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

**PARISH COUNCIL**

 **held on 13 April 2022 following the Annual Meeting commencing**

 **at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

 **Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

 **Councillors: P. Bragg, A. Marks, S. Piper,**

 **J MacDonald, I Stubbs**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **Members of Public - one**

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Cllr H. Gent, Cllr Randall-Johnson, Cllr Howe, Cllr Bowen
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Unanimous approval.
3. **Declaration of Interest –** none

**4 Open Forum** – none

**5 County Councillor’s Report – none available**

**6. Emails Clerk to Report:**

* Email from Exe Estuary re Committee Meeting
* Email from Cllr Ian Thomas of EDDC re Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
* Email from Maria of EDDC re the Queen’s Jubilee Oaktree and a follow up re care
* Email re Clyst Valley Trail Public Consultation. I have responded inviting to our
* Meeting in May to give presentation if date is convenient.
* Email from Bishops Clyst PC re Meeting of Parish Councils and EDDC Emerging Plan
* Email from EDDC calling for sites
* Email re Updated Register of Interests to be completed.
* Email from Jamie at EDDC re Community Building Grants.
* Email from Devon County Council with guidance setting out how to live safely with
* Covid 19.
* Email from Devon County Council re welcoming Ukranian Refugees.

The Clerk confirmed these emails had been circulated.

* Email from East Devon District Council re the Civil Enforcement off-street parking places – draft Consultation Order.

**7. Finance Clerk to Report**

 The Clerk reported she hadcirculated the accounts together with supporting

 statements. The half year’s precept payment from EDDC in the sum of £4567.50 was

 received on the lst April 2022. Following payments of the two accounts approved at

 last month’s meeting, the balance in the Treasurers Account is £9282.44, and the CIL

 account is £1192.27. The Cil Account has earned a steady interest of one pence per

 month.

 The Clerk reported the following accounts were due for payment this month:

 Clyst St George Village Hall £18.00 (room hire 9 February 2022)

 Chic Flower Designs £244.84 (final payment)

 DALC Annual Subscription £203.52

 Isca Digital £109.00 (New Hard Drive to laptop and data migration)

 Clerk’s Salary £375.83 (Revised figure plus £40 WFH expenses)

 TOTAL £951.19

 The Clerk said she had also received the External Auditor Instructions from PKF

 Littlejohn, and this paperwork will be completed and distributed prior to next month’s

 meeting. The deadline for submission to the Auditor is Friday, lst July 2022.

 The Clerk requested a vote on the acceptance of the accounts as circulated, and a vote

 supporting the payment of the accounts as detailed above. The invoices relating to

 payments were available for your scrutiny if desired.

 **Unanimous Vote on Acceptance of the circulated Accounts, and unanimous vote on**

 **the payment of accounts as specified.**

**8 SMS Alert System -**

The Clerk reported that there were now eighteen subscribers. The matter would be on the agenda next month.

1. **Parking at School –** Cllr Bowen had written to the school in Cornwall and will report at next month’s meeting.
2. **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr Marks explained that the matter had progressed since our last meeting. The Parish Hall Committee had agreed to the distribution of mugs to all the children of the Villages and the school children and children attending Little Dragons. The number of mugs required was 180, at a cost of £4 each plus VAT. It was agreed that the Parish Council would Pay for the mugs. The Parish Council would be able to claim the back VAT paid on the mugs.

**Unanimous Vote to contribute to the purchase of the mugs.**

1. **Transfer of Land**

Cllr Manser reported that Cllr Bragg and Janet Bragg had now obtained Probate, and the proposed transfer could be commenced. It was agreed that dimensions would be taken. Cllr Manser emphasised that this land was to be owned in perpetuity and was an opportunity for the Parish Council. He said that the CIL moneys held could be used for the fencing and being that the land was owned by the Parish Council there would be the opportunity to claim grants from the Sports Council, East Devon District Council and Viridor. There were also funds available in the S106 moneys which can be utilised for this purpose. A discussion ensued. The matter would be on the agenda next month to discuss the dimensions and the next step to be taken.

1. **Planning**

 **22/0570/FUL Newcourt Barton, Clyst Road, Topsham.**

Cllr Manser reported that this application was for the demolition of an existing

 annex dwelling and construction of a four-bedroom annex dwelling. Following

 discussion, it was agreed that this dwelling would not impose on anyone.

 **Unanimous Vote to support.**

 **22/0692/TRE Holm Oak, Clyst St George**

Cllr Manser reported this application was for various works to Trees T1, T2, T3, T4

 and T5. Discussion on the situation on nesting birds and the rules for tree works

 during nesting season

 **Unanimous Vote – no objection subject to Tree Officer’s recommendations.**

 **12. Councillors Reports**

 **Cllr Stubbs** asked if there was any progress with the BT phone box and whether

there was a plan for future use. A discussion ensued wherein Cllr Marks indicated

 that once the electricity cable was confirmed to be safe, then arrangements could

 be made to clean up and paint the phone box. At present, nothing further could

 be done until BT confirm the situation.

 **Cllr Marks** had nothing to report

 **Cllr Bragg** had nothing to report

 **Cllr** **MacDonald** reported that the disposal of full dog bags along Chapel Hill

towards the George and Dragon was becoming a nuisance, and that some

 were being thrown over her garden gate too. She enquired whether it was

 possible a dog bin could be installed there for the dog walkers’ use. Cllr Manser

 explained that the Parish Council have to pay for the dog bins to be installed and

 the emptying of them. It was suggested that posters could be displayed warning

 people that it was an offence to litter the countryside. Cllr Manser will approach

 East Devon District Council about the posters. Cllr MacDonald explained that she

 had spoken to Darts about this, and it was not easy to catch the perpetrators.

 Consideration was given that not all dog walkers were guilty of this, but the few

 that were guilty spoilt it for every dog walker.

 **Cllr Piper** was pleased to report that the grass cutting had been completed.

 **Cllr Manser** reported that the Jubilee Oak Tree had been planted near the bus stop at Ebford. He had been watering it. A brass plaque will be supplied in due course.

**Member of the Public** commented on the expanse of hedging that had been taken down on the dual carriageway from Clyst St George to Clyst St Mary roundabout, near to the bungalow that had been sold. This had left a field directly open onto the dual carriageway, and there were trees as well as hedging taken down. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that the District Councillor and perhaps East Devon District Council be informed of this, as it was possible planning permission would have been necessary, It was noted that the land was not in our Parish.

**Member of the Public** also reported on the lady who had taken the time and effort to clear the pathways onto the Woodbury Road and considered this should be acknowledged. The Clerk agreed to undertake this, as she had done in previous years.

The meeting closed at 9pm

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11 May 2022, following the Annual General Meeting**

 **Commencing at 7.30pm**