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

 **held on 9 February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

 **Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

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

 **I. Stubbs, M. Howe (EDDC)**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **Members of Public - One**

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

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

**3.** **Declaration of Interest –** Cllr Bragg on Planning Application 22/0123/LBC

**4 Open Forum – none**

**5. Councillor’s Report -**

 **Cllr Howe** reported that the Local Plan Policy is still a matter in hand, they had had a third

 meeting on the early draft, and there would be three or four meetings in the days to

 come. At present, he was not happy with the current draft but when that was cleared,

 the draft would be delivered. He confirmed that land had been put forward to link up the

 A376 and the A3052 which was being considered.

 Cllr Howe reported that he was pleased that the Recycling Team had managed to catch

 up following the busy Christmas period. There were still staff shortages due to the COVID

 virus, but the team were coping as well as they could. Cllr Marks enquired about the dog

 bins being emptied. Cllr Howe confirmed that these bins were emptied by a different

 team, which frequently changed because of the nature of the job. Cllr Manser confirmed

 he would include in his Report to the Clyst Valley News advice on the usage of the Dog

 Bins.

 Cllr Howe confirmed that the budget would be assessed next week. They expected to

 deliver maximum budget increase. Plus, car parking fees were being raised. Cllr
 MacDonald asked whether with the new housing to be developed in the area, the

 Council would be receiving more income which should assist their budget considerably.
 Cllr Howe said, unfortunately, this was not the case.
 They had employed a Green Environmentalist and were struggling with the budget and
 costs were higher than the income.
 Cllr Manser said that the road sweeper had been and the gullies had been cleared. Cllr
 Howe confirmed he was pleased to hear this.

 **Cllr Howe left the meeting.**

**6. Emails Clerk to Report:**

 Email from David Whelan re launch of OPCC Community Grants.

 Email from Director of Public Health Devon advising caution in response to Prime

 Minister’s statement.

 Email from Nick Wright of EDDC to Unison Associated Members

 Email from Lucy Barrow re Parish & Town Council Conference.

 Invitation to Exe Estuary Virtual Winter Forum 2022

 Email from Carey at Sidbury Manor re the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

 Several emails re meeting arrangements to discuss EDDC Emerging Local Plan

 Email from Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital Foundation Trust stakeholder update.

 Email from Devon County Council re Active Travel and workplaces.

 Letter from Maria Pearce on behalf of Cllr Thomas re The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

 Email from David Whelan re Safety on Women at Night Charter

 Email from Sally Webster of EDDC re Responsible Dog Ownership Article 2022

 The Clerk confirmed the above emails had been circulated.

**7. Finance Clerk to Report**

 The Clerk confirmed the accounts had been circulated.

 The balance in hand of £5498.24 in our current account and £1192.25 in the CIL

 account. The payments due are £244.84, for Chic Flower Designs, £36 for the Village

 Hall hire plus the Clerk’s salary. Cllr Manser enquired whether the VAT repayment had

 been made. The Clerk replied that it had not. Following a vote on the acceptance of

 the accounts, the Clerk was requested to clarify the account with Chic Flower Designs,

 and whether this was the final account.

 **Unanimous Vote on Acceptance of the circulated Accounts, Payment of the Village**

 **Hall Account, the Clerk’s salary, and, if after clarification the Chic Flower Design is**

 **due, it should be paid too.**

**8 SMS Alert System -**

The Clerk reported that there were now fourteen subscribers. It was a disappointing result. A discussion ensued whether there should be a final date for the submission of numbers. The matter would be on the agenda next month for a decision to be made.

**9. Parking at School**

Cllr Manser reported that Cllr Bowen was waiting for the school to inform him of a

 road safety initiative they were considering. Cllr Bowen intended contacting the

 Parish Council in Cornwall that (with Police and Crime Commissioner funding ) to
 provided some signs to their local school with a view to ascertaining the costs
 involved. He will also contact our Neighbourhood Policing Team for any assistance
 they may be able to offer.

**10. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr MacDonald reported she had done some research on the grant that could be

 available, but our Parish was too small to take advantage of this. However, she

 suggested Morris Dancers or Clog Dancers could take part. Cllr Manser considered

 this would be excellent. Cllr Bragg suggested a hog roast and would make enquiries

 at Greendale of whether this could be possible, although expense may be a problem,

 and the numbers attending. Cllr Manser thought a do-it-yourself community

 barbeque could be good fall back. A discussion ensued. It was suggested that the
 children of the village under an age, of say, twelve years could be presented with
 mugs. Cllr Marks enquired whether the Parish Council would be prepared to give a
 grant towards the celebrations, perhaps a bouncy castle, which would cost about
 £350.

 This matter would be on the agenda next month. Cllr Bowen could obtain numbers

 of children at the school and at Little Dragons so that mugs may be costed.

 **Unanimous Vote to award a grant in principle, amount to be agreed at a later date.**

**11. Planning**

 **21/3053/LBC The Coach House, Clyst St George**

Cllr Manser reported this application was for a replacement front door and

 centralise in existing opening and single glazed panels either side of the door.

 After discussion, it was agreed to support subject to Conservation Officer’s

 comments.

 **Unanimous to support, subject to Conservation Officer’s agreement.**

 **22/0183/FUL Rosario, Ebford.**

Cllr Manser reported that this application was for the construction of two storey

 side extension with alteration to fenestration and to include integrated double

 garage. A discussion ensued.

 **Unanimous vote no objection.**

 **22/0123/LBC Flat Bridge Mill Cottage, Bridge Hill, Topsham
 (Cllr Bragg did not participate in the discussions)**

Cllr Manser reported this was for an alteration to the interior of listed building to

 include replacement staircase and installation of new ceiling in (double height)

 kitchen, dining/living space. A discussion ensued.

 **Unanimous vote no objection will leave to Conservation Officer.**

 **12. Councillors Reports**

 **Cllr Marks** had nothing to report.

 **Cllr Bragg** had nothing to report. Commented he was pleased the gullies had

been cleared. He enquired about the watering of the trees planted recently. Cllr

 Manser thought that the recent wet weather would be sufficient. Cllr Bragg

 suggested an oak tree could be obtained from East Devon District Council for the

 Jubilee, and a discussion ensued on where this could be planted. Cllr Manser

 thought the Church Warden may like to be involved in this. The matter would be

 discussed at a later date.

 **Cllr** **MacDonald** had nothing to report

  **Cllr Stubbs** asked if she could put a small sign on the dog bin indicating that

when it was full the bin at Model Cottages be used. All agreed this was a good

 idea and should be implemented. Cllr Manser would laminate the notice.

 **Cllr Manser** reported that there were three in the Village Hall on Saturday. He

intended attending the meeting on the 22 February at Sowton for a discussion

 on the Local Plan and asked if anyone wished to attend with him. Cllr Bragg

 confirmed he would possibly be able to attend. Cllr Manser felt it important

 that Cllr Rob Hatton of Bishops Clyst who had organised this meeting needed

 our support. It was hoped that the draft would be available for our discussion

 and eventual feedback. It was important that we keep an eye on the East Devon

 District Council website to see what updates were made.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 9 March 2022 at 7.30pm**