**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL held on 14th October 2020 at 7.30pm by the Zoom Platform**

 **Present: Chairman & Host: Cllr J Manser**

 **Councillors: P. Bragg, A. Marks, D. Hazell,**

 **County Councillors: Cllr R. Bloxham and Cllr Randall-Johnson**

 **District Councillor: Cllr M. Howe**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **2 Members of Public**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Bowen, Cllr Williamson

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

**3. Declaration of Interest –** Cllr Manser near neighbour Planning Application 20/1941/FUL

**4. Open Forum –**

Member of the Public expressed his appreciation of the meeting being held by zoom and hoped this would continue as long as there is a risk of the virus spreading. The Member of the Public also requested an update from Cllr Howe on the GESP and whether there were any further details of the successor of this. Cllr Howe reported, that as we knew, East Devon District Council had pulled out of the GESP. At present the predecessor is a long way behind the curb, a timescale of three years has been mooted. The same developers as in the GESP will undoubtedly come forward, with the same number of houses planned. At present, this is all up for grabs and there was new administration at East Devon District Council, but he is still on the Committee. Cllr Randall-Johnson asked that, if possible, it would be best if consideration could be taken not to alarm the public with vague reports, such as was made with Oil Mill Lane. She considered the information could be a little more specific. Cllr Howe replied that it is difficult to have genuine consultation and having to put details out. It was necessary to have options and impossible to go into detail at an early stage. He confirmed there was a meeting next week, and he will keep the Parish Council updated.

**5. County Councillor’s Report –**

Cllr Bloxham had kindly circulated his report for the month, and confirmed he had nothing to add to this.

Cllr Randall-Johnson wished to report that Exeter University had been doing a great job dealing with students and the testing had been carried out extensively. She considered they could not have done more. Cllr Hazell asked if she had any details of the Three Tier System, but Cllr Randall-Johnson suggested John Hart of Devon County Council or Virginia Pearson would be the main contact for this. She confirmed that there were ten COVID19 patients in the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. Cllr Randall-Johnson considered the winter ahead would be difficult and was optimistic that the Nightingale Hospital would continue to do as well as it is, training nurses and diagnostics being undertaken there. Her concern was that other treatments, such as cancer, pneumonia etc would take more priority now especially with the winter coming.

**6. Correspondence – Clerk to Report**

Many emails concerning the Covid19 situation.

Email from Devon and Cornwall Police re the Summer Contact Campaign.

Email from Cllr Bloxham with his October report.

We have several emails from Devon County Council re the COVID19 updates.

Email from the Planning Chair for Bishops Clyst re the Planning White Paper Consultation Document published August 2020

Email from DALC re the Minutes and AGM

Email from the New Neighbourhood Planning Officer re Planning for the Future Neighbourhood Planning Engagement Roundtables – an invitation to participate

Email re Temporary Traffic Notice for the Sidmouth Road – Sandygate for road closure between 21 September -3 October 2020 overnight from 7pm – 7am

Email re Temporary Traffic Notice for the Exmouth Road towards Clyst St Mary on 12 and 13 November 2020.

All the above have been circulated.

**Cllrs Bloxham and Randall Johnson left the Meeting. They were thanked for their input.**

**7. Finance – Clerk to Report**

The Bank Statements and spreadsheets had been circulated. There is a balance in hand of £5308.51, plus the CIL money of £1192.10. The interest has gone down to 01pence per month! An account from Countrywide is now due in the sum of £778.92, plus Miscrosoft for the year for £95.88 (£7.99 per month) and printer cartridges in the sum of £31.99, together with the Clerk’s salary.

The Clerk called for a vote on acceptance of the accounts circulated, together with the payment of the accounts as itemised including the Clerk’s salary.

**Unanimous Vote on acceptance of accounts and payment of accounts.**

1. **Co-Option of New Councillor**.

Cllr Manser welcomed Sam Piper to the meeting and called for a vote for him to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. A unanimous vote was received, and Cllr Piper was duly co-opted.

1. **Update on the Transfer of Land at the rear of the Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that both she and Cllr Bragg had spoken with the Solicitors acting for each party. Although progress was slow due to the pandemic, this would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting in the hope that more progress had been made.

1. **Update on the Community Resilience Planning – Cllr Manser to report**

Cllr Manser reported that whilst a larger Parish Council may need detailed plans, he considered that it would be advisable for our Parish Council could deal with this with a paper plan which could be left in the Village Hall for easy access for the Councillors should a disaster occur. These papers could include all the contact details necessary. This would be sufficient for our needs and prevent having to make regular payments. Cllr Bragg agreed with this action. Cllr Hazell suggested applications could be made, such as Mail Chimp. Cllr Manser felt that if power was lost, then the internet and telephone would be lost too. He suggested he liaise with the Clerk and make a start on the paper plan and take it from there. This would be an Agenda item next month.

1. **Planning**

 **Ref No. 20/2151/FUL The Limes, Old Ebford Lane, Ebford**

Cllr Manser reported that this application was only received two days ago, and the plans were not available for inspection immediately. After discussion, it was agreed that a meeting would be called in two weeks’ time, which should give all time to consider the very contemporary design planned. Cllr Howe suggested doing this would ensure that the Parish Council’s comments would be received prior to the deadline.

**Unanimous Vote to defer for two weeks to enable Councillors opportunity to inspect plans**

**20/1941/ful Cotfield, Lower Lane, Ebford.**

Cllr Manser reported this application was for a single storey rear extension and balcony. Panels were planned in order to prevent overlooking the neighbours. A short discussion ensued. It was agreed that there had been no complaints and the plans should not cause any conflict with the neighbours.

**Unanimous vote No Objection.**

**20/1233/ful Kingston House, Ebford Lane, Ebford.**

Cllr Manser explained that this had received three objections because of overlooking from the proposed balcony and privacy of neighbouring property. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the balcony could cause privacy problems in the neighbourhood.

**Unanimous Vote the Parish Council are mindful of objections by the neighbourhood.**

**20/1001/MOUT Winslade Park, Clyst St Mary**

Cllr Manser reported that these plans were amended, there were 538 documents, with at least 50% objections. The initial objections on traffic had not been answered. Cllr Manser said that the increase in traffic would affect us all. Cllr Howe explained that Devon Highways and Highways England were not going to change their stance – that in the past between 2000 and 3000 staff at London and Manchester used the roads – and in their estimation there would be reduced traffic. It was agreed that the Parish Council support Bishops Clyst.

**Unanimous Vote – no further comment at present.**

 **14. Councillors’ Reports**

**Cllr Marks** reported that there had been a problem with the clearing of the dog bin at the Village Green, and even ownership of this bin. He was pleased this had been resolved and he would ensure that the Wednesday collections would continue.

**Cllr Hazell** reported that there had been fly tipping at Higher Bagmores this morning, but it had been collected by the evening. Cllr Manser replied saying he had reported it. Cllr Hazell also suggested that perhaps the phone boxes could be put to some use, a bookswap maybe? He said Ebford had no mobile library visiting as Clyst St George did. A discussion ensued wherein Cllr Marks indicated the phone box in his garden had problems with electrical wires and needed a good clean up and paint, and perhaps this could be done next summer. Cllr Manser suggested anyone interested liaise with Cllr Marks over this.

**Cllr Bragg** reported that he had noticed that one of the salt bins had disappeared by the Church wall. Cllr Marks suggested it is still there but buried deep. Cllr Bragg will have a search for it and ensure it is visible. He said he had managed to obtain 60 sandbags, and that sand could be purchased and possibly stored in the Pound. Cllr Manser will look into this and access to the Pound so that sand can be delivered there.

 **Cllr Manser** asked Cllr Howe whether any progress had been made on the Clyst Valley Trail.

Cllr Howe indicated this was undecided at present – that Simon Bates was working on multiple routes, with no preference at present. Cllr Manser requested whether Cllr Howe could press a case for this trail to be decided as soon as possible. Cllr Howe said he would, and suggested we send an email to our MP, Simon Jupp, as he was very keen on bringing communities together. Cllr Howe considered there could be funds available with Highways for this, and if the project was ready to go, then he would be keen to support it.

Cllr Manser also reported that there were a number of residential roads that had not got names and would like consideration to be taken for this. Cllr Howe replied that there was a Road Naming Department at East Devon District Council and any suggested name would need to have two thirds majority of the residents of that road agreeing.

**Any Comments**

Member of the public commented that he had two points on planning – one was when a planning application was received too late to be on the Agenda and the time limits sometimes were unworkable. Cllr Howe indicated that the timescales were set by the Government and not the Councils. The Member of the Public also made the point that when a building is altered the surroundings must be accepted, and towns and villages need a variety.

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

**The Meeting closed at 9pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 28 October 2020 at 7.30pm to discuss Planning Applications**

**Following Meeting: Wednesday, 11 November 2020 at 7.30 pm**