**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 11 September 2019 at 8.05pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.**

**Present: Chairman Cllr J Manser**

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

 **Cllr. A. Marks**

 **Cllr. A. Williamson**

 **Cllr. G. Bowen**

 **Cllr. D. Hazell**

 **County Councillors Cllr R. Bloxham**

 **District Councillor Cllr. M. Howe**

 **Clerk Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

**2 Members of Public**

**The Meeting followed a very informative presentation by Mrs. Janice Wallace, PEHO & Contaminated Land Officer, East Devon District Council.**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Randall-Johnson

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

**3. Declaration of Interest – None**

**4. Open Forum**

Member of Public **–** Commented on the immense amount of money that had been spent on road signs and enquired whether this expenditure was made by East Devon District Council or Exeter City Council. Cllr Bloxham thought it was Exeter City Council.

**5. County Councillor’s Report**

 **Cllr Bloxham** kindly submitted his report prior to the meeting and this was circulated to all Councillors.

**6. Correspondence**

 Email warning of travellers in the area and to be vigilant.

 Notice of Public Consultation of East Devon Pebblebed Heaths.

 Email re Electric Vehicle charge points in Exeter and area.

 Notice of Consultation to include double yellow lines in care worker parking

 Scheme begins.

 Email from Devon County Council re encouraging development of wildflower

 Vergers. [www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife](http://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife)

 Notice of Neigbourhood Planning Seminar on 10 October 2019 at 10am at Black

 Down House, Honiton. Cllr Manser confirmed he would attend the Seminar.

 Email re proposed road closure of B3179 Woodbury Road on 11-15 November.

 This has been responded to after consultation with Cllr Bloxham. A new calvert

 is to be put under the road. Cllr Manser considers this will be of great benefit

 as will alleviate water running down the road.

 Email from Cllr Trudgeon outlining his role as Community Advocate to the Office

 of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This has been distributed together with

 the link.

 Email from member of the public outlining a problem with the roadside bank

 in Lower Lane, Ebford. The bank was previously maintained by Devon County

 Council. The developers had put soil on top of the existing bank which increased

 the height by some 3ft. There was a pipe also installed from the road under the

 bank where previously there had been a gulley. Since the completion of the

 development, the bank has not been maintained and is unsightly. If Devon

 County Council cannot now maintain the bank, is there any way the Parish

 Council could assist? This matter would be an Agenda item at next month’s

 Meeting.

 **7. Finance –** The Clerk reported that accounts had been circulated, together with a copy of the bank statement. The second Precept payment had been received on the lst September in the sum of £4376. After payment of the accounts voted at the July meeting, and the Countrywide Account in the sum of £704.10, the balance left in hand was £6706.33. There was one account outstanding for the Village Hall in the sum of £24.

 **Vote on Accounts and payment made of Countrywide and for payment to the Village Hall Unanimous.**

  **8. Clyst Road Self Help Plan –** Cllr Manser reported that he had received a complaint about the footpath from a local resident**,** who had given him an address of the owner of the property and he has written a letter to the owner, and is now awaiting a response. This matter will be an agenda item next month.

 **9. Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Services –** Cllr Manser confirmed a response was required. Cllr Bragg said that there had been a response from Budleigh Fire Services to support them. There was a discussion, and Cllr Manser suggested that he write a letter to put our Parish Council’s views across. All in agreement, and Cllr Manser confirmed he would draft a letter for approval.

 **10. Update on the transfer of land:** Cllr Manser confirmed that he and Cllr Baker had gone through the paperwork, and now submitted the application. Cllr Baker confirmed there would be a fee payable for the application, but at present the amount was not clear. After discussion, it was agreed that a maximum of £400 could be paid prior to the next meeting, if necessary.

 **Unanimous vote for the sum of not exceeding £400 be paid for the Planning Application without delay.**

 **11. Sign on A376 –** Cllr Manser confirmed the Enforcement Officer for East Devon District Council was now involved with Burrington Homes and the sign. It was confirmed that the sign was on partly on land that did not belong to them.

 **12. Compost Bin at rear of Village Hall –** Cllr Bragg confirmed the bin had been removed. Cllr Manser expressed his thanks to Cllr Bragg for his assistance in this matter.

 **13. Weeds on A376 –** Cllr Manser reported that he had now received a quote from Countrywide in the sum of £156.60 which encompassed land from Ebford traffic lights to the filling station at Exton. He said he considered strimming the footpaths on the A376 should be tendered for next year. There was a discussion as to whether this work should be completed this year or be put in abeyance until next year. Cllr Bowen suggested we could wait until the gulley cleaning is completed. It was agreed this matter be an Agenda item next month.

 **14. PLANNING**

**19/0758/FUL – Lloret, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter EX2 7JW**

Cllr Baker reported that the application was for an amendment, and further information had been added on the advices of the Planning Authority. He said the application had been supported without comments previously.

**Unanimous Vote to support, no objections.**

**19/1744/FUL Fennec Haven, Ebford Lane, Ebford EX3 0QU**

Cllr Baker confirmed this application was for replacement of timber deck with patio area and associated landscaping. No comments had been received.

**Unanimous Vote to support, no objections.**

**19/1575/FUL Redlands Service Station, Exmouth Road, Clyst St Mary EX5 1AR**

Cllr Baker confirmed this was a change of use of land for parking of MOT vehicles and removal of existing portacabin and the erection of a building as an office, reception and waiting room. He confirmed there was a history, as there was a previous application for the bottom area and it had been refused. A discussion ensured as to whether there was the necessary demand for the amount of parking necessary, there were also problems with the exiting from the garage onto the main road, and loss of green space.

 **Unanimous Vote to express the Parish Council’s concerns to the Planning Authority.**

 **19/1488/ADV Newcourt Barton Business Park, Clyst Road, Clyst St George**

Cllr Manser reported that two of the businesses who operate at the Business Park have applied to erect individual signs advertising their offices. Following discussion, it was considered that permitting this action would set a precedent and make the entrance to the Park untidy.

 **Unanimous vote to object.**

 **19/1849/MFUL Dart Business Park, Clyst St George.**

Cllr Manser reported that this matter would be on the Agenda for next month’s meeting, as the application had only just been received. He confirmed that the Agent, John MIlverton had emailed the Clerk requesting to speak at the meeting on the application when it was discussed. It was agreed that Mr. Milverton could speak during the Open Forum at the next meeting for the time allocated.

**15. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Marks enquired on the number of sandbags required. Cllr Bragg would check and confirm whether there was a need for any more. Cllr Bowen indicated he may have some bags that could be used. It was noted that the sand was not provided by the Parish Council.

 Cllr Bragg had nothing to report.

 Cllr Baker had nothing to report, other than the gullies being blocked on which he had emailed. Cllr Manser indicated he was to contact Helen Selby regarding this.

 Cllr Williamson reported that the noticeboard by the Church appears to be neglected. Cllr Manser confirmed that the doors to the board could be opened, and it would be looked at. Cllr Williamson also reported that the School alarm had been going off randomly, sometimes for as long as twenty minutes. Cllr Bowen would speak to the School about this, as there was most likely a fault.

 Cllr Hazell had nothing to report.

 Cllr Bowen reported that the school would defer making a claim for a Grant until it was established how much was required. He also confirmed that the Parish Council’s new website was now well underway and would be going online shortly. The new address would be Clyststgeorge.org.uk. Cllr Manser thanked Cllr Bowen for his assistance with this new website.

 Cllr Manser reported that he was considering whether the Parish Council could plant a dozen or so trees on the road verges and the roundabout. He would like permission to get advice and obtain prices for this project, and get the matter started. It was agreed by all that this should be done. Cllr Manser also reported that he would get advices from Cllr Bloxham regarding the hedgehogs that were in Lower Lane, Ebford.

**Signed………………………………………………………………Dated……………………………**

**The Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th October 2019 at 7.30pm**