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

 **held on 10 November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

 **Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

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

 **I.Stubbs**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **Members of Public - Five**

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, Cllr Manser wished to report that Roger Horner passed away at the end of October. Cllr Manser said that Roger had been Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees and Parish Councillor for many years and was a very much respected member of the community. Sincere condolences were sent to Roger’s widow, Barbara.

**1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Piper, Cllr Randall-Johnson**

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

**3**. **Declaration of Interest –** Cllr Stubbs said she was a member of Seawards Park

 Residents Association.

**4. Open Forum –** Member of the Public (1) enquired who owned the field behind

 the George and Dragon Inn. Cllr responded saying it was the Dart Brothers.

 Member of the Public (2) enquired whether Clyst St George and Ebford were to be

 included in the updated Local Plan. Cllr Howe responded saying the first draft of the

 plan will be out in December and we are considered as one in the first stages. Member

 of the Public (3) reported that every time the A376 is blocked the is so much traffic

 driving carelessly through Ebford which do not adhere to the 20 mph speed limit. The

 situation was becoming extremely dangerous. Cllr Manser said that he has requested

 signage indicating ‘Shared Space’ but Highways would not consider this request, saying

 it did not want excessive signage in the area.

**5. Councillor’s Report**

**Cllr Howe** reported that sewage was at its capacity in the area. This was being worked on at present. It is being treated as a matter of urgency. There were problems also at Countess Wear, where the smell is terrible. Cllr Howe said there was a Strategic Planning Meeting in January 2022. Developers are invited to put forward land they wish to be developed and some will be invited to go and speak at the Meeting.

**6. Emails Clerk to Report:**

Email from Jamie Buckley of EDDC with details of crowd funding to improve the local

 community.

 Further email from Jamie Buckley re Working Together for the Future of East Devon

 2021 Conference.

Email from EDDC re October Exhibitions, Events and Half Term Workshops.

 Email from EDDC re Neighbourhood Planning and Emerging Local Plan

 October/November update.

 Email from Andrew Haining offering free trees for planting projects.

 Email from Highways re Parish and Town Council Conference 2021 – virtual events.

 Rural Funding Digest – November

 Public Announcement from Heart of South West Training Standards on Avian Flu.

 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Newsletter.

 Email from Bishops Clyst P.C. re Climate Assembly Report

 Email from Exe Estuary with Minutes of September Meeting.

 Email from Devon County Council re confusion about COVID19 Booster & Flu injections

 Email from Devon County Council informing us that COVID19 infections reach highest

 Level.

 The Clerk confirmed all the above emails had been circulated.

**7. Finance Clerk to Report**

The Clerk reported the financial statements had been circulated. Following payment of the accounts approved at last month’s meeting, the balance in hand is £7400.23, and £1192.22. in the CIL account. This month, we have the monthly Plandscape account for £244.84, plus the hire of the Village Hall charges received for the month of August for £18. There were two further payments due for September and October also, together with the Clerk’s salary. The Clerk called for a vote on the acceptance of the accounts, together with a vote for the payment of the accounts as specified.

**Unanimous Vote on Acceptance of the circulated Accounts and payment of the**

**Accounts as specified.**

**8. Street Lighting -**

Cllr Manser advised that he had emailed Devon County Council on this matter, and had an acknowledgement, but heard nothing from the Street Lighting Team. He will forward the emails to Cllr Randall-Johnson to see if she can help us. Cllr Manser asked Cllr Stubbs if she wished him to proceed with this, and she confirmed she did.

**9. East Devon Local Plan Update – Webinar on 11th November 2021**

Cllr Manser confirmed that he had signed up for this Webinar, and Cllrs Bragg, Marks and Stubbs had also signed up. Cllr MacDonald had been unable to do so, the site indicating no more could be accepted. She had ascertained that this Webinar would be videoed and would email this to the Clerk when received.

**10. SMS Alert System – Guidance for Use**

There was a discussion on this with the priorities on the matrix that had been set

 out, including the nominated persons to be decided. It was agreed that the

 Chairman should lead this, with full authorisation, and the Clerk or a nominated

 person following this. Cllr Bowen asked whether the ICO had confirmed our

 registration. The Clerk said this had not been received, and would be chased

 as a matter of urgency. This matter would be an Agenda item next month.

**11. Tree Planting/Replacement**

Cllr Manser confirmed that last year we made a request to Devon County Council

 to plant trees along the A376 and this was granted, with a total of eleven trees to

 be planted. The trees planted in Ebford unfortunately fell foul to hedge trimming.

 Cllr Bragg confirmed that the trees planted on the roundabout had survived. Cllr

 Manser suggested that we replace the trees and add eleven. He had been looking

 at Perrie Hale’s website, and finds that each tree, together with a tree guard

 would cost £6. He considered purchasing 20 trees which would cost £120. A

 discussion ensued whether trees could be purchased from ‘eforests’ , but,

 unfortunately, our order was too small for consideration. Cllr Manser thought it

 would be beneficial to contact Simon Bates to enquire whether he would be able

 to assist us.

 All agreed this was a sensible move. Cllr Manser called for a vote on the payment

 of £120 for the trees.

 **Unanimous Vote to Spend £120 on trees.**

**12. Planning**

 **21/2711/FUL Dawn View, Clyst Road, Topsham. EX3 0DB**

Cllr Manser reported that this application was for a large extension on the side of the existing property. There had been an objection from the neighbours of loss of light from the proposed extension to their dining room and kitchen, as the extension would be close to the neighbouring property. After discussion, a vote was taken.

**Unanimous vote to object and support letter of objection as the points raised are valid.**

**21/1574/FU; Barley Way, Ebford Lane, Ebford EX3 0QX**

Cllr Manser explained that this application was for the dwelling to be moved more central to the plot. Planning permission had already been granted to replace the agricultural building. After discussion it was agreed to support the change.

**Unanimous vote to support the change.**

**13. Councillors Reports**

 **Cllr Stubbs** reported her concerns about the dangerous parking at the school at

drop off and collection times. She enquired whether it was possible for the parents

 to use the car park. Cllr Bowen said that the school had brought in staging during

 COVID, but unfortunately that finished now. Unfortunately, there is no additional

 parking for the parents to use. He expressed his concerns at the significant problem

 with this. Cllr Bowen will speak to the Headmaster in an effort to alleviate the

 situation. Cllr Howe said there was an initiative by the Police and Crime

 Commissioner that was working, and he suggested we write to her and the two

 County Councillors.

 **Cllr Stubbs** also reported on the Street Safe Scheme – a three month scheme and

 wished this to be minuted.

 **Cllr MacDonald** reported that she had responded to the Highway Services Team with

 questions. She is concerned about speed, congestion due to the fact that the road

 divides the village. Also concerned about flooding and the runoff from the fields.

 Cllr Bragg said that the gateway is blocked with leaves, and the road would have to

 be closed for the clearing of them. This had not been done for two or three years.

 Cllr Manser said he would enquire to see if anything can be done about it.

**Cllr Bowen** enquired whether the bus shelters were due to be cleaned again as they were very dirty. The Clerk would enquire about this and request cleaning.

**Cllr Bragg** reported that the manhole cover at Woodbury Road by the farm buildings was leaking. The cover was not rattling. He was concerned that if the weather turned cold, then there could be a nasty accident on any ice there. Cllr Manser confirmed this would be reported to Western Power.

**Cllr Marks** had nothing to report.

**Cllr Manser** reported that he had had only one response of a quotation for the grass cutting. He said he will contact the other two and chase up their response.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 8 December 2021