

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2011 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr R Peachey (Chairman), Mr P Broom, Mr P Bragg, Mr R Horner, Mrs A Cork, Mr S Armitage and Mrs L Gold-Lewis

APOLOGIES Cllr P Bowden, Cllr M Howe, Mr C Heal.

MINUTES of the last meeting were amended, confirmed and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared.

6940 **MATTERS ARISING**

6937 Regarding the brambles that need cutting back on the A376, Richard Hosgood Highways Officer at

Devon County Council has replied advising that there is already an order in place to cut the brambles for the purpose of rabbit control adjacent to Mr Broom's land. The parish clerk will contact Richard to ask when this work is likely to be completed.

6939 Although at the time of the meeting a response had not been received from StreetScene regarding the request for the sweeper to be put through Clyst St George it was confirmed by members at the meeting that this had been done.

6938 Further to enquiries regarding commemorating the Queen's Jubilee in June 2012, a reply has been received from Chris Green, Ministerial Support Team, Department of Culture, Media and Sport, suggesting the parish council consider contacting Devon's Lord Lieutenant, who as the Queen's representative in the County, has information about other local events and projects planned for the Diamond Jubilee. The Lord Lieutenant for Devon is Mr Eric Dancer CBE JP who can be contacted through the Lieutenancy Office at Devon County Hall in Exeter. The outcome of a discussion was that a local event in Clyst St George will be held to commemorate the Jubilee, and that an invitation will be sent to Mr Dancer to attend.

6925 Further to Cllr Howe's report last month in which the parish council were asked to consider responding to the LDF regarding housing development, an email was sent to Mike Allen, copied to Cllr Howe suggesting consideration of 25-30 units for Clyst St George, the same for Ebford. A reply was received from Mike Allen at East Devon District Council asking Matt Dickens (Planning Officer) to accommodate this request.

6941 **POLICE REPORT**

There were 2 crimes reported in October 2011. KE/11/2559 – an assault occurred at Sandygate roundabout on Saturday 1st October at 5.10pm; enquiries are ongoing. KE/11/2689 – an assault on Old Rydon Lane on Saturday 1st October at 8pm; enquiries are ongoing. 13 calls were received by the Force Enquiry Centre: 8 transport related, 3 crime related and 2 anti-social behaviour.

6942 **SNOW WARDEN REPORT**

Cllr Philip Broom attended snow warden training recently where he was informed that each parish needs to maintain a register of volunteers for insurance purposes. Any member of the public undertaking salt spreading who is not on this list will not be covered by Devon County Council's insurance. All councillors agreed to be named on the register, which will be held by Cllr Broom. Mrs Jacquie Manser agreed to add an item in the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers to register their names on the list. 120 x 25kg bags of salt have already been delivered to Cllr Broom. The salt bins will be refilled by Devon County Council who will need to be notified when the bins become empty. Cllr Ann Cork asked for the existing grit bin to be moved to the corner of Old Rydon Lane and Clyst Road. The parish clerk is to send a letter to the owner of the property who lives at the neighbouring property to the proposed new site.

CORRESPONDENCE

6943 A letter from Jacquie Manser, Church Warden at the Parish Church of Clyst St George, inviting a member of Clyst St George Parish Council to read a lesson at the annual community carol service on 20th December 2011 at 7pm. Cllr Ann Cork agreed to accept this invitation.

6944 November 2011 edition of Clerks and Councils Direct.

6945 November/December 2011 DALC newsletter.

6946 A letter from Mr B Ravis, Design Engineer at Devon County Council regarding planned works at Old Grindle Bridge on the A376 which will be undertaken in February and March 2012. A reply will be sent by the parish clerk thanking him for this notification, and also informing him that a problem exists regarding surface water at the same site.

Emails:

- 6947 Issue 23 of 'The Knowledge' e-magazine from East Devon County Council includes news regarding a pilot project by Devon and Cornwall Police Authority to engage with community groups. Any community group member that would like to be involved is invited to get involved by contacting Jennifer Townsend on 01392 25557. Talks focus on strategic, overarching policing issues. The Parish Council can be informed about the work of the authority by subscribing to a free electronic newsletter published every 8 to 10 weeks.
- 6948 Devon County Council's 'In Touch' magazine October 2011 includes news that a new £1.3 million carers' support service has been launched which includes a new telephone helpline providing carers with better access to support them to stay healthy and live a normal life outside of caring. The new helpline is 08456 434435 and is open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.
- 6949 An email from EDDC with the new draft council plan, sent out for comment by mid January 2012. Summaries will also be made available in the near future which may be easier to respond to, but the full draft has been forwarded to all parish councillors for their information.
- 6950 Issue 27 of 'The Knowledge' EDDC's e-magazine focuses on Domestic Violence Awareness Week from 21st to 25th November 2011. 2 women per week in England and Wales die as a result of this crime alongside 30 men per year. Domestic Violence support leaflets to be posted on the parish noticeboards by the parish clerk.

6951 **FINANCE**

Bank balance £3552.99. The following were agreed for payment: Kenneth Woodley £55 (Changing the Clock) Plandscape £48.79 for cut to grounds in October 2011, £60 petty cash payable to Mrs E Gold-Lewis and £150 for hire of the Village Hall April 2011 to September 2011 inclusive.

6952 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered:

11/2449/FUL – Meadow Cottage Ebford. New vehicular access and installation of free standing ground mounted solar array. The Parish Council recommended approval of the 'installation of free standing ground mounted solar array'. The Parish Council is very concerned with the proposal to alter the entrance to the new property further onto the bend. The existing access is poor however the new access will worsen the situation. A response to the application will stated that it is suggested that the existing driveway can be altered to accommodate fire engines access to comply with the building regulations and the architect should have accommodated this within the original design.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND THE PUBLIC

- 6953 Cllr Peachey suggested that the parish council suggest that the planned precept for the coming year should remain at £5000. This was agreed by all members.
- 6954 Cllr Peachey advised that the new footbridge near Topsham has its official opening on Friday 18th November 2011. Invitations to this event had not been sent to the parish council but had been limited to the county councillor.
- 6955 Cllr Bragg attended a meeting recently regarding the Localism Bill, where the main thrust of the discussion was around enabling people to have more control regarding planning in their neighbourhood. Dawlish, St James in Exeter and Lymptstone are included in a pilot scheme.
- 6956 Cllr Armitage highlighted the high cost of oil and suggested that local residents may consider coming together to 'bulk buy' oil. It was agreed that an item will be added in the parish magazine for anyone interested in looking into bulk purchasing oil to contact Simon Armitage in writing at Baydale,

Clyst St George.

- 6957 Cllr Broom reported that there had been 2 recent accidents on the A376 dual carriageway within the previous two weeks which may have resulted in injury. The parish clerk will contact PCSO Donna Bibbings regarding these.
- 6958 Cllr Horner mentioned that there have been spillages recently by refuse operatives whilst emptying the bins. The parish clerk will write to Paul Deakin, Waste and Recycling Manager at East Devon District Council regarding this asking for operatives to take more care in future.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

The next meeting will take place at Clyst St George Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday 13th December 2011 at 7.30pm.