**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL**

**held on 8 September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present : Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

**Councillors: P. Bragg, A. Marks, G.Bowen, J. MacDonald**

**Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

**Members of Public - 2**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Piper

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

**3**. **Declaration of Interest –** none

**4. Co-option of Councillor -** The vote was carried out, with scrutiny, and Isobel Stubbs was

Formally invited to be Councillor and join the present Councillors at the table. Mrs.

Stubbs accepted the position and was duly passed the necessary forms to complete.

She joined the Councillors at the table. Cllr Manser expressed thanks to Mrs Kynaston

for her application and for attending the meeting.

**5. Open Forum –** **Member of Public 1** enquired about the lack of grass cutting that had

been carried out recently. Cllr Manser confirmed this matter would be discussed

further on in the meeting,

**Member of Public 2** said that six years ago there were proof user forms submitted to

Devon County Council regarding a footpath from Woodbury Road to Pytte Lane that

had been in use for over seventy years. The footpath runs alongside pasture and the

cricket ground. This was put before the relevant committee of the Council and it was

approved by all but one Councillor who did not understand the countryside. It clearly

had been in existence for seventy years. All the necessary procedures were followed

including a formal notice put at the end of the footpath. This notice was removed,

subsequently replaced and removed again. It was proposed there would be a

meeting, which included the Inspectorate. A public meeting. Then absolutely nothing

happened, it appeared to have died a death. It was appreciated that the pandemic

caused much delay, but it appears to have been swept under the carpet. What can

be done to progress this please? Cllr Randall-Johnson confirmed she would

investigate this and let us know when she had done so.

**6.** **Councillors’ Reports and**

**7. Email received regarding proposed Tier Structure Extension (Local plan update)**

Cllr Howe explained that it was the wish of the Council to keep the countryside alive

and to this end allow a small amount of homes scattered throughout communities. He explained that it was wished that families have the opportunity to grow up and stay where they have lived if they wished to do so. This would only be done with consultation with the Parishes. There was a worrying trend of what Inspectors think is sustainable. Sustainable means there are sufficient post offices, shops etc enough to sustain day to day living locally. Cllr Randall Johnson emphasised that much of East Devon is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Cllr Howe explained that there were a number of appeals outstanding, especially at Farringdon.

**8. Finance Clerk to Report**

The Clerk reported the financial statements had been circulated. Following the

receipt of the second Precept payment from EDDC in the sum of £4567.50, and

payments of the accounts authorised at last month’s meeting the remaining

balance in hand is £9013.90 and the CIL account balance is £1192.20. As yet, we

have not been able to pay the sum of £40 to the Information Commission Office

authorised at last month’s meeting but will do so as soon as I have received the

paperwork for this. This month, we have received accounts from Devon County

Council for £109 being our contribution to the Exe Estuary Management, £244.84

our monthly payment due to Plandscape (Chic Designs), invoice from DALC for

the Webinar attended by me on Data Protection. I am also expecting the charges

for the use of the Village Hall shortly and the Clerk’s salary due, plus £95.88 being the

Microsoft payments for one year (£7.99 month) and printer cartridges in the sum of

£31.99. Please can I have a vote on the acceptance of the accounts as produced,

together with a vote on the payment of the accounts as outlined above.

Cllr MacDonald requested that the payment to Plandscape be withheld due to the

problem with grass cutting. She considered their work to be substandard and they

were not meeting their contractual agreement with the Parish Council. A discussion

ensued, wherein Cllr Marks enquired whether we would receive a refund for the work

not completed. It was agreed that Cllr Manser would contact Plandscape again in

order to elicit a dialogue and a plan to remedy the matter.

**Unanimous Vote on the Accounts and Payment of the Invoices as submitted.**

**9. Planning – none**

**10. Councillors’ Reports**

**Cllr Marks** reported that there were travellers in the area. Several had attempted to   
 get access to various parts of the village, but these attempts were thwarted by himself,

Cllr Bragg and other locals. He said the travellers had been moved on from

Exminster, been turned away from Winslade Park, and then got stuck in the ford

at Pytte. Cllr Marks considered the new alert system we now have in place will be

beneficial in circumstances such as this.

**Cllr Bragg** had nothing to report further, as Cllr Marks had covered the situation with

the travellers. He too, was very interested to hear about the new alert system now in

place.

**Cllr Bowen** Reported that the school was now back. He had noticed an electricity box

was on its side, probably left following a crash on the A376 between the George and

Dragon and Ebford. A large sign was also knocked down.

Cllr Bowen said he had now set up the new Notification System which was part of the

Community Resilience for dealing with emergency situations. He had found a

Government provided service and we now have that account. It does not store data

and automatically deletes messages after seven days. The Clerk  
 would receive notifications and pass these on to the Councillors included in the system.  
 It was a simple scheme that should work well in emergency situations. A discussion   
 ensued wherein emergency situations were discussed and defined.

**Cllr MacDonald** reported on the volume of traffic on the A376. There were accidents/

crashes and felt something must be done urgently. Cllr Manser considered this year

was exceptional in that there was the staycation to consider and the volume of traffic

would be excessive in these circumstances. Cllr Randall Johnson said there were

various considerations under review at present with the Exeter from Exmouth Road.

There were the problems with the Junction 30 at Sowton which was a mixture of long

Distance travellers using the services. Cllr Bowen enquired whether there was a system

in place that monitors accidents and who would record this. Cllr Randall Johnson

replied Devon County Council. Cllr Bowen thought there was a duty of care involved.

**Cllr Manser** reported that he had emailed Helen Selby of D.C.C roads. They were

initially going to resurface the top of Ebford Lane (also the cycle route) and are now

saying the budget had been reduced, so this would be completed next year, and they

may now use the dragon patcher. The gullies will be cleaned. He had also suggested a

new signpost. Cllr Randall Johnson said she would speak to Helen Selby the next day

and ask what signages could be provided.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of Next Meeting: 13 October 2021 Village Hall at 7.30pm