

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLYST ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2011 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Mr R Peachey (Chairman), Mr P Broom, Mr P Bragg, Mr R Horner, Mrs A Cork, Mr S Armitage, Mr C Heal, Mr M Howe and Mrs E Gold-Lewis

APOLOGIES None

MINUTES of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mr P Broom declared an interest regarding one of the planning applications for consideration as the property owner is a family member; he was therefore excused from commenting on said application.

6959 **MATTERS ARISING**

- 6937 Richard Hosgood, Highways Officer at Devon County Council, in a recent email advised that he was unable to provide an exact date for bramble clearance on the A376 as the order was with contractors for programming. He advised that he will advise when he has a date from them for this work to be carried out. The parish clerk agreed to contact him to request that this be expedited due to damage caused by rabbits.
- 6946 Mr B Ravis, Design Engineer at Devon County Council has thanked the Parish Council for notifying him of the problem with surface water at Old Grindle Bridge.
- 6956 Re bulk-buying of oil in the village, in the latest issue of 'Village Green', the quarterly newsletter of the Community Council of Devon, there is an article detailing the Community Council's intention to launch a county-wide oil buying scheme in the New Year by joining a national scheme. In November 2011 the national scheme achieved an average saving of £50 per 1000 litres for each household member. Further enquiries are to be made by Mr Armitage.
- 6949 A hard copy of East Devon District Council's 'Draft Consultation Plan' has been received. Comments on the plan need to be received at EDDC by 5pm on 31st January 2012. Any queries about the public consultation or the Local Plan as a whole should be addressed to a member of the Planning Policy Team on 01395 571533. To view the plan online, go to www.eastdevon.gov.uk/localplan
- 6953 The deadline for applications for the coming year's precept is Friday January 20th 2012. 50% will be paid on 01/04/2012, the balance on 01/09/2012. The precept request of £5000 was formally agreed by members at the meeting.

6960 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr Howe encouraged Parish Council members to read East Devon District Council's 'Draft Consultation Plan' and to particularly consider sections pertaining to travellers sites. Mr Howe advised that Mr Peachey had attended a planning meeting regarding an application at Kenniford Farm. The application was approved by committee decision. Another issue raised by Mr Howe was refuse; EDDC has requested that householders collect their cardboard over the Christmas period and take it to a recycling centre although he acknowledged that some residents would be unable to do this; cardboard will continue to be collected by recycling operatives. Regarding Neighbourhood Plans, Farringdon and Bishops Clyst parishes are keen to develop their own and would like to join with Clyst St George Parish to reduce costs. The costs of a referendum, which would be required as part of establishing a Neighbourhood Plan, were then discussed as possibly being prohibitively expensive. The intention of the Parish Council at this time is not to take up this opportunity at this time, and to accommodate any development regarding enlarging the Parish's development area by settling this by members of the parish council.

6961 **POLICE REPORT**

Police Community Support Officer Donna Baker attended the meeting and reported that there were no crimes reported in November 2011 and that there was only one non crime domestic incident reported. There were 12 calls received at the Force Enquiry Centre during November as follows:- Transport related – 6, Public Safety – 3, Administrative – 2, Crime related – 1. PCSO Baker reported that two

recent motorbike accidents on the A376 resulted in no injuries but agreed to check this, as the Collision Cluster Review only includes consideration of incidents resulting in injuries.

6962 **INFORMATION FOR THE LDF**

A current map of the parish was given to each of the members, and it was proposed and agreed that a review of the parish boundary around Clyst St George would be considered by members not residing in that village, and that Ebford will be similarly be considered by members not residing in that village.

CORRESPONDENCE

6963 Winter 2011 edition of East Devon District Council's magazine 'Connect'.

6964 Autumn 2011 newsletter of the Exe Estuary Partnership (Issue 26) includes an article on the new Fisher's Bridge in Topsham.

6965 Community Council of Devon's Winter edition of 'Village Green' (Issue 126).

6966 A letter from David Colman, Senior Arboricultural Officer at East Devon District Council regarding a notice of exemption to the tree preservation order for a Monterey Pine at Ebford House, Old Ebford Lane, as the tree has a fungal infection known to cause root rot and as such, the decay is progressive and will inevitably cause the tree to fall. Given the close proximity to the main road, power lines and bus stop, Mr Colman advised that the tree could be felled without the need for a formal application to the council for consent.

Emails:

6967 An email from Cara Stobart, Rural Officer at the Community Council of Devon, advising that the Localism Bill is now the Localism Act 2011, passing into law on Tuesday 15th November 2011. Although there are no current briefings, major measures are intended to take effect in April 2012. A 22-page plain English guide is available at:

www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1896534.pdf A hard copy of the guide is

also available via the Parish Clerk via email request to

clyststgeorgeparishcouncil@googlemail.com

6968 Issue 29 of East Devon District Council's e-magazine 'The Knowledge' notes that 1 in 5 local authorities is poised to increase council tax next year, despite David Cameron's warning it would be a huge mistake to burden families with higher bills. The LGA, representing council leaders, has urged its members to consider carefully whether the government's extra grants are enough to afford a freeze.

6969 Devon County Council's 'In Touch' e-magazine, November 2011, includes the news that Devon is England's top recycling county with a recycling rate of 55% for the year 2010/2011. News from the 'East' area is that new plans for a pavilion building on Exmouth Strand was submitted in early December 2011.

6970 An email from Neal Jillings at Savills Estate Agents, requesting reconsideration of his offer to come and address the Parish Council about developing land at Bushayes Corner, following the recent publication of the Care Strategy. Members agreed a response to be sent by the Parish Clerk, thanking him for his continued interest, but to reply that there is no change to their previous decision to decline his invitation adding that the Parish Council will consider any changes to the inset plan without negotiation.

6971 **FINANCE**

Bank balance £3046.41. The following was agreed for payment: A donation to Friends of Clyst St George Church, proposed by Mr Horner and seconded by Mr Armitage, of £200.

6972 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered:

[11/1981/COU](#) – Redlands Garage. Change of use of ancillary office space to independent B1 (office/light industry) use. Recommend refusal on the same grounds as the response to the original application.

[11/2622/FUL](#) – Bushayes Farm. Construction of roof over manure store. Recommend approval.

[11/2671/FUL](#) – Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service HQ, The Knowle.

Installation of additional generator and fuel tank and relocation of bin store. Recommend approval with conditions to include noise protection, in accordance with the CIBS guidelines to assure protection of the neighbouring property.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND THE PUBLIC

- 6973 Mr Peachey commented on a previously planned replacement of the bus shelter at Sandygate roundabout. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk will contact Devon County Council to obtain a quotation.
- 6974 Mr Broom suggested that an email be sent on behalf of the parish council to local resident Tim Pattison who recently enhanced the entrance to the cricket field. The Parish Clerk agreed to send an email.
- 6975 Mrs Cork commented that there is a large pothole on Clyst Road, as the road narrows near Cotts Farm. The Parish Clerk will ask Richard Hosgood, Highways Officer, to arrange for this to be repaired.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

The next meeting will take place at Clyst St George Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday 10th January 2012 at 7.30pm.