**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL on 8th February 2017 at 8pm Held in the Village Hall, Clyst St George**

**PRESENT: Cllr. Ackland-Smith (MAS) Cllr. J. Manser (JM), Cllr. P. Bragg (PB), Cllr R. Horner (RH), Cllr K. Dearsley (KD) Mrs. C. Newbery (CN). 3 Members of the Public.**

1. **Apologies for absence**: Cllr Baker, Cllr. Meechan
2. **Minutes to Meeting 11 January 2017 – unanimous** approval, following alteration.
3. **Declarations of interest**-

PB declared an interest re the footpath proposal no. HCW/PROW/16/80

RH declared an interest re Village Hall carpark extension (16/3024)

PB declared an interest re Village Hall carpark extension.

JM declared an interest re Village Hall carpark extension

1. **Open Forum**

(1) **Member of Public 1** enquired whether MAS should declare a pecuniary interest in respect of Rosario, he considered she should. MAS replied the comment was noted, that she had taken considerable legal and procedural advice and had also been assured by East Devon District Council Planning Department she has no interest pecuniary or otherwise on that site. She advised that she does not live opposite Rosario but near it. Member of public advised that he considered it was against the Code of Conduct and if it was known by the Standards Committee they would not be happy. MAS restated what she had previously said. JM confirmed that it was obvious in small communities that Councillors would live next to and possibly opposite developments, but in this case, MAS did not live opposite Rosario or next door.

 **5.**  **Correspondence – Clerk Report**

1. Correspondence from Exe Valley CLT requesting a meeting to discuss planning process.

This has been put online for public information. MAS will report further on Item 14.

2. Correspondence re Ebford Lane diversion for 7 days from the 23 January, regarding excessive speeding. This has been reported to our PCSO.

3. Invitation from Lady Seward School to attend Archdeacon’s Presentation and celebration service for Lady Seward’s SIAMS inspection on 3rd March 2017. MAS will represent Parish Council.

4. Correspondence regarding the effect of wood burning stoves in the Ebford district – the writer has been guided to the Environmental Health Department.

5. Letter from member of the public regarding the Precept and Finance Report in the January meeting. This will be clarified in the Finance Report in Item 9.

6. Letter from member of the public regarding problems at Higher Thatch with the developers. This matter has been resolved.

 **6. County Councillor’s Report –** None available

 **7.** **District Councillor’s Report**

MAS confirmed that Councillor Howe had advised that the Boundary Commission facts were

now published on line, the recommendations will not affect our Parish.

 **8. Police Report**

 The Clerk reported that there was no report available.

  **9. Finance: Clerk to Report**

Balance of account after paying Clerk’s salary and sums agreed at last month’s meeting, we have a balance in hand of £3330.00. We have been paid £200 from EDDC in respect of grant due from last year’s drainage. I have also put in a claim for the Parishes Together Fund in the sum of £658 in respect of ditches and drainage in relation to flooding on our sole behalf. This will be set aside for this purpose.

Over the past few months I have been reviewing our website and making alterations to update information generally. Regarding the finance, I had already decided to publish accounts quarterly, together with the annual accounts and Precept budget. The Precept for the coming year is for the sum of £6687.00.

**Unanimous Vote for acceptance of accounts.**

 **10. Parish Council Grants Policy**

This had now been clarified and will take effect in the new financial year

 **Unanimous vote to adopt Policy.**

 **11. Review of Public Rights of Way**

 **JM asked for comments re: Proposal 1** no HCW/PROW/16/80

 PB had had a meeting with Alison regarding this. He reported that the Cricket Club was

 against the proposal because of possible burglaries – he considered if a new pathway were instigated then it should be fenced off at the Council’s expense. He had an open mind about this proposal.

 RH had no objections to the proposal.

 KD confirmed she did not live in the village and therefore not comfortable commenting.

 JM reported that there was a gate there, but felt it an imposition to the landowner to put

 footpath there.

MAS recalled that two people had brought this matter up. She had visited the Landowner who felt it could be harmful to his livestock as dogs had been allowed roam and to soil in the crops which were for animal feed. This could cause contamination which was not acceptable.

 She was inclined to leave the matter with the officer to follow the correct procedures.

PB considered if there was a new pathway instigated that a proper fence was necessary – there were sheep there at present and electric Fences do not prevent dogs from straying off the footpath.

 JM considered it best that the matter be left for officer to arbitrate.

 MAS advised that the Parish Council should write indicating that we have discussed the

 matter and there are points for and against.

 **JM asked for comments re: Proposal 2 no** HCW/PROW/16/81

 PB had no objection.

 KD had no problems with the proposal. MAS – said this pathway was in operation and there

 did not appear to be any objections.

 **12. Neighbourhood Plan**

JM advised that the first draft was ready to go to the Consultant. He confirmed that he

 had consulted TFQ Architects for advice on the Design Statement, and is awaiting their

 response.

 **13. Planning**

 **16/3020/FUL Land to the rear of Village Hall, Clyst St George**

Application: Extension of car park into field, removal of existing hedge and installation of new kissing gates to footpaths.

Three Councillors had declared an interest in this application and there were not enough Cllrs. left to have a quorum. Therefore no comment can be made.

**16/2484/VAR Land North of Lower Lane and East of The Ridings, Lower Lane, Ebford.**

Application: Variation of condition 2 (plans condition) of planning permission 13/1616/FUL (construction of 4 no detached dwellings, with new access off Lower Lane) to add dormer windows to plots 1 and 3 and reposition garages to plots 2 and 4.

There were no comments

**17/0128/FUL Dawn View, Clyst Road, Topsham EX3 0DB**

Application: The proposed works are for a roof space conversion of an existing detached bungalow**.**

JM reported this property was currently a compact bungalow. Application was for raising the roof and putting rooms upstairs. There was one letter in support and no neighbour objectors.

 All Agreed to support.

**16/2612/FUL Rosario, Ebford, EX3 0QN**

Application: Regrading of existing garden to form level garden (retrospective application)

JM reported that the applicants had submitted a landscaping letter and a second letter. PB,KD, RH considered no comments were necessary. MAS stated she had no interest to record , other than living near the property.

**17/0141/FUL Haldon View, Lower Lane, Ebford EX3 0QT**

Application: Construction of pitched roof over existing garage, veranda to front elevation, construction of garden room to rear.

JM reported that this application was to alter the flat roof to the garage. No neighbours objecting.

All support application.

**15. Councillors’ Reports**

KD nothing to report.

RH reported the continuing problem with the steps and pathways, nothing had been done.

PB had nothing to report specifically. He assumed the corner of The Pound would be tidied up.

JM confirmed he had had a word with Green Valley, who will give a quote to cleaning out and cutting back, and will repaint gate.

MAS reported on the query about Lady Seward’s School and the van delivery times. She asked that the vans be identified by signs on them, and the school would then be in a position to take action. She also reported that the gullies required attention. JM responded that there had to be a problem with standing water for 24 hours before any action is taken. MAS also reported that there may also be a problem with perhaps losing our PCSO, due to cut backs. She reported she had attended the Planning Meeting when the Blue Ball application was discussed – the application was refused. MAS reported that she had received communications from Exe Valley CLT and all communications from this organisation will be put on our website for everyone to be aware of the situation.

**Questions :**

**Member of the Public** – referred to the footpath under discussion earlier in Clyst St George. He had obtained an old map and completed user evidence forms. He stated that one parishioner, who was now in her seventies, had been pushed along the path in a pram. He considered the map was crucial, and the walk was very pleasant.

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 8th March 2017 at 8pm**

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

The meeting closed at 9.08pm