

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST GEORGE
PARISH COUNCIL held on 11 January 2023 at 7.30pm in the
Parish Hall

Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser
Councillors: Cllrs P. Bragg, A. Marks, I.Stubbs, G. Bowen, E. Read
District Councillor: Cllr M. Howe
Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery
Members of Public - One

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr S Piper
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Unanimous approval.
3. **Items of Interest** – Cllr Bragg re Item 10
4. **Open Forum – Member of the Public - none**
5. **District Councillor’s Report** – Cllr Howe reported the Council were now in the process of preparing the budgets for the ensuing year, otherwise there was nothing new to report
6. **Emails received:** The Clerk reported the following emails had been circulated

Email from Bishops Clyst Parish Council Planning Committee regarding a meeting in the Village Hall at Clyst St Mary on the 21 December 2022.

Email received from Exe Estuary re the Winter Forum, and two further emails from them with the Spring 2023 Newsletter – Call for Submissions and the Winter Forum on the 7th February 2023.

Email from Cllr Stuart Hughes re the 20 mph speed limit

Email from C. Gribble of EDDC re Recruitment for Standards Committee.

7. Finance -Clerk to Report

The Clerk confirmed the accounts had been circulated. The balance in hand is £4444.99 in the Treasurers Account, and £1193.36 in our CIL account. This month accounts for the Village Hall in the sum of £18 and the Clerk’s salary, were due.

The Clerk confirmed that the claim for Precept had been sent off, and the VAT would be refund application will be completed shortly, for the sum of £942.53.

Cllr Marks advised that the village hall rent to be increased this year.

The Clerk advised that there had been a brochure received for the ordering of Coronation Mugs. It was agreed that this would be an Agenda item next month.

Unanimous Vote on Acceptance of the Accounts and payments.

8. Clyst St George Parish Council's response to EDDC's Local Plan Consultation.

Cllr Manser had circulated the proposals and amendments prior to the meeting. A discussion ensued where further small amendments were made. Cllr Manser confirmed he would submit the Response following the minor amendments.

Cllr Howe advised that the next procedure was the MPPF Consultation which is on-line on the Government website, and invited all to make comment on this. A short discussion ensued on whether houses could still be built in the area if a new town was not acceptable. Cllr Howe advised this was not sustainable, but each community needed to grow, there was still a requirement for housing.

Cllr Bowen asked whether signs could be put for speeding and parking in the vicinity of the school. Cllr Howe suggested Highways and the Police Crime Commissioner be contacted regarding this.

Unanimous Vote to submit the Response as amended.

Cllr Howe left the meeting.

9. Grass Cutting

Cllr Manser confirmed he had only received one quote for the grass cutting, which was from Countrywide, who had been doing the work for the past year. The quote was just 10% increased, which was considered reasonable. £3,480 excluding VAT. Commencing March to November.

Unanimous Vote to Accept Quote.

10. Transfer of Land

Cllr Manser confirmed he had visited the Solicitors Office in order to produce his papers to them for verification. The Clerk confirmed she had done so as well. All in order now and awaiting to hear from the Solicitors acting for Cllr Bragg. Cllr Manser explained the procedure with the Land Registry and the maps, outlining the necessity to apply for change of use to East Devon District Council. The Clerk read details of advices from the Legal Matters of Clerks and Councils Direct circular on the acquiring, holding, using and appropriation and disposal of land. She confirms these would be provided to the Solicitors for their information.

11. Planning - None

Cllr Randall-Johnson entered the Meeting.

Cllr Bowen raised the question regarding the speeding in the vicinity of the school and the parking problems there. Cllr Randall-Johnson advised that it may be advantageous to encourage the pupils to design some signs that could be put outside during the school hours and taken in. She considered that this may then be resolved by the pupils and their parents themselves taking precautionary action. Otherwise, Highways and the Police Crime Commission could be brought in to assist. She thought the children could have a drop off point where there is a steward type of person there to ensure they walk into the school

unaccompanied by their parents. Cllr Bowen did not think this could be done with the lack of space available for this. It was discussed whether the main gates were not used, and entry was gained via the entrance by Model Cottages or by the gate in the Village Hall carpark.

Cllr Bowen confirmed he would liaise with the School Head on the speeding and what remedy would be the best. He will try to get some support on this from the school.

Cllr Manser asked whether the 20 mph limit still stood after reading Cllr Hughes email. Cllr Randall Johnson confirmed this was still in place.

Cllr Randall-Johnson asked that consideration be given to the new town proposals which would possibly mean a new school which would take approximately 400 pupils, as opposed to our present school which has under 100 pupils. Also a new larger Village Hall may be provided. Cllr Manser agreed with the increase in numbers, a larger Village Hall was a necessity.

Cllr Randall Johnson left the Meeting.

12. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Marks had nothing to report.

Cllr Bragg asked whether the gutters could have their annual clean now. Cllr Manser confirmed this was in hand.

Cllr Bowen suggested the same clearing could be carried out at Lower Ebford Lane.

Cllr Stubbs reported that the lights at Seawards Park were commencing next week.

Cllr Read had nothing to report.

Cllr Manser confirmed that the matter of the repair to the Parish/Church Clock be on next month's Agenda.

Member of the Public spoke of his concern at the possible flooding in Clyst St George around the ford area if the proposed new town should take place. He considered a considerable amount of gulley work would need to be carried out

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.05pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 February 2023