the overgrown hedges in the area, especially the path near Rosario, and along by the George and Dragon and Darts, and was concerned of the safety of pedestrians. Cllr Manser confirmed that the hedges were the responsibility of the owners of the land, and they would be written to.

 Cllr Bowen reported that the bus shelter by the traffic lights at Ebford was in need of a clean. The Clerk was requested to contact the contract cleaners to ensure the cleaning of the bus shelters was undertaken without delay.

**Comments by the Public**

 Member of the Public commented on the pathway between the Fire Station and the George and Dragon and expressed concern over the cyclists on leaving the Fire Station speeding down the slope past the entrances to the properties along the path. There was great concern that an accident could occur. There were suggestions that the cyclists could be slowed down by several means, including steel rails.

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

**The Meeting closed at 8.25pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 7.30pm**