**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
 held on 11 December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.**

**Present: Chairman Cllr J Manser**

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

 **Cllr. A. Marks**

 **Cllr. D. Hazell**

 **Cllr. G. Bowen**

 **Clerk Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **1 Member of Public**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A. Williamson, Cllr. R. Bloxham, Cllr D. Baker

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

**3. Declaration of Interest –** Cllr Manser – Planning 19/2327/FUL - Neighbour

**4. Open Forum –**

Member of the public enquired about the trees that were proposed to be planted. Cllr Manser responded that he would respond fully to this later in the meeting. Member of public agreed with the Chairman that the trees would need to be compact in some instances.

**5. County Councillor’s Report**

 **Cllr Bloxham** filed his report, which has been circulated.

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

 Email about the Great Trees in Clyst Valley and Cranbrook Canopy – circulated.

 Email regarding the proposed development on Winslade Park, the writer

 thinking planning permission had been granted – after consultation with

 Planning West, the enquirer was informed that no approval was yet granted.

 Email re Two Free tree planting initiatives been launched by Devon County

 Council who have teamed up with the Woodland Trust. This has been circulated

 Email with the results of the rough sleeping survey – been circulated.

 Cllr Manser reported a communication had been received indicating there was a Police Liaison Meeting on the 16th January 2020 at 7pm at Broadclyst. If there was no one else available to attend this meeting, Cllr Manser would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

 Cllr Manser also reported that the Dog Control Order is due for renewal. This is renewable every three years. After discussion, it was agreed that it was essential that the Order be renewed, all were happy with it as it stands. East Devon will be informed.

 **7.** **Finance** Clerk to Report:

The Clerk reported that the financial spreadsheets and bank statements had been circulated prior to the meeting. The CIL moneys are now in a separate account with Lloyds Bank. The balance in hand is £3409.07 In the working account, and of course, the CIL money £1191.69 (after the grand interest of 2pence being added) in the instant access savings account. Two accounts outstanding, one in the sum of £704.10 due to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, and the second for £210 for dog bin emptying from EDDC. Cllr Manser challenged the account from Countrywide, and it was agreed the Clerk would make enquiries and report back to the Meeting in January. This account would be set aside until clarification was received.

 **Vote on Accounts and payment of account for Dog Bins – Unanimous acceptance of the accounts and payment of the account.**

 **8.** **Precept:**

 Cllr Manser had circulated his proposed Precept figures for the ensuing year. There was discussion regarding the grass cutting. Cllr Marks reported that he would be applying for the grant from Devon County Council, this year in the sum of £350. There was a discussion on the charges for the new website. Cllr Bowen indicated this would be dealt with but the charge would be minimal, and his work done on the new site was on a voluntary basis. Cllr Manser will refine the figures and bring them to the next month. Deadline 22nd January.

  **9. Update on Grant Lady Seaward’s School**

Cllr Bowen reported that he had discussed this matter with the Headmaster of the School. At present, the School have not finalised the fundraising, and therefore the amount required is unknown. The matter would be on next month’s Agenda.

 **10. Update on the Transfer of Land**

The Planning Department had queried some aspects regarding the application. These queries are being dealt with. The matter will be on next month’s Agenda.

 **11. Grass Cutting**

Cllr Manser reported that there would be additional grass cutting required, as well as strimming and weeds that are growing out of pavements and kerbs. This is making it difficult for the public to pass. There will be three quotes obtained, in the same manner as the previous year. This will be on the next month’s Agenda.

 **12. Tree Planting**

Cllr Manser indicated on the screen where the proposed trees were to be planted and asked if all were happy with his proposals. He had liaised with Devon County Council Highways and he is awaiting their response. All agreed they were happy with his plans.

  **13. PLANNING**

 **19/2327/FUL Bronte Residential Home, Lower Lane, Ebford, Exeter EX3 0QT**

Cllr Manser reported the application was for the construction of two storage sheds. After discussion, it was agreed that no objections be raised.

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

 **19/2578/FUL Sunnyview Lodge, Clyst Road, Topsham EX3 0DB**

Cllr Manser reported the application was for the proposed demolition of existing store and lean to and construction of a new extension. After discussion the consensus was that no objections were raised on this application.

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

 **14. Councillors’ Reports**

Cllrs Bowen, Marks and Bragg had nothing to report. Cllr Manser reported that he had been in correspondence with Helen Selby about the closure of Woodbury Road, which had caused difficulties in Ebford Lane with diverted traffic, including a bus. This closure was made because two cars had careered into a ditch due to mud on the road left by a farmer and his contractors. However, the road was cleared and opened the following morning. Cllr Manser hoped that the farmer and contractors would learn from this incident and it would not occur again. Cllr Manser also reported on the CIL moneys currently held in the separate account The Parish Council would have to consider what this money is spent on, and a report has to be made to East Devon District Council on an annual basis stating what the money has been spent on, or whether it is still in the separate bank account.

 **Comments:** Member of the Public enquired regarding the Burrington sign that is still in existence despite the company under order from East Devon District Council to remove it. He wished to make it clear to the company that the sign be removed without delay.

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

**The Meeting closed at 8.35 pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 08 January 2020 at 7.30pm**