

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
held on 5 May 2021 at 7.30pm by the Zoom Platform

Present: Chairman & Host: Cllr J Manser

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

Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery

Members of Public -3

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

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

3. **Declaration of Interest - none**

4. **Open Forum – none**

5. **Councillors Report** – There were no County or District Councillors' reports.

Emails from Devon County Council re the virus.
of normality.

Town and Country Consultation from EDDC Community Asset Transfer Procedure, extension
Of consultation.

Email – Wild East Devon Newsletter – Bluebell week.

Email from Colin Trudgeon re G7 Community Newsletter.

Email re Return to Physical Meetings Judgment from Henry Lennox

Email from East Devon District Council re Invitation to join neighbourhood plans and new
Local plan for East Devon Discussions 35 May 2021.

Email re Local Risk Management Strategy Newsletter April 2021.

7. **Finance – Clerk to Report**

The Clerk reported she had circulated the accounts and statements. Following payments approved at last month's meeting, the balance in hand is £6835.04, and in the CIL account the sum of £1192.16. Confirmation of a grant has been received from Devon County Council for the Footpaths in the sum of £250, and this should be received shortly. The Clerk had received accounts for the insurance renewal from Norris and Fisher in the sum of £458.68 and Thomas Westcott for £196.80. The Clerk called for a vote on the acceptance of the accounts.

Unanimous Vote on acceptance of accounts and payments.

The Clerk then went through the Annual Governance and Accountability Return that had been circulated and asked if there were any questions or queries, could she be contacted prior to Friday, 7th May at which time she would be handing the file to the internal auditor.

8. **Vacancy for Councillor**

The Clerk reported that she had received emails from two local residents who were interested in becoming a Councillor. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that Friday, 4th June 2021 would be the final date for applications for this post and this would be displayed on our website. It was requested that interested parties submit a brief resume to the Clerk, and the matter would be on the Agenda for selection at the next meeting.

9. Update on Community Resilience Planning – Agenda for next meeting.

10. Exe Estuary Management Partnership Committee – Memorandum of Agreement.

Cllr Manser confirmed he had received the Memorandum of Agreement for signature.

Cllr Hazell enquired whether there were voting rights, and Cllr Manser confirmed that we did have voting rights. He said that both Woodbury and Bishops Clyst had now joined the Committee which was excellent progress.

Unanimous Vote to sign and return the Memorandum of Agreement to Exe Estuary Management Partnership.

11. Planning

21/0878/FUL Lloret, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter EX2 7JW

Cllr Manser reported that this was the second application for this property. This application was for the demolition of the bungalow, and the erection of a twostorey dwelling. A discussion ensued where it was discussed that there were no adverse reasons to object, the property would not be overlooking neighbours and it was lower than the previous building.

Unanimous vote – no comment.

12. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Marks reported that he had cut the tree for the school. He was concerned that there appeared to be an amount of vandalism creeping into Clyst St George, and asked whether Ebford had the same problem. Cllr Manser confirmed he had not noticed any. Cllr Marks said that he had seen damage to the concrete pillar by the nature garden and near the proposed play area. He was baffled by this, A discussion ensued where Cllr Piper had noticed children swinging from low branches of the trees and asked if Cllr Marks could take these lower branches down. Cllr Marks confirmed he, too had noticed this problem, and despite speaking to the children concerned, and their parents who were present nothing had changed. He and Cllr Bragg would take the lower branches off the tree in question, and if necessary, speak to the culprits causing the damage. It was also noted that sticks were being thrown at passing cars, and this should be curtailed.

Cllr Piper enquired about the Clyst Valley Trail and had hoped that Cllr Howe would be present in order to answer his query. He felt the Green Recreation Route would be acceptable. Cllr Manser said the Clyst Valley Trail was still much in discussion at present. Cllr Manser confirmed that any proposals could be viewed on the East Devon District Council website. Cllr Piper will, himself, make enquiries of the Planning Department. Cllr Piper confirmed he had also reported a large rut in the pavement on the corner of the A376 and thought it had been hit by a lorry. Cllr Bragg confirmed he had also seen it and reported too.

Cllr Bragg reported that he had visited Marianpool recently and found the lane to be almost unpassable because of the potholes and asked who was responsible. After discussion it was agreed that Devon County Council should be approached in the first instance. Cllr Bragg confirmed that the flooding there was extremely bad in the wintertime. Cllr Manser confirmed he would speak to Highways about this.

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. Cllr

Manser will speak to Helen Selby about this. He was conscious that the A376 would have to be closed to carry out the work necessary near the filling station. Cllr Hazell thought more accidents could occur if this problem carried on. He was aware that the Air Ambulance had visited recently and wondered if there was land available for access by the Air Ambulance, and maybe this could be considered in the future. He also considered a further defibrillator should be provided at the bottom of Lower Lane.

Cllr Manser reported that he and Cllr Marks had been involved in ensuring the Village Hall was fit for the voting to take place there the following day, 6th May. Cllr Manser confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would take place prior to the next meeting in the Village Hall, and he confirmed this would be a hybrid meeting.

Any Comments – Member of Public requested a link to the latest plan on the Clyst Valley Trail. Cllr Manser will do this.

Signed.....Dated.....

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Date of Next Meetings: Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 9 June 2021 at 7.30pm followed by Parish Council Meeting – in Clyst St George Village Hall.