**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL held on 14 July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and by the Zoom Platform**

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

**Councillors: P. Bragg, A. Marks, G. Bowen, S. Piper (via Zoom)**

**J. MacDonald**

**Acting Clerk: Mrs. J. Manser** sitting in for **Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

**Members of Public - One**

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr M. Howe, Cllr S. Randall-Johnson**

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

**3**. **Declaration of Interest – None**

**4. Vacancy for Councillor**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Jill Humphries of Democratic Services at East Devon District Council. She confirmed that she should commence the election procedure of a new Councillor to replace the loss of Cllr Hazell and complete the necessary forms to advertise the vacancy. The Clerk therefore requested a vote to commence this procedure and hoped we will be in a position to elect a new Councillor at the September meeting.

**Vote -** Proposed Councillor Marks, seconded Councillor Bragg, agreed unanimously.

**5. Open Forum –** A Member of the Public had hoped to ask Councillor Randall-Johnson about a missing footpath between Pytte and the Cricket Ground.

**6. Councillors’ Reports –** Cllr Randall-Johnson – Not available

Cllr Howe – Not available

**7. Correspondence – Clerk’s Report**

* Email from Jon Freeman, EDDC re Lost Paths and Routeway Heritage.
* Email from Colin Trudgeon re OPCC Community Speed Watch and a further email re
* Road Safety Matters.
* Telephone Call to the Clerk re the speed of traffic on the A376 and need for more road signs.
* Telephone call re the overgrown hedge on the A376 both sides towards the traffic lights at Ebford, plus two emails relating to this.
* Invitation for Devon’s Second Local Councillor Climate Emergency Support Network.
* Notice of Newly Adopted Neighbourhood Plans – Farringdon, Newton Poppleford and Harpford.
* Email warning of the theft of gas cannisters in the area.
* Email warning of scam calls with matching numbers.
* Email from Janice Buckley re Consultation on Community Group Support.
* Emails regarding updates on COVID 19.

**8. Finance – Clerk’s Report**

The bank statements and spreadsheet had been circulated showing reconciliations. There is a balance in hand of £5560.50 following payments of accounts agreed at our last meeting, and the CIL Account is in credit by £1192.18. The payments due are the monthly payment to Chic Flower Design (formerly Planscape) in the sum of £244.84 and the Clerk’s salary.

The Clerk confirmed that she had filed the Annual Audit papers following last month’s meeting, prior to the deadline, and had received an acknowledgement of receipt.

The Clerk called for a vote on the agreement of the Accounts, together with a vote for the payment of the two above named accounts.

If a freedom of information dispute was raised Cllr Bowen questioned whether our legal insurance cover would cover a claim. Request that the Clerk check to confirm. Cllrs felt that we needed a Privacy Policy.

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

**9. Update on Community Resilience Planning & Data Protection/Privacy Policy – Clerk’s**

**Report:**

The Clerk reported she had attended the Training Course for Data Protection and confirmed that the advice given on this course had been implemented. There are no personal details kept on our system that could cause difficulties in data protection in the future. All emails and personal details are dealt with the degree of confidentiality as per the advice given. There will be a resume of the course sent in due course, and this will be circulated as soon as it becomes available.

The Clerk reported that following last month’s meeting she telephoned our Broker, Norris

Fisher, to enquire whether there were any legal expenses cover in place for Data Protection,

or indeed any cover provided at all for the Data Protection Policies that were required now.

The agent confirmed that he had no knowledge of this kind of cover at this time. He confirmed

that we did have legal expenses cover, but there was currently no need for Data Protection

cover. He would, however, keep us updated on this.

**10. Planning**

**21/1601 /FUL Ebford House, Old Ebford Lane, Ebford**

Cllr Manser reported this is for the erection of new electric gates, a discussion ensued which highlighted the danger of turning right out of the driveway. There has been no response to the application from Highways.

**Vote – No Comment**

**21/1708/TRE Higher Thatch, Ebford Lane, Ebford**

Cllr Manser reported that this application was for T1 – Ash fell to ground level. T11 is in a

Particularly poor condition, likely due to Ash Dieback Disease, and needs to be removed.

**Vote – Left to EDDC’s Tree Officer**

**21/1670/FUL Higher Thatch, Ebford Lane, Ebford**

Cllr Manser reported this application was for the erection of a two storey detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.

**Vote – This is an additional house and is therefore contrary to the Local Plan - Objection**

**21/1785/FUL Christer, Ebford Lane, Ebford**

Cllr Manser reported this application was for the construction of a detached garage

**Vote – No objection, support unanimously with a request that they replace trees removed.**

**21/1574/FUL Barley Way, Ebford**

Cllr Manser reported this was for the creation of a dwelling and associated works as a replacement for the dwelling approved under Class Q previously.

**Vote – No Comment**

**12. Councillors’ Reports**

**Cllr Marks** reported a car left temporarily in Marianpool Lane will be removed.

**Cllr Bragg** reported the need to remind Highways of the lorry damaged footpath by the Clyst St. George roundabout.

**Cllr Bowen** nothing to report from the schools. A large shrub is impinging on Old Ebford Lane from the Limes, Cllr Manser to request they trim it. Cllr Marks mentioned the hedging overhanging the narrow pathway in front of the old Rectory in Clyst St. George, Councillor Manser to mention hedge trimming bordering roads and footpaths in the CVN.

**Cllr Piper** reported that the sapling by the Pound had not survived, it could be replanted in the Autumn. A mobile advertising hoarding had been parked on the middle grass area of the A376 near the roundabout. An article appeared in the Express & Echo calling for sites for the updated EDDC Local Plan. The Chairman explained that this was part of the normal process.

**Cllr MacDonald** asked whether the grass cutting firm could be replaced this year, the chairman responded that it was a yearly contract which is out for tender in January.

**Cllr Manser** reported that the hedge alongside the A376 pavement in Ebford has been cut.

He requested that membership renewal for the Exe Estuary Partnership be approved for 2021/22. Approved

**Any Comments –**  None

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

**The Meeting closed at 2055**

**Date of Next Meetings: Wednesday, 11th August 2021 at 7.30pm in Clyst St George Village Hall**