**CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 8th January 2020 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Clyst St George.**

**Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

**Councillors: Cllr. G. Bowen, Cllr. D. Hazell, Cllr. A. Marks & Cllr. A. Williamson**

**County Councillor: R. Bloxham**

**District Councillor: M. Howe**

**2 Members of the Public**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs D. Baker &P. Bragg, Clerk Cathryn Newbery

C.Cllr. Sara Randall Johnson was attending a Finance meeting

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes accepted unanimously.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None
3. **Questions from a member of the public:** would it be appropriate to publish the draft budget early to enable scrutiny. Cllr Manser concurred that this was entirely appropriate. The draft precept was actually discussed at the December 2019 meeting.

Was there progress with the removal of the advertising hording on the A376. D.Cllr Howe informed the meeting that the Enforcement Officer had issued an Enforcement Notice and given Burrington’s a warning. The planting of trees should help to alleviate the problem of non-compliant notices. The Parish Council (PC) can apply for TPOs immediately following the tree plantings. The Tree Officer has responded promptly to enquiry.

Does ‘Open Countryside’ mean that there can be no house building? No infill is permitted or highly unlikely although sustainable replacements are; the Neighbourhood Plan sets the context. EDDC Planning reviews the Local Plan every 5 years as there is sometimes a need to put vitality back into the villages.

Chairman will attend Police Liaison meeting on the 16th January 2020 at 7pm at Broadclyst.

1. **Report District Cllr:** EDDC are likely to set ta Budget with the maximum increase. Council Tax relief has been increased to 85% for those on low incomes/ benifits.

Both occupied properties (without planning), behind Redlands are subject to Enforcement Orders.

1. **Correspondence:** One email received re. Appeal decision Planning No.. 19/0281/FUL, Parkey Cottage. In favour of Applicant.
2. **Finance:** Financial spreadsheets and bank statements had been circulated prior to the meeting The Meeting ratified payments to Countrywide £704.10p and two payments of £24 to the Village Hall, as well as the accounts.
3. Cllr John Manser has updated the Precept figures, insurance was based on last year’s figures and the total of £9135, an increase of 5%, was agreed by the Meeting, EDDC will be informed by the Clerk.
4. Cllr Bowen reported that the Lady Seaward’s School were £800 short of their target for play equipment; the Council agreed to a grant of £400 which was matched by a grant from C.Cllr Bloxham. Cllr Bowen would inform the Headmaster.
5. **Transfer of Land:** Cllr Baker has submitted more information to EDDC so the planning application should be verified in the near future.
6. **Grass cutting:** A quote of £2713. 96p from one contactor, plus £555 for the weed killing and strimming of pavements, still awaiting a response from another, Struggling to find a third quote; Cllr Howe will forward information from Bishops Clyst Council.
7. **Planning**: 19/2339/ADV, Object on grounds ; Advert not directly related to business of garage, location is in “Open Countryside” and could distract drivers on the busy A376.
8. **Councillors Reports:** Cllr Williamson raised the problem of parents leaving car engines running whilst picking up or dropping off children at the school, Cllr Bowen to raise the issue with the Headmaster.

Cllr Manser has emailed Highways to report the blocked drain by the Ebford traffic lights, no response yet. Cllr Bloxam will check.

Following the introduction of the one way system at Old Rydon Lane the Clyst Road has become grid locked, during the morning rush hour, Cllr Manser had two residents comment on this, C Cllr Bloxam agreed to raise this with Devon Highways.

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

**The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7.30pm**

Precept for 2020/21:-

