**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL on 12th**

**July 2017 at 8pm held in the Village Hall, Clyst St George**

**PRESENT: Cllr. Ackland-Smith (MAS) Cllr. P. Bragg (PB), Cllr D. Baker (DB) Cllr A. Meechan (AM) Cllr A. Marks (AM) Cllr. Howe (MH) Cllr R. Bloxham (RB) Cllr S. Randall-Johnson Mrs. C. Newbery (CN). 1 Member of the Public.**

1. **Introduction of our Devon County Councillors, Cllr Ray Bloxham and Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson –** The Chairman welcomed both Cllr Bloxham and Cllr Randall-Johnson to the meeting and introduced them to the Councillors. She invited them to each give a short resume of their expertise/duties. This was duly carried out. They were both united in that they would do everything they could to assist the Parish Council.
2. **Apologies for absence**: Cllr Manser – Cllr Dearsley had hoped to attend later in meeting.
3. **Minutes to Meeting – 14 June 2017 – unanimous** approval.
4. **Declaration of Interest –** none.

 **5. Open Forum –** None

 **6. District Councillor’s Report**

 Cllr Howe reported that her had had a meeting with Roger Horner regarding the TPO trees

relating to the Village Hall, and with the officer of East Devon District Council. A meeting will be arranged with all interested parties after the summer holidays. He explained

 that TPO trees are worthy of retention – their life expectancy is 20 – 30 years – and should

 an order be made to subsequently fell these two trees, it would involve a lot of planting of

 trees to replace them. A meeting would take place to evaluate whether it was necessary to

 go down this route and of having a public consultation which would be necessary in the

 circumstances.

 Cllr Howe also reported that the matter regarding the planning/enforcement position at Highlands, Old Winslade was continuing.

Cllr Howe challenged the Devon County Councillors regarding the Highways congestion, speed and inadequacy – he requested that extra vigilance was necessary. Cllr Bloxham confirmed he was attending a meeting later in the month and can then start adding out own interest on that. He does have concerns about this. Cllr Randall Johnson confirmed she was a Road Warden and enquired whether anyone had completed Chapter 8 Training. Cllr Ackland Smith confirmed we had had someone trained recently, and we had a shared VAS monitor. Cllr Randall Johnson confirmed that it was good for clusters of parishes to work together, and she would email details of this to the Clerk, and that there was funding that can be available, including the Parishes Together Fund.

 **7.**  **Correspondence – Clerk to Report**

Email re litter collection – this matter is on the Agenda.

 Email re Housing Needs Survey – this matter is continuing, and the survey will be in September due to the summer recess of the Housing Needs Survey personnel.

Email to Helen Selby requesting her reply to our previous email requesting her response over the narrowness of the footpath that runs along the boundary of Rosario on the Exmouth Road.

Email to Helen Selby reminding her of problem with water leak at the bottom of Old Ebford Lane.

Reply from her confirming the matter had been recorded, it was a spring, and would be dealt with shortly.

Email from Devon County Council acknowledging problem of pothole in Clyst Road. We will be notified when this matter is resolved.

 **8. Police Report**

Since the start of last month there have been 13 logs for Clyst St George. Only 3 of them are relevant.

 RTC – Exmouth Road damage only

 RTC – Vehicle on its roof A376, driver treated for shock but no other injuries

RTC – Darts Farm, 9yr old boy, reported on the news and in the papers, sustained minor head injury outside the circus**.**

 **9**.  **Finance: Clerk to Report**

The accounts for June have been circulated. There has been little movement in the figures since the last report, excepting the payment of Plandscape for grass cutting in the sum of 113.18, and the Clerks salary and expenses. The balance of the account stands at £5145.95, but the sum of £1100 belongs to Bishops Clyst being their share of the Parishes Together Fund, this sum will be transferred shortly, after which our balance will stand at £4045.94. Vote called for agreement. **Unanimous Vote**

 **10. Complaint re Litter in Parish – Discussion following previous Meeting.**

Cllr Ackland Smith reported there was currently a large black bin outside Model Cottages. Cllr Bloxham commented that both dog bin and litter bin rubbish were taken to one site. He stated that with regard to the litter picking issue, any roads/lanes with no pavements over 1.5 metres on a dual carriageway cannot be undertaken because of Health and Safety Regulations. This is monitored by Exmouth Officers, who arrange the pick ups when deemed necessary. He asked whether there had been any complaints. A discussion ensued regarding the placement of combined bins, and it was suggested that maybe Darts could be approached with a view to them providing a bin possibly opposite by the shops. Cllr Ackland-Smith suggested a combined bin could be placed further down the village in place of the current bin. Cllr Howe commented that stickers can be supplied. Cllr Ackland-Smith commented that this was not a particular problem. All agreed.

 **11. Grass Cutting -Consider further quotes**.

 In Cllr Manser’s absence his comments were read out:

 I have now received a quote from KTJ group, their quote was £20 more than Plandscape’s. I am still expecting a quote from Countrywide and will update you if it arrives before the meeting.I therefore recommend that we stay with Plandscape for this season and ask the firms I have contacted for 2018 quotes before we complete our precept for 2018/19.

**Vote: Unanimous accept Plandscape Quote.**

 **12. Neighbourhood Plan – Short update**

In his absence, The report of Cllr Manser was read. He confirmed the correct email was csgnplan@gmail.com. This address has been sent to the Clyst Valley News and is also on the website. The deadline for comments has been extended to the 15th August, and all residents are requested to read and respond to the draft plan. Cllr Ackland Smith reiterated that it was important to encourage all to fill in the forms.

 **13. Planning – none**

 **14. Councillors’ Reports**

**Cllr Baker** had nothing to report but enquired on the sink hole. Cllr Ackland-Smith explained the situation to Cllrs Bloxham and Randall Johnson. She confirmed she would forward correspondence on to them for their consideration.

**Cllr Bragg** reported that the gate at The Pound was now completed and the commemorative tree would be tidied up. He complained that garden rubbish was being dumped there. Cllr Bragg also commented that the hedge needed trimming back opposite and he would have a word with the new occupiers.

**Cllr Meechan** reported on the School. They had had planning approval for the new classroom and the work was being commenced on the 17th July, in readiness for the new term and new furniture would be transferred over. The company in charge of the building work have promised to keep traffic to a minimum at busy times. The School had wanted two classrooms, but could only have one because of the trees. Cllr Howe commented that a meeting would be held, but a tree would have to go back although not necessarily in the same place. If two classrooms had been applied for, the problem could have possibly have been sorted. Cllr Meechan confirmed that Headmaster was delighted there was a dedicated Councillor.

**Cllr Ackland-Smith** reported that she attended the Chairman’s Garden Party. She also attended the Gorst Energy Anaerobic Digester Open Day. She considered this was a very useful exercise, and that it works well. There was opposition from local residents. Cllr Howe advised there had been problems with excess traffic which hopefully would be alleviated shortly. Cllr Bloxham indicated they did not want to take slurry any more, and any problems should be directed to Janet Wallace of the Environment Agency.

Cllr Ackland-Smith also reported on the position regarding the Police. She confirmed that the issue regarding traffic in Clyst St George cannot be dealt with due to reduced numbers of Officers. The parking problems would now be dealt with by Civil Enforcement Officers. Nothing can be done in Clyst St. George because there are no road regulations, although they will visit if a complaint is made. The contact details will be put on the website.

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**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 13 September 2017 at 8pm**

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

The meeting closed at 9.20pm