**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 8 May 2019 following the Annual General Meeting commencing 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**

 **Devon County Cllr. S. Randall-Johnson**

 **Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Newbery**

**3 Members of Public Present**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bloxham, Cllr Howe**

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

**3. Co-Option of a Councillor –** Cllr Manser proposed Darren Baker be co-opted to the Parish Council and to take the Lead on Planning Matters.

 **Unanimous Vote. Cllr Baker invited to join the Councillors at the table.**

**4 Declaration of Interest – None**

**5. Open Forum None**

**6. County Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Randall-Johnson had nothing to report.

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

 **Email** from Devon Local Flood Risk Management including the April 2019 Newsletter. **Email** from EDDC with Town and Parish Election Results in the local elections. **Email** from Bob Capon, Senior Technical Officer of EDDDC, re the proposed installation of equipment on the existing mast facility at Clyst St George. **Email** from Norris and Fisher, sending paperwork on the renewal of our insurance. This will be included in the Finance Report.

 **8. Police Report -**

 The Clerk reported that no incidents had been reported on the Devon and Cornwall Police website.

 **9.** **Finance –**

The Clerk reported that accounts had been circulated. The first precept payment had been received in the sum of £4376. Following the payment of agreed amounts last month, we are left with a balance in hand of £5864.29. We have received the renewal paperwork for our insurance, which is due to be renewed on lst June 2019. The charge is £455.90, a slight increase of 1.8% on last year’s premium. We also have the Village Hall invoice of £24.00 due. The Clerk called for a vote on the approval of the accounts and payment of the two invoices detailed.

 **Unanimous Vote on the Accounts and the payment of invoices.**

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

Cllr Manser reported that the two owners of the land in question had been written to, but as yet no response had been received. He confirmed that without their consent, nothing could be implemented. The ladies do not live locally. However, the matter would be put on the Agenda for next month’s meeting in the hope that a reply had been received.

 **11. Section 106 Money Project.**

The Clerk reported that a quote for the transfer of the land from Cllr Bragg and his brother had been received in the sum of £750 plus VAT, plus disbursements. The original quote of £800 had been discounted by a further £50 on request. If searches were deemed necessary, they could amount to somewhere between £300 and £400. Land Registry fees would have to be paid, in the sum of approximately £40. After discussion, it was agreed that in the circumstances, it would not be necessary to carry out searches, the transaction would be purely the transfer of the land and registering such transfer with the Land Registry. The Clerk also reported that a second quote had been received in the sum of £1105 plus VAT and disbursements. After further discussion, the Clerk was requested to seek a third estimate for legal fees. Cllr Bragg confirmed that his Solicitors charges had been estimated at £250 plus VAT and disbursements. This matter would be an Agenda item at the next meeting where a decision could be made once all three quotes are to hand.

 **12. PLANNING**

**17/3002/MOUT Darts Business Park, Past Darts Farm, Clyst St George**

Cllr Manser confirmed that he had attended the Planning Meeting on this matter and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Howe had also spoken on the matter. Cllr Manser was very pleased to confirm that the Application had been decisively refused.

19/0826 **19/086/TREE Oak Tree House, Old Ebford Lane, Ebford.**

Cllr Baker confirmed that the application was for work to be completed on various oak trees. Dartmoor Tree Surgeons had drawn up the proposals for the work to be undertaken. Cllr Manser reported that he could see no objections to this application.

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

**19/0919/FUL Grantlands, Clyst St George Exeter**

Cllr Baker reported that this application was for a gym to be installed in the garage, with additional side windows. After discussion, it was agreed that there would be no problem with parking as there was sufficient on site.

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

 **13. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Marks had nothing to report.

 Cllr Bragg reported that the branches of oak trees had been taken down in the cricket field. There was no Tree Preservation Orders on these trees, all the correct channels had been followed.

 Cllr Baker reported his concern of the hoarding advertising Burrington Homes was still in occupation despite the development having been completed since 2017. The details on the hoarding appeared to change advertising developments outside of the area. Also, Darts were displaying hoardings too. After discussion, it was agreed to approach Planning West to clarify the situation.

 Cllr Williamson confirmed that the Cricket Club had plans for the car parking which was the reason for the trees being cut back. He had visited the Club recently and said that atmosphere there was very lively.

 Cllr Hazell reported the discarding of dog litter bags around the village, when there were adequate dog bins provided.

 Cllr Bowen had nothing to report regarding the School.

 Cllr Manser reported that he had reported the missing wooden Cycle Trail Post to Devon County Council and will follow this up.

**Comments by the Public**

 Member of the Public commented on the Burrington Homes sign, and said had contacted Devon County Council regarding this, as it was very prominent. The Council had confirmed that it was lawful, as was on a private fence. This was not agreed and the Member of the Public was considering undertaking a search to try to resolve the issue. Cllr Randall-Johnson stated that this was an East Devon District Council issue. Cllr Manser confirmed an email would be sent to East Devon District Council.

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

**The Meeting closed at 8.25pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.30pm**