**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL held on 12 April 2021 at 7.30pm by the Zoom Platform**

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

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

 **District Councillor: Cllr M. Howe**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **Members of Public -1**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R. Bloxham, Cllr Randall Johnson, Cllr G. Bowen

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

**3**. **Declaration of Interest - none**

**4. Open Forum –** Member of the public raised a concern on the Planning Application 21/0569/FUL, He was minded that Pytte House was a historic Grade 2 building, of substantial proportion and that the proposed outbuilding would be used as a recording studio and not an office. He considers there is a possibility the recording studio could be used commercially because of the intended size of the building and raised the query whether it was deemed appropriate, given the historic nature of Pytte House.

**5. County Councillors Report –** There were no County Councillors’ reports.

The Clerk reportedshe had received an email from Cllr Bloxham saying he would not be standing this year for County Councillor. Cllr Manser confirmed he would write to Cllr Bloxham on be behalf of the Parish Council thanking him for all his efforts and support he had given to the Parish Council.

**District Councillor’s Report** – Cllr Howe indicated he had nothing of significance to report this month. He said at present Government Grants were being attended to. Cllr Piper enquired about the Local Plan. Cllr Howe said that the deadline had been deferred because of the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh, but they had, so far, had little response, and they were presently working their way through the ones already received. Cllr Manser said that Clyst St George had managed to keep their Precept claim to the same as last year. Cllr Howe commented that he was impressed with this.

**6. Correspondence – Clerk to Report**

Email from Cllr Bloxham indicating no report from him this month due to purdah and

 also saying he would not be standing for election this year with DCC. He would be

 continuing to be involved with Cranbrook for the foreseeable future.

 Emails from Devon County Council re the virus and the roadmap to returning to some sort

 of normality.

 Email from David Whelan re Covid Winter Fund Scheme

 Email re Clyst St Mary Flood Defence Improvements – Scheme updated from the

 Environment Agency

 Email re Community Risk Management Plan for Devon and Somerset Fire Rescue Service

 from Devon & Somerset Fire.

 Email re the dumping of what appeared to be concrete waste at the rear of Devon &

 Somerset Fire Headquarters

 Email from Devon County Council confirming the extension to the 2 May 2021 for the

 Town and Country Consultation.

 The Clerk reported all the above had been circulated.

**7. Finance – Clerk to Report**

 The Clerk reported she had circulated the accounts and statements to everyone. We have

 received the half year’s precept payment of £4567.50, and after payment of the accounts

 approved at last month’s meeting, are left with a balance in hand of £7348.21, and in the

 CIL account the sum of £1192.16, with the interest added to the 12 April. We have the

 annual DALC account due in the sum of £201.01 and the Clerk’s salary. I have completed the

accounts in two formats ready for submission to the external auditors. Hopefully I will be in a position to complete them, have them verifed and be able to produce them to next

 month’s meeting. The Clerk called for a vote on the acceptance of the accounts, to the 31st

 March 2021 and for the new year to date and for payment of the accounts as detailed

above. Cllr Manser confirmed he had still not heard from Plandscape and would contact

them once more.

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

**8. Vacancy for Councillor**

The Clerk reported that she would be sending in the appropriate form to the Officer at East Devon District Council and the vacancy would be advertised from the 13th April 2021. The

Clerk confirmed this would be advertised on our website and noticeboards. She would also contact a previous applicant to ascertain whether he may be interested.

**9. Update on Community Resilience Planning – Cllr Bowen to Report**

Cllr Manser asked Cllr Howe whether he had heard from Cllr Bowen. Cllr Howe said he had not. Cllr Manser commented that he understood that in order to get this underway a person with a Government email needed to be a sponsor. Cllr Howe confirmed he would be happy to do this. Cllr Manser said he would arrange for Cllr Bowen to contact him.

**10. Planning**

 **21/0569/FUL Pytte House, Clyst St George EX3 0NY**

 Cllr Manser reported that this was for the replacement of an ancillary outbuilding. A discussion ensued regarding whether this proposed building would be used commercially as a recording studio, as the applicant owns a big record label, or used as a home studio. This was a very pertinent point, and it was within the curtilage of a listed building. Cllr Howe stated that the Conservation Officer was not concerned, nor are Natural England, as the proposed building is some way from the house. Any noise would be governed by the Environmental Health. Further discussion followed, and Cllr Piper indicated he considered a lot of effort had been put into the application. Cllr Howe commented that if the building was used for commercial use, then there was a risk of artists arriving in numbers and if that was the case, then it would have to be deemed commercial use and that use should be applied for.

**Unanimous Vote for Cllr Manser to make enquiries for clarification on music studio and ask whether it was proposed that the building be sound proofed**.

 **21/0727/TRE Yew Trees, Clyst St George, EX3 0RE**

Cllr Manser confirmed this application was requesting permission to trim back an untidy yew tree. Discussion ensued whether it was the correct time to trim trees in view of nesting birds. Cllr Howe agreed saying should not displace nesting birds and wildlife should be checked prior to undertaking this.

**Unanimous Vote for Cllr Manser to request a requirement to check for nesting birds.**

 **21/0628/FUL South Lodge Old Rydon Lane, Exeter EX2 7JW**

Cllr Manser reported that this was the same application as put forward to the previous meeting. Cllr Howe confirmed it was, and that the images had now been displayed on the website. It was agreed this application was agreeable now the images had been seen.

 **Unanimous vote toagree to this application**

 **20/1034.FUL Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Hq, Clyst St George EX3 0NW**

Cllr Manser reported this application was for the installation of three security barriers, 2 vehicle impact barriers, removable bollards, widening of access road, construction of turning circle and bin store. Cllr Howe confirmed this was part of the network of support centres and all having to follow the same procedure. Cllr Manser said he had assumed it was Home Office requirements. **Unanimous Vote to agree – Government requirement**

At this juncture the email received relating to the waste material deposited at the Devon and Somerset Fire Headquarters was discussed. Cllr Howe confirmed the area where the waste was discovered is used as the training area. Cllr Howe had been forwarded a copy of the email, and subsequently forwarded it on to the Enforcement Officer to make enquiries and had also forwarded it to Cllr Randall Johnson who was Devon County Councillor for the Devon and Somerset Fire Headquarters for her attention. He confirmed that the Enforcement Officer will report back to us about this. The Clerk was requested to respond to the email confirming that the matter had been escalated to East Devon District Council and enquiries were being made as to the pile of building materials deposited.

 **20/1027 3 Perriams, Old Ebford Lane, Ebford EX3 0QB**

This application arrived following the distribution of the Agenda. Cllr Manser reported this application was, he assumed for the trimming of the willow tree. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Manser would make further enquiries of the application.

 **11. Councillors’ Reports**

**Cllr Marks** had nothing to report

**Cllr Bragg** enquired whether any more information had been received from Simon Bates regarding the Clyst Valley Trail. Cllr Manser had only heard from Cllr Bloxham after requesting an update to be informed that landowners were still being liaised with. Cllr Piper was concerned at the lack of room available if it came through the village up the lane to Kenniford Farm. He asked if the main focus was on the river route. Cllr Howe confirmed both routes were causes for concern both with Bishops Clyst and Clyst St George.

**Cllr Hazell** reported that the potholes around the roundabout had been filled, but still remained near the filling station. He would send a further report to Highways on this.

**Cllr Manser** reported that he had attended a virtual meeting with Exe Estuary. One matter that came to light was that the Environment Agency was looking at the water quality of the River Clyst. Was there anything in the water we should be looking into to stop water run off. He was pleased to note that Woodbury Parish Council had now joined the Partnership.

**Cllr Manser** also commented that the next meeting should be the AGM, preferably held in the Village Hall and if we delay this by a week, then we would be allowed to have 30 people in the Village Hall. Cllr Howe warned that social distancing of 2metres apart would still comply and would this be feasible? Cllr Manser understood this and agreed the AGM would be deferred by a month until June. In order to comply with Government legislation, Cllr Manser proposed holding the next Parish Council meeting by zoom on Wednesday, 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm, with the Annual General Meeting to be held prior to the June Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall.

**Unanimous Vote to move the next Parish Council Meeting to 5 May, 2021 held by zoom, and the AGM prior to the June Parish Council meeting.**

**Any Comments - none**

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

**The Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**Date of Next Meetings: Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 7.30pm by zoom**