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

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**held on 11th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**

**Present: Chairman: Cllr J Manser**

 **Councillors: Cllrs. Bragg, Marks, Bowen, Stubbs, Ward**

 **Clerk: Mrs. Cathryn Newbery**

 **Members of Public - 0
Apologies for Absence**: Cllrs Randall Johnson, Howe, and Piper.

Cllr Manser reported that he had received an email from Cllr Piper confirming that, because of the travelling involved with attending meetings and work commitments, he would be unable to continue in his role as Councillor. Cllr Manser expressed his disappointment, as Cllr Piper was a very active and involved Councillor and would be sadly missed. All Councillors agreed. Cllr Manser confirmed a co-option would take place in the New Year.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Unanimous approval.
2. **Declaration of Interest –** Cllr Bragg – Agenda Item 10.
3. **Open Forum** – none
4. **District Councillor’s Report – None having received County Councillor’s Report.**

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

 Several emails from Council re the weather conditions.

 Email requesting permission for the erection of a new basketball hope at the rear of

 the Village Hall

 Email re the speeding along Clyst Road from Cllr Gent

 Notification re the road closure at Ebford Lane.

 Email re Government consultation re Hybrid Meetings

 Email re Meet the Leader event at EDDC

 Emails from DALC with updates.

 The Clerk confirmed all these emails have been circulated.

**7.Finance -Clerk to Report**

 The up to- date accounts had been circulated. This month, following payments of

 the approved accounts at last month’s meeting, there is a balance in hand of £4355.82,

 and a balance in hand in the CIL account of £1968.63. Accounts due are for the hire of

 the Village Hall of £18, £259.98 for AB Grounds Maintenance, together with the Clerk’s

 salary.

 **Unanimous Vote on acceptance of the accounts and settlement of the said accounts.**

The Clerk reported that she had now received the papers relating to the forthcoming

 Precept and this would be on the Agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

**8. Update on Footpath 10 re drainage and possible application for one off payment for**

 **Hardcore.**

 Cllr Marks confirmed he will be adding this footpath to the claim for footpaths. He said

 he would be hearing regarding this shortly.

**9. New Open Space: Fencing & Footpath Diversion**

 Cllr Manser reported he was intending to re-examine Jacksons Fencing. He confirmed

 the Euroguard Green Panel costs £34.55 (which has a strengthening kink in it) A

 discussion took place over the various panels that could be used. Cllr Bragg confirmed

 he was in favour of Jacksons Fencing, with Cllr Manser considering the Parish Council

 should be prepared to spend in the region of £6,000. It was suggested that a further

 quote be requested. Should the estimate be more than this figures, then further

 information would be required. Cllr Bragg considered that any additional fencing should

 be delayed in order to allow the grass to regrow.

**10. Transfer of Land update** Cllr Manser confirmed the Solicitors had explained that there were difficulties with the removal of the charge on the land behind the Village Hall. If the Charge are not removed then the Land Registry may refuse to include the Parish Council’s interest, This could mean involving the Court, most probably the High Court which could prove expensive. It could also mean that this was not a viable proposal and the Parish Council would have no option than to back out. Cllr Bragg confirmed that a person relating to the company that has the charge lives in Greece. Cllr Bragg had spoken to him and he would be willing to arrange for the removal, he saw no reason to dispute this should be done. The Clerk would give the Solicitors the details of this person in order they may contact him.

**Councillors’ Reports
Cllr Marks** reported that he and **Cllr Bragg** had been clearing some trees in the Parish
that had come down in recent storms
**Cllr Manser** reported that he was awaiting to hear from the Seaward Park Management regarding the footpath going down the north side of the carpark – which was the favoured route, although three people would have to agree to this. This is the reason for the stalling of the footpath diversion at present.

**Cllrs Bowen and Stubbs** had nothing to report.
 The Meeting ended at 8.45pm

 **The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 December 2024.**