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

**PARISH COUNCIL held on 10 May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

**Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

 **Councillors: Cllrs P. Bragg, A. Marks, G. Bowen, I Stubbs.**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **Members of Public - 0**

1. **Co-Option of S. Piper**: Cllr Manser proposed the Co-option of S. Piper under the rules of not having to declare a vacancy. Seconded by Cllr Bowen and carried unanimously.
2. **Apologies for Absence**: Cllr S. Randall-Johnson, Cllr Howe, Cllr Ward
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Unanimous approval.
4. **Items of Interest –** Cllr Bragg - Item 9 of Agenda**,** Cllr Marks – Item 11 of Agenda.
5. **Open Forum – None**
6. **District & County Councillors’ Reports**

Cllr Randall Johnson had previously forwarded her report.

No District Councillor’s Report. Cllr Manser expressed congratulations to District Councillor Howe on his re-election as an Independent Councillor.

1. **Emails Received – Clerk’s Report**
* Email with the DALC Bulletin
* Email re RSN Rural Funding Digest
* Email re Devon Climate Emergency
* Email re Rural Services Bulletin
* Email re Exeter City Council Election News

 **8. Finance – Clerk’s Report**

It was confirmed the accounts had been circulated. The bank balance is £7431.18 in the working account and £1195.29 in the CIL Account. It had been confirmed that the payment from Devon County Council in respect of grant for the footpaths will be paid for the sum of £300 shortly. There are accounts outstanding for Westcotts Accountants in the sum of £258, the Village Hall fees of £18 and, of course, the Clerk’s salary.

 **UNANIMOUS Vote on the acceptance of the Accounts circulated and payment of the accounts as submitted.**

1. **Transfer of Land**

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Cartridges requesting the Parish Council deposit the sum of £600 (£500 plus 20% VAT) with them in order they may provide Gilbert Stephens with an undertaking to settle their costs at the conclusion of the transfer of the land. The Clerk explained this was a normal request in matters such as this.

**UNANIMOUS Vote to pay to Cartridges Law the sum of £600 in respect of the undertaking to Gilbert Stephens.**

1. **Bus Stops’ Glass Cleaning – Report by Cllr Bowen**

Cllr Bowen confirmed he had requested quotes for the three bus stops’ glass to be cleaned, twice annually. He had received one quote in the sum of £150 and was awaiting another two. All Councillors expressed their approval with this quote, and the matter would be on the Agenda for the other quotes to be discussed.

1. **Telephone Box**

Cllr Marks confirmed the telephone box was still connected to the mains. A discussion ensued as to the future of the telephone box. The Clerk would enquire of Western Power the situation of the disconnection of the power. This matter to be on the Agenda next month.

1. **Councillors’ Reports**

**Cllr Marks** confirmed he was no further forward with hearing from the Dog Warden for additional signage. He also reported fly tipping of beer kegs on Church Commissioners’ Land. He did not know who rents this field. Cllr Bragg had made enquiries of this and was waiting to hear.

**Cllr Bowen** reported that signs had been posted around Old Ebford Lane highlighting the dispute over the proposed development there. There were many and they were written in red ink to highlight the dispute. Cllr Manser said that the Parish Council were not happy about public flyposting on public property around Ebford.

**Cllr Bragg** commented whether the site proposed for the yurts would be given permission, or whether if no objections were received the proposal would be rubber stamped by EDDC.

**Cllr Stubbs** commented on the Clyst Valley Trail and a review on the road crossings and asked if more could be carried out. Cllr Manser confirmed there was little that could be done at present. Cllr Manser expressed his gratitude to Cllr Stubbs on the successful Barbeque to celebrate the Coronation celebrations in the Village.

Cllr Manser reported that he had distributed the Coronation Mugs to the pupils at Lady Seawards School and Little Dragons. Disappointingly there were not enough mugs and after discussion the Clerk was asked to order a small amount of mugs in order that the pupils who had missed out should each have one. It was agreed this expense could be met by the Parish Council.

Cllr Manser also reported on the Ebford Residents Group of the bad state of Ebford Lane and the pavement needed repairing and to this end, he had spoken to Helen Selby at East Devon District Council for these repairs to be carried out but had been told that there was no funds available in this financial year. She had confirmed to Cllr Manser that Ebford Lane and the pavement had been checked and they did not constitute a safety issue at present.

Cllr Manser also reported that he had spoken to an Ebford resident who had suggested a change of use of the land where RBL proposed building houses to making it Community Land. The resident suggested that if each of the objectors put funds in for this whether the Parish Council would support them. It could be a community orchard or similar. A Trust Deed could be put in place. After discussion, it was agreed this could be a proposition to consider.

**The Meeting ended at 8.50pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: 14 June 2023. 7.30pm at Clyst St George Parish Hall.**