**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 14 March 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**

 **Devon County Cllr. R. Bloxham**

 **Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Newbery**

**9 Members of Public Present**

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

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

**3. Declaration of Interest – Agenda Item 10 – Cllr Bragg**

**4. Open Forum None**

**5. County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Bloxham had forwarded his reports prior to the meeting but wished to emphasise the necessity to be extra vigilant concerning people being exploited, even in rural areas. Cllr Williamson commented that he had attended a review also on this matter and confirmed Cllr Bloxham’s warning. Cllr Bloxham also reported that there has been a bus route review but this does not affect this area.

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

 **Email** from Clerk to Bishops Clyst PC inviting us to joint with them with a joint Parish presentation on road safety issues and attend a meeting convened with Patrick Phelvin, the P & CC Communication and Engagement Officer, and has suggested the Commissioner, Alison Hernandez who is the P & CC National lead on road safety matters may be willing to attend a join t Parish presentation on road safety issues affecting the A386 and A3052. Cllrs Manser, Dearsley and Williamson have confirmed they would be happy to attend such a meeting, the details of which are awaited. **Email** from member of the public requesting a footpath be implemented from the bottom of Old Winslade Lane, along the road past Redlands Garage and onward, thus giving access to the bus stop opposite the George and Dragon. This request is made as at present there is no public transport in this area and a car is essential. I have responded indicating our County and District Councillors are normally at our monthly meetings for such a request to be made. **Quotation** received from Countrywide for the treatment of Hogweed. This matter will be discussed. **Email** confirmed our new website had been set up – clyststgeorge.org.uk, and would be operational very shortly. Thanks to Cllr Bowen for his assistance.

 **7. Police Report -**

 The Clerk reported that no incidents had been reported on the Devon and Cornwall Police website. However, there is a Knife Amnesty from 11 – 17th March 2019 and a warning to drivers because of the excessive high wind.

 8. **Finance –**

The Clerk reported that accounts had been circulated. The Bank balance £2248.37 reconciles with the bank statement also circulated. It was noted that Devon County Council had paid for the 9 tubs of ultracrete purchased from Farringdon PC. This month there are accounts of £24 due to the Village Hall, £11.99 for the website, £26.20 to HMRC and £95.88 for Microsoft services for the year. Totalling £158.07.

 **Vote on accounts circulated for past three months and payment of accounts UNANIMOUS**

 **9. Clyst Road Self-Help Path**

Cllr Manser introduced Martin Hookway from Clyst Road. He, with the assistance of some of his neighbours, would like the opportunity to dig out a footpath which would run from Clyst Works to Rydon Lane. It was confirmed that there was a footpath there in the past, but this had become overgrown over the years. Cllr Manser had discussed this with Cllr Bloxham, and confirmed that the Parish Council may well be able to assist by giving a grant towards the materials, a meeting with Highways to be arranged.

 **Vote Unanimous to support the self help path.**

 **10. Section 106 Money Project. (Cllr Bragg left the meeting)**

Cllr Manser reported that part of the Section 106 money had to be spent otherwise it would be returned to the developers. He had received an offer of a plot of some 400 square metres behind the Village Hall be utilised. This would need fencing and re-seeding and it will take the first part of the money that we need to spend. The School can use this during the lunch time and other children can play there. This land would be a gift to the Parish Council from Cllr Bragg and his brother Ivor and should be a public open space in perpetuity. Cllr Manser reported that there was no necessity to use the remaining Section 106 money at this time, but it was earmarked for public open space and we would have more time in which to consult and consider its use. Cllr Marks indicated that it would be a kind gesture to name the space after the Bragg brothers in some form.

 **Vote Unanimous.**

**(Cllr Bragg returned to the meeting)**

**PLANNING**

**19/0059/FUL Popples, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter EX2 7JW**

Cllr Manser reported this was a good sized plot and there was space for a double garage with games room with washing facilities. The drive was partially tarmacked. No objections were raised.

**Vote Unanimous to support.**

**19/0444/FUL Farthings, Ebford Lane, Ebford.**

Cllr Manser reported this application was for a roof over the conservatory and new windows.

**Vote Unanimous to support.**

**12. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Marks – nothing to report

 Cllr Bragg reported that the trees had been trimmed by the George and Dragon.

 Cllr Bowen reported that the new website was now registered, at a cost of £11.99 for the name of clyststgeorge.org.uk. He reported that clyststgeorge.co.uk name was currently owned by anyvillages.com and could prove to be expensive to purchase. Cllr Bowen also had nothing to report relating to the school.

 Cllr Manser confirmed that the new website would be of great advantage to the Parish Council, it would be a community website, and the domain registered to the Clyst St George Parish Council and not be dependant upon anyone else. Cllr Manser also reported that he had been alerted by Countrywide that there was possibly hogweed visible in some parts and this would need controlling with chemicals at a cost of £277. It was between the end of the village and the Fire Station and down towards the George and Dragon on the footpath. After discussion, Cllr Manser suggested it may be better to wait until confirmation that it is giant hogweed before committing to any treatment. All in favour to wait before instructing Countrywide to act.

**Comments from Public**

Member of Public 1 – Considered the Section 106 money was being very well spent and expressed gratitude for the generosity of Cllr Bragg and his brother.

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

**The Meeting closed at 8.25pm**

**Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday 10 April 2018 following the Annual Meeting at 7.30pm**