**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL on 11th**

**October 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 D. Baker (DB) Cllr K. Dearsley (KD) Cllr A. Marks (AM) Cllr..R. Bloxham (RB) Cllr. M. Howe (MH) C. Newbery (CN). 5 Members of the Public.**

1. **Apologies for absence**: Cllr.Meechan..
2. **Minutes to Meeting – 12 September 2017** – unanimous approval.
3. **Declaration of Interest –** Cllr. Manser declared an interest in the planning application for

Bronte due to proximity.

 **4. Open Forum**

Member of Public 1 commented on the planning application relating to Bronte to be discussed

 further in the meeting. There had been no notification of this application. There could be a

 serious problem with parking outside of Bronte due to planning rules. There was also a problem

 there with the collection of old mattresses and ovens piled at the rear of the property – this was causing problems with an infestation of rodents. Cllr Ackland-Smith advised that this should be reported to the Environmental Health for them to take necessary action. The telephone

number would be available on our Useful Numbers Page on the website.

 **5. District Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Howe reported that the problem with Flyposting/Advertising on Item 10 of the Agenda had

been dealt with, after several visits and enforcement, but they have been put up again, so another visit was imminent. He apologised for the delay in this.

 Cllr Howe also reported that he had had a meeting with the Head of the School and Roger Horner

 regarding the trees and the School is now aware of the facts. How the School progress the matter

 is now their decision.

 **6.**  **Correspondence – Clerk to Report**

(a) Email to Helen Selby re grass cutting, and her reply.

 (b) Email from Devon County Council with invitation to attend Parish Paths Partnership Annual

 Workshop 2017 to be held on Friday, 13th October at Crediton.

 © Email from resident regarding parking in Clyst St George – this has been acknowledged.

 **7. Police Report – not available**

Cllr Ackland-Smith would investigate.

 **8**.  **Finance: Clerk to Report**

The Clerk reported that after settlement of all accounts approved at last month’s meeting, we

 had a balance of £5189.26. The Parishes Together Grant claim would have to be discussed at

 the next Meeting, and Councillors were requested to prepare for this. The Precept for year

 2018/19 advices had been received. There would be a reduction of around 24% in the grant,

 which indicates the support grant of £40 would be reduced to £30. It had already been

 discussed that the Church Clock repairs and the possible provision of a further dog bin would

 be included in the claim. This matter to be included in next month’s Agenda.

 **Unanimous Vote on Accounts circulated.**

 **9. Housing Needs Survey**

The Clerk reported that the Surveys had been received and circulated. The date for return was

 31st October 2017. Cllr Ackland-Smith thanked the Clerk for the delivery of these.

 **10. Flyposting/Advertising –** This has been reported on earlier in the meeting.

 **11. Excessive Noise Reported**

Cllr Manser reported that the telephone number to report excessive noise is on our website.

 **12. Grant Application from Lady Sewards School and Clyst St George Church for Clock**

The Clerk reported that an application had been received from the school for the sum of £500, which would include library books and an I pad for the library. The application from the Church

has now been received. Cllr Manser considered that the clock claim should be covered, which

amounted to £172. A discussion ensued, and all Councillors were agreeable to this. The claim

from the School was discussed at length. Cllr Dearsley said she did not agree with the School

being given £500 in view of their reserves and proposed £250, with a proviso that receipts were provided. After further discussion, Cllr Bragg suggest the School be granted £400. Cllr Marks and Cllr Baker agreed. After further discussion, Cllr Manser proposed £300 grant for the School.

**Vote on Grant to Church in the sum of £172 – Unanimous**

**Vote on Grant to the School in the sum of £300 – Cllrs. Ackland-Smith, Manser, Baker,**

**Bragg and Marks - Cllr Dearsley declined to vote. Cllr Ackland-Smith advised that**

**receipts would be required – Cllr Dearsley agreed with this.**

 **13. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Manser reported that all had now received a copy. It will now start on the lst November

 2017 with plan sent to all statutory bodies (about 18 in all) but we may not receive a response

 from all.

 **Vote Unanimous on Plan circulated.**

Cllr Manser reported they were now preparing the Design Statement – type of house/property

 To be built in the Parish. This would, hopefully, be ready for the November meeting. It was

 agreed that the Village Hall would be booked for half an hour earlier for this meeting so that

 the Design Statement could be viewed and discussed. Cllr Ackland-Smith advised this would

 be included in the Clyst Valley News. MAS expressed thanks to Cllrs. Manser and Dearsley

 and all who had been instrumental in this.

 **14. Planning**

**17/2017/VAR Land North of Lower Lane and East of The Ridings, Lower Lane, Ebford.**

Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Application 13/616/FUL

Cllr Baker reported this was a change of location of top plot, a simple change and he did not consider

this to be a problem.

**Vote – Unanimous support with no comment.**

**17/1410/FUL Branwell Bronte, Lower Lane, Ebford EX3 0QT**

Single storey extension to bungalow

Cllr Baker reported that this was doubling the size from one to two bedrooms with extended living and

Storeroom. There was one objection on the website and a member of the public had voiced concern earlier in the meeting. It could be a matter for the Highways with regard to parking.

Cllr Howe said that the normal policy was one car per bedroom. Cllr Baker considered that there could

be a serious parking problem. Cllr Manser indicated he had been informed by the tenant that only one

car was allowed to park on the property, therefore any excess cars would be parked in the road. Cllr

Baker considered the Devon County Highways should be involved. A discussion followed whether more

parking should be allowed on the property. Cllr Manser advised that because Bronte was a Care Home

the drive had to be kept clear at all times, which limited parking on the site. Cllr Bragg suggested object

to parking, over development on site. Cllr Marks suggested to halve the living room to make room for

additional parking.

**Vote Unanimous to Object subject to comments.**

**15. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Marks reported that he had represented the Parish Council at the New Build Hog Roast.

The event went well, despite objectors being present. Moneys were donated to the Cricket Club.

He also reported that the Dog bin by the Village Green was full – and Streetscene would be contacted.

Cllr Manser commented that the bins should be emptied on a Monday.

Cllr Bragg reported that he would like to see a sign for Clyst St George and not Village Centre. Cllr.

Ackland-Smith agreed, and said she would investigate. Cllr Bragg also suggested drain cleaning should be considered shortly.

Cllr Manser reported that the meeting with the grass cutting firm had not yet taken place, but anticipated that it would occur shortly and estimates would be forthcoming. He suggested a list be made of various works required, including gulley clearing.

Cllr Baker had nothing to report.

Cllr Dearsley reported that she had noticed fires by Darts Farm at the bottom of Lower Farm, and would report this to the Environmental Health if this happens again. She also reported that a van had

been parked at the bottom of the village – Crown Van – and been parked on the village green. It was becoming a nuisance. Cllr Manser said he thought it may belong to a property nearby, it was parked

just within limits away from the traffic lights.

Cllr Dearsley also reported on light pollution at the bottom of the lane which was very intrusive. Light

Pollution would be included in next month’s agenda.

Cllr Ackland-Smith reported that she had attended another meeting of the Exe Estuary Trust – was

For ‘users’ of the estuary to meet chairman etc. It is becoming more clear as to their objectives but it is rather confusing at times.

Cllr Ackland Smith reported that she and Cllr Manser had met with Mr. and Mrs. White of RBL/Rosario regarding the narrowness of the path on their A376boundary. It was agreed that the hedging should be cut back on a regular basis and that there is a possibility of acquiring some land to widen the path at a future time. Cllr Bloxham is to advise on this matter. All avenues are being investigated. Mr White enquired regarding residents’ views on planning and he was referred to the Local Plan and also the Neighbourhood Plan which is nearing completion.

Cllr Ackland-Smith also reminded everyone to return the Housing Needs Survey by 31 October 2017.

**Questions**

Member of Public 1 – reported that there were new owners of Cartwheel Cottage, and they were obviously unaware of parking rules that they should park thirty feet from the junction and this is causing problems.

Member of Public 2 – Complained that the new street lighting was too bright. Cllr Ackland-Smith asked Cllr. Bloxham’s advice, who suggested they possibly need adjusting.

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

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

The meeting closed at 9.10pm