# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL held on 10th October 2018 at 8pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.

**Present: Chairman - Cllr John Manser**

**Vice Chairman – Cllr Darren Baker**

**Councillors -** **Cllr P. Bragg**

**Cllr A. Meechan**

**Cllr A. Marks**

**Cllr M Howe**

**Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Newbery**

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

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

**3. Declaration of Interest - none**

**4. Open Forum –** no comments made.

**5. District Councillor Report –** Cllr Howe gave a very favourable report on the recycling situation at East Devon. He stated that 61% of rubbish is recyclable and our results are in the top five nationally, which is outstanding.

Cllr Howe continued his report with detailing that a company called Strata who run the IT for Exeter and Teignbridge and East Devon Councils as a streamlined and resilient service, has made larger savings than was envisioned when the contract was started, saving EDDC and the Council taxpayer money, a real success.

**6. Correspondence: Clerk to Report:**

* Invitation to attend Devon’s Read Housing Needs Seminar at Best Western Hotel, Tiverton on 12 October 2018 at 10am.
* Email from PC Justin Willis rescheme commenced called Councillor Advocate Scheme whose purpose is to improve communication between Police and Local Councillors with access.
* Completion Notice of telephone boxes purchased.
* BBC4 Any Questions at Clyst Hydon Village Hall on Friday, 9th November.
* Email from Savills Land Agents re letting of land to tender at Clyst St George.
* Email to Environmental Health re spreading of slurry and resultant smells.

**7. Police Report –** The Clerk reported the new website has now been accessed successfully and appears to be efficient. The reports on line are two theft crimes at local filling station and one vehicle crime.

**Finance:** The Clerk apologised that this item had been omitted from the Agenda circulated. There has been little movement this month. We have paid HMRC the small sum of £26.40, Devon Communities charges of £300 and the Clerk’s salary. There is presently £6017.43 in hand. We have an account outstanding for Countrywide Grounds Maintenance in the sum of £683.70. I have received notification from Selina that CIL Neighbourhood Proportion is due to be paid shortly – the sum, if any, has not been disclosed. The Clerk called for a vote on the payment of the account and the accounts submitted.

**Vote: Unanimous on acceptance of accounts and payment of account.**

**8. Update on Vacancy for Councillor -**  The Clerk reported that there had been two candidates for the position.

Co-option/selection would take place at next month’s meeting.

**9. Highways/Traffic**

Cllr Manser **r**eported that he had agreed to have a meeting with Cllr Bloxhamand Cllr Randall-Johnson and would report to next month’s meeting.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan Referendum for approval by Parish Council**

Cllr. Mansell stated that we must encourage people to vote, he has produced a page for the CVN and a poster for the notice boards, this has been circulated and asked Councillors to approve it.

**UNANIMOUS VOTE OF APPROVAL**

**PLANNING**

**18/18893/FUL Cycle Trail amendment**

Cllr Baker confirmed this amendment related to a tree report.

Cllr Howe confirmed that a Highways survey has been done by Devon Highways. He also confirmed that Highways Safety Audit has to be completed before this is finalised.

**VOTE ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**17/2357/MFUL Newcourt Barton, Clyst Road, Topsham EX3 0DB**

Cllr Baker reported that there were flooding problems. Cllr Howe stated that on the amended plan it will not be in the flood zone. He confirmed the Economic Officer was supportive. Cllr Baker advised that we have nothing to add, save what we said previously. The issues had been addressed to the satisfaction of officers.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS NO FURTHER COMMENTS**.

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

Cllr Baker confirmed this was an updated application. We should read this prior to the next meeting and asked for Councillors comments by email before next meeting when the Council will ratify them. Cllr Meechan enquired about access.

Cllr Howe commented that two Appeals had been dealt with since the last meeting.

App/U1105/W/18/3200680 Bronte Gardens, Lower Lane, Ebford - Dismissed.

App/ U1105/17/0614 Winslade Lodge, Clyst St Mary – Upheld.

**12. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Meechan reported on the slurry smells. Cllr Manser confirmed he had received several complaints this summer. Farmers are asked to plough or turn in the land within a time limit, but the summer has been so hot the soil has been very hard making it difficult to till. He sent an email relating to this problem to the Environmental Department who responded that often detail of where the treated field is difficult to determine, if complainants note the wind direction and if possible which field that is helpful.

Cllr Bragg stated that the ford was getting worse. Cllr Manser confirmed that it had been inspected but at present there are no funds available for this, hopefully next year funding will be available. They did not consider the ford to be unsafe at this time. Cllr Bragg also mentioned the gullies near to the traffic lights. Cllr Manser confirmed that Highways will have the drains cleared.

Cllr Baker reported that overgrown hedges are a problem. Cllr Manser confirmed he would be mentioning this in the Clyst Valley News requesting people cut their hedges back near roads and footpaths.

Cllr Marks had nothing to report.

Cllr Manser said he had reported the pavement between Ebford and Exton as it had weeds across it creating a hazard. The Parishes Together Fund is allocated for ditches and drainage. He asked for any suggestions for areas to clear, he had one area in Ebford. He will get a quote for that work.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Signed……………………………………………………………… Date………………………………..

**N.B. The date of December meeting will be the Wednesday 5th at 7.30pm**