**PARISH OF CLYST HYDON**

Minutes of the Virtual Annual Meeting of Clyst Hydon Parish Council Parish

held at 7:00pm on 3 May 2021

Present: Cllr D. Mitchem – Chair (DM), Cllr. B. Thrussell - Vice Chair (BT), Cllr Chris Jones (CJ),

Cllr Steve Walton (SW), Cllr Chris Edwards (CE).

In attendance: Emma Gibbons (Clerk); Cllr E Rylance; two members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman

**RESOLUTION** – It was proposed by CJ to nominate DM as Chairman – this was seconded by SW - all voted in favour – DM was duly elected Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office forms.

1. Election of Vice Chairman

**RESOLUTION** - It was proposed by DM to nominate BT as Vice Chairman – this was seconded by SW - all voted in favour – BT was duly elected Vice Chairman and signed the Acceptance of Office forms.

1. Apologies - BT
2. Declarations of Interest – CJ declared an interest in the Paytherden Solar Farm.
3. Approval of Minutes from the Parish Council 4th May 2020 and 4 January 2021 – approved.
4. Open Session – a member of the public spoke in relation to the Paytherden Solar Farm proposals and the implications of this on the village. An action group has been set up with a separate website to be created where people can express their views. A discussion took place and DM answered questions that were raised.

A member of the public queried the bulb planting cost in the Parish Council accounts – an explanation was given that the invoice was retrospective and that it was a one-off payment; he further queried the increase in the precept which was explained that the Parish Council have a precept of around £3,500 and in the last couple of years the reserves were low – it is the duty of a Parish Council to ensure reserve are kept as a healthy level of about 6-12 months of their annual precept to allow for emergencies – the actual increase equated to about £34 per electorate for the year.

1. Reports by County & District Councillors – none from County Councillors as not present due to purdah as local elections are taking place on 6 May 2021. An emailed was received from Ray Bloxham prior to the meeting to confirm that he will not be standing at the election as he has now retired.

District Councillor Rylance clarified the Parish Council’s precept increase; requested that Cllr Pepper and Cllr Chamberlain be invited to future meetings; Cllr Rylance reported as follows:-

the planning department have a huge amount of applications to work through; regarding the Paytherden Solar Farm - Lightrock were keen to engage with the community – she encouraged the Parish Council to view the Broadclyst Solar Farm - DM requested a meeting with the planning department in relation to the Paytherden Solar Farm which DM will arrange in due course; public toilets will open in the summer; electric charging points to be rolled out in the future; regulations for overnight parking for camper vans are being put in place; local elections and DM reported that the Village Hall is to be opened for voting; the remote meetings ruling will no longer be enforced as of 7 May 2021.

1. Annual Report of the Parish Council – this was submitted prior to the meeting – a copy can be viewed on request. DM reported on the change in village life during the pandemic; the village Facebook page; the welcome gates; precept and the Paytherden Solar Farm.
2. Planning
   1. 21/0615/ful – Peradon Farm - Replacement of agricultural barn with dwelling (amended design that approved under application 19/0643/FUL) – comments submitted to EDDC prior to the meeting – **No objections.**
   2. 20-1436/ful and 20/1437/lbc – Ratclyffe Farm – Amended plans – comments submitted to EDDC prior to the meeting – **object – full comments available on our website.**
3. Local Issues – CJ reported that a new hardboard noticeboard would cost £420. **RESOLUTION. It was proposed by DM and seconded by CE to pay this invoice**. He further reported that the planters will be completed at the end of May.
4. Matters Arising/Correspondence

12.1 Leaflets and links to the Paytherden Solar Farm put on Facebook; a request to Lightrock has been sent for a public presentation at the village hall to allow people to view the proposals in full – it has been agreed that Lightrock will hold a public presentation some time in June; Notice of DCC and Police & Crime Commissioner Elections put on Facebook;

1. Highways – SW reported on the white lines on the bridge which are due to be done.
2. Parochial Charities – Chairman of the Parish Council to present the accounts of the Parochial Charities. The Chairman reported prior to the meeting that the income for the year end was £277.39 and expenditure £270 – balance as at year end £1,204.80. He reported on the issues of signatories which is to be resolved in due course.
3. Finance
   1. Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2021 – total funds £4,475.86
   2. To resolve to agree the payments summary – clerk’s expenses January to April 2021 - £436 – the previous check for expenses went missing in the post and has been cancelled. It has now been agreed and confirmed by the Parish Council that a monthly standing order in the sum of £100 has been set up for the Clerk’s expenses. **RESOLUTION. It was proposed by DM and seconded by CE to pay the monthly accounts – all voted in favour.**
4. Date of next Parish Council meeting – 5 July 2021