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

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**held on 10 January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

**Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

 **Councillors: P. Bragg, A Marks, S.Piper, I. Stubbs, E.Ward**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **Members of Public - 1**

1. **Apologies for Absence**: Cllrs Randall-Johnson, Howe and Bowen
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Unanimous approval.
3. **Declaration of Interest –** Cllr Bragg and Cllr Marks re Item 9 of Agenda
4. **Open Forum** – Tim Parson of a Church Group charity named The Rapid Relief Team attended the meeting and requested the opportunity of giving a short presentation of the services on offer from this Team. He said that the Team were available for a variety of support, including assistance with major incidents, compassionate support and support in carrying out tasks which become difficult to do. He asked that we publicise this charity through the area, as they are keen to assist and get involved.
5. **District Councillor’s Report –**

Cllr Randall Johnson had circulated her report prior to the meeting.

**6. Emails received –** **Clerk to Report**

* Email from DALC advising the raise of subscriptions for 2024/25. They will raise from £210.99 to £295. This is approximate figures and are subject to change as electorate figures are collected in the Spring.
* Correspondence with the S106 Department at EDDC, regarding the costings of the land we are in the process of buying/having transferred. As per their rules, they will release the sum of £11,300 upfront for the purchase of the land and the expenses thereof, and the balance of £13.387.65 can be drawn down on submission of the accounts as they arise. This is their normal procedure.
* Many emails warnings of the wind and rain affecting the South West.
* Email from EDDC apologising for the early direct debits being taken for Council Tax.
* Email from BT sharing vision of a connected and visible police force.
* Report of Storm Henk.
* Warning of flood of River Clyst from Broadclyst to Clyst St Mary
* Email re Peninsula Transport with draft transport strategy consultation – webinar dates
* Email from Helen Selby confirming she has raised a scheme for full jetting and a full CCTV survey to be carried out, with work to take place in the next financial year and any associated repairs/improvements required will be carried out as soon as possible after the inspection.
* And finally, an email re Free Landmark Tree from Devon Wildlife Trust for each Parish.

 The Clerk confirmed these emails had been distributed.

**7. Finance -Clerk to Report**

 The spreadsheet together with supporting bank statements had been circulated.

 Following all the payments last month, we are left with a balance in hand of £1682.17 in

 our Treasurers Account and £1203.35 in our CIL account. This month the payments due

 are £18 for the Village Hall and the Clerk’s salary.

 **Unanimous Vote on acceptance of the accounts as distributed and payments to be**

 **made.**

Following on, the Clerk reported she had completed and submitted the VAT return for

 the year January – December 2023. The total amount claimed is £1076.98. She produced

 a copy of the VAT form and ancillary invoices for inspection. She confirmed the

 repayment should be in our account within the next month or shortly thereafter, unless

 a query is raised. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for this.

**8.** **Precept – Discussion of 2023/24 Precept**

 Cllr Manser had circulated the updated Precept calculations. Following a discussion, it

 was agreed that the figure of £9558 be submitted as our Precept for the year 2024/25.

**9. Transfer of Land update of current position –**

The Clerk reported that we have been in correspondence with Cartridges regarding

 this matter, and they are now clear on the measurements and the Sale and the Gift

 of land. She confirmed that she had heard from the Planning Department at EDDC

 that if we require a 7ft fence, a separate planning application would be required, as

 the maximum height allowed would be 2m. After discussion, Cllr Bragg confirmed

 that he will accept the 2m fence in order to save the time and expense that would be

 incurred in submitting a further application. The Clerk confirmed this information

 would be passed to Cartridges without delay.

**10 PLANNING**

 **23/2405//FUL Western Fields, Ebford EX3 0PA**

 Cllr Manser reported this application was for the construction of ground floor single

 storey extension on south elevation. Existing veranda removed, new veranda

 constructed on south elevation. Short discussion ensued. Cllr Bragg considered this

 application should be supported.

 **Unanimous Vote to support.**

 **23/2256/COU Village Hall, Clyst St George, EX3 0RE**

 Change of use – Matter not discussed. Conflict of interest.

 **11 Councillors’ Reports**

 **Cllr Manser** discussed the offer of a tree from the Woodland Trust. He said that we

had received an oak tree from a previous offer, which had arrived last March, but

 unfortunately did not survive. It was planted beside the bus stop at Ebford. He

 suggested we replace the oak with a tree on offer from the Woodland Trust. A

 discussion ensued on the type of tree, and it and it was agreed we would request a

 small leaf lime tree to replace the oak at the bus stop.

 **Cllr Marks** had nothing to report

 **Cllr Bragg** had nothing to report

 **Cllr Ford** had nothing to report

 **Cllr Stubbs** reported an update on matters at Seawards Park. She said

 Burrington Homes’ company who had developed the estate were now in

 bankruptcy and doubted whether any more work would be completed regarding

 the lights, although she would continue to make efforts in this regard. The barriers

 had been changed, which was good.

 **Cllr Piper** confirmed that he had reported a pothole on the road, probably caused

 by lorries. He had also reported the street light outside his home, which needed

 replacing. Cllr Manser thought the replacement would be a LED light, but Cllr

 Marks confirmed that a shield could be put to avoid glare into a home. The lights

 are shut off at 1am. Cllr Piper also reported the high speeds still being carried on

 throughout the village. He said he had viewed the Strategic Planning Meeting on

 the 5th December, which concentrated mainly on the roads. Cllr Piper also

 reported that the Christmas tree had died, and he would like to see it replaced in

 the coming year.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.25pm
**Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 February 2024**