**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL  
 held on 12th September 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 K. Dearsley**

**Cllr A. Meechan**

**Cllr A. Marks**

**Cllr S. Randall-Johnson**

**Cllr M Howe**

**Clerk: Mrs Cathryn Newbery**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr R. Bloxham**

**2. Presentation:** The Chairman introduced Janet Wallace PEHO and Contaminated Land Officer, Environmental Health, East Devon District Council who gave a presentation on the Enhanced Air Quality/Traffic Monitoring. Ms. Wallace explained they were running an Air Policy Project for air quality on the A3052 from the Vineyard to Clyst St Mary and the road from Clyst St Mary to the George and Dragon. She confirmed that Clyst St Mary reports were fine, but the Clyst St George was higher. She explained that nitrogen oxide (vehicle emissions) consisted and was easy to measure. Tubes were fitted to lamp posts. Up to 200mg per cubic metre per day were allowed – in a city the measurement would be from 180 – 250. There is nowhere in this area that reaches that measurement, Clyst St Mary is approximately 27 and Clyst St George about 40. A rural lane off the A3052 would measure approximately 10. She explained that her team had put in a lot of effort in the planning at both Greendale and Hill Barton Industrial Estates, and there is presently one planning application at Hill Barton that is being examined. She explained that if Hill Barton and Greendale continue to expand and Exmouth continues to grow, then there obviously will be more traffic into Exeter. Monitors will be fitted to provide real time data. This data will be fed to University of Leicester, who will quality control it and give EDDC the data. Three will be going up, two in Clyst St Mary and one in Clyst St George, the new monitors will also sample particulates. These will be installed within the next two weeks. Ms Wallace asked if there were any questions. Member of Public enquired what would happen when the situation becomes in a dangerous state. Ms. Wallace replied that this will not happen in this country. Traffic pollution cools off quickly. However, if the level exceeds 40 mg then we would be required to act. Cllr Hatton enquired if there was a timetable. Ms. Wallace replied that the monitors would be installed by the end of the month. University of Leicester will put the results on the website and will report back every year, there would be an interim report within six months. Expecting to have as much as possible on the website for the 2018 results by approximately the end of May 2019. There is nowhere in East Devon to be concerned about. Cllr Randall-Johnson commented that the problem was with the diesel cars vans and HGVs, electric cars would be better for the environment.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Wallace for her presentation.

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

**4. Declaration of Interest –** Cllr Dearsley Agenda item 9 -18/1854 Fennec Haven and Cllrs Manser, Bragg and Marks to Agenda item 9 – 18/1861/FUL Village Hall, Clyst St George.

**5. Open Forum –** Member of the public expressed concern about the drain clearing at the bus stop and crossing at Lower Ebford Lane by the traffic lights. There were weeds in profusion, with silt and debris and nothing had been done for about four years. Cllr Randall-Johnson explained there was a Devon County Council website where matters like this can be reported and advised that this should be done, and reminders sent if it was not completed.

Member of the pubic reported that the traffic lights at the junction of Winslade Park and the Dual Carriageway were not operating correctly. The sensors appear to not be working, and there can be huge delays at busy times of the day when the lights stop the stream of traffic travelling from Clyst St Mary roundabout to Exmouth. This is causing long tailbacks. This matter would be reported to DCC Highways.

**6. County Councillors’ Reports –** Cllr Randall-Johnson reported that during a visit to France recently, she had noticed that beside the dog bins, free bags were supplied. She had contacted East Devon District Council for costing. The bags cost approximately 2p each and are supplied in bundles of 2000. She suggested the Parish Council consider putting this costing onto their budget and Precept. She will forward information to the Clerk for discussion at the next meeting.

**District Councillor Report –** Cllr Howe gave his apologies for his absence from the previous meetings. He reported that the East Devon District Council had very recently refused to accept a report from the Exeter Great Strategic Plan group. The multiple housing and lack of infrastructure with an increase of traffic were not acceptable. He said that more housing, or any new town or village has to have a train station, or off-road tram scheme. He reported there will be more delays until the proposals are more acceptable. Member of public enquired how 844 houses could be allocated. Cllr Howe replied that 844 houses is the Government figure, but we think it could be as high as 950. He said that the figures were not realistic and required more consideration. Cllr Dearsley enquired whether the Neighbourhood Plan would be overridden in this project. Cllr Howe explained that it was possible that an old Neighbourhood Plan may be under scrutiny, but East Devon District Council would not ignore a recent Neighbourhood Plan.

**7. Correspondence: Clerk to Report:**

Email received re the removal of ragwort by Devon County Council. Form was completed and sent to Natural England also copied to Devon County Council Highways, who have dealt with the problem.

Email received notifying that Parish Hall would not be available for the December meeting, due to the School’s nativity play. The Village Hall has been booked for Wednesday, 5th December 2018 for the Parish Council Meeting.

Email received re traffic in Woodbury Road and requesting 20mph sign, also requesting/suggesting that ivy be removed from the brick wall of the village green. This has been replied to.

Invitation to event Working Together for Future of East Devon 2018 Conference.

Email re surface water flooding and sandbags, our Road Warden are dealing with this.

Email re winter service 2018.2019 for Snow Wardens – this matter is in hand.

Email requesting mowing dates – this has been responded to.

Email from East Devon District Council with a timetable and Notice of Referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan, to be held on Thursday 8th November

**7. Police Report –** The Clerk reported there was no report to hand.

**8. Finance:** The Clerk reported that after payment of the various accounts agreed in July, and the payments received from EDDC for the Parish Together Fund for £683 and £4391 for the Precept, there is a balance in hand of £6774.05. We have no outstanding payments, other than the Clerk’s salary for the month. The Clerk called for a vote on the accounts and payment.

**Unanimous vote on acceptance of accounts and payment of account.**

**9. Planning:**

**18/1775/DEM Land South of Marsh Barton Farm, Darts Business Park**

Cllr. Baker reported this was for the clearance of fuel storage tanks. This would be dealt with by the relevant authorities who will be making their stipulations on the manner in which this is completed. Therefore, we should not raise any comments on this.

**Vote: All support, no comments.**

**18/1730/FUL Newcourt Barton, Clyst Road, Exeter EX3 0DB**

Cllr Baker confirmed this was for construction of a livestock feed unit off Clyst Road, in the middle of a field. He considered there were no issues with this.

**Vote: All support, no comments.**

**18/1898/FUL Western Fields, Ebford**

Cllr Baker stated that this was a straightforward application, not overlooking anybody. No issues.

**Vote: Unanimous to support.**

**18/1854/FUL Fennec Haven, Ebford Lane, Ebford.**

Cllr Dearsley left the meeting.

Cllr Baker reported that this application was for construction of extension to the existing garage to provide study and shower room. Cllr Meechan noted there had been a prior application 15/1590, approved with conditions and not acceptable for independent occupation. She would like this to be reiterated. Cllr Baker reported that our concerns can be noted that no use as a separate dwelling. All agreed this course.

**Vote: Unanimous with note of our concerns.**

**18/1861/FUL Village Hall, Clyst St George**

Cllr Baker reported that this application was for an extension – to the front of the hall and at the back a ramp and extension. He commented there were no concerns and recommended support with no comments.

**Vote: Unanimous support with no comments.**

**Member of the pubic** enquired who finances the Village Hall – Cllr Manser confirmed the Village Hall is an independent Charity and had moneys from hall lettings. There may also be grants available to it. The Village Hall is not funded from the Parish Council**.**

**10. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Marks requested details of supply of salt for the winter months. Cllr Manser advised that he order as necessary from the website provided. Discussion ensued regarding salt already stored by Philip Broom and in the bins. Cllr Marks also reported that a red Mercedes car that had been apparently abandoned during the summer months. This had also occurred last year. The car had been reported, both on the DVLA website and to the Police. The car was on a SORN certificate and should not be on the road. It has since been removed.

Cllr Bragg reported on the ford, he cannot find loose stones but the tarmac each side is getting worn and pitted. He enquired whether this should be reported. It was agreed it should be reported to Devon Highways.

Cllr Baker had nothing to report.

Cllr Manser reported there had been clear out at the Village Hall, and Minute Books from the Parish meetings from 1894 – 1950 are now with South West Archives. Also Parish Council minutes from 1970 – 2001 have been archived; the receipt for this was given to the Clerk for safekeeping. He also reported there had been fly tipping of building materials near Holly Tree Cottage. This was promptly removed by EDDC.

Cllr Meechan reported that the grass cutting appeared to be intermittent. Cllr Manser replied it was undertaken every two months, now due. She also enquired whether there had been any progress in recruiting a new Councillor. The Clerk replied that there had been advertisements on the noticeboards for a few weeks now, and it was also on our website. Cllr Manser will be mentioning this in the Clyst Valley News. It was agreed that previous applicants would be contacted to ascertain if they were still interested.

Cllr Dearsley reported that she had contacted Tremletts regarding over brambles on the cycle path. They have agreed to deal with this. She also reported that she had noted the RBL site bonfires in Lower Lane and would continue to monitor and if this continued would take this up with EDDC Environmental Health Department.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 10th October 2018 at 7.30pm

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