**PARISH OF CLYST HYDON**

Minutes of Clyst Hydon Parish Council Parish Virtual Parish Council Meeting

held at 7:00pm on 7 September 2020

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

In attendance: Emma Gibbons (Clerk); Cllr Ray Bloxham; Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson; Cllr E Rylance

1. **Apologies** – SW
2. **Risk Assessment** – Not required as virtual meeting.
3. **Declarations of interest/requests for dispensation** – DM declared an interest in the Ratclyffe House planning applications as a landowner to nearby land; CE declared an interest in the Roach Copse planning application as a friend of the applicant.
4. **Minutes** – It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the last meeting as a correct record and signed by the Chairman – these were circulated to all members prior to the meeting. **RESOLUTION** – all agreed that they were correct and will, therefore, be signed as correct copy.
5. **Open Session** – no members of the public present so session closed.
6. **County/District Councillor Reports**

Cllr R Bloxham previously circulated written reports to members prior to the meeting in relation to Traffic policy updates, Devon Climate Emergency and school transport – full copies of these are available from the Parish Council on request. Cllr Bloxham further reported on the Devon County Council website resources available for Parish Councils to deal with Climate Change Emergency; he further reported on school transport and how it is being dealt with during the Covid 19 situation and how the travel times are being staggered; he further updated the meeting on the speed policy review. CJ enquired about the proposed face to face meetings with the Police – Cllr Bloxham confirmed any meetings with the Police would be held virtually or on the telephone – he further confirmed that he is liaising with the Police Inspector regarding the possibility of returning to face to face meetings in the future.

Cllr Randall-Johnson reported on the current Covid 19 numbers in the County – she reported that the main increase in the cases in the area have been due to people returning from abroad – she confirmed that the track and trace system has been a success. The numbers in the County are still very low which is encouraging. Anyone requiring more information can use the Devon County Council website where the Covid 19 situation is updated regularly.

Cllr Rylance reported she had put forward a motion to East Devon District Council to withdraw from the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. EDDC have now withdrawn as it was felt that the some of the policies were contradictory and Covid 19 was not considered in the time-line. EDDC are updating the Local Plan which is in-keeping with draft legislation with central Government; DM enquired what affect the motion to withdraw would have – Cllr Rylance confirmed that as Mid Devon and EDDC have withdrawn the current GESP policies will now have to be reviewed; she further reported on affordable housing and numbers in East Devon; she felt that GESP had not given consideration to Covid 19 or climate change.

In other matters Cllr Rylance reported that some Clyst Hydon residents have been notified that their bin days are changing – this will only affect a few properties in the village mainly along Tale Lane; cardboard collections are becoming an issue due to the amount that is being recycled; she reported that less mowing is taking place in Churchyards due to re-wilding – Sidmouth is under consultation regarding this issue.

1. **Local Issues** – CJ raised the food bank situation and that he is now liaising with Broadclyst Parish Council with regard Clyst Hydon utilising their food bank if the need arises - the Broadclyst Clerk advised that Clyst Hydon can make referrals to Broadclyst food bank; Cllr Rylance commented that there is an expected increase in the need for food banks due to redundancies due to the prolonged furlough scheme which has seen many business struggle financially. The Parish Council will ensure that any food bank referrals are made with the strictest of confidence. An advert can be placed on the village Facebook page encouraging anyone in need to contact the Council privately. The Parish Council will discuss this issue further to decide the best way forward.
2. **Highways**
* CJ confirmed the drainage works outside Twinnies are to commence on 25th November 202 to 27 November 2020;
* CJ reported that there is no update as to when the welcome gates are to be installed;
* CJ further reported on the current broadband situation - he had contacted the head of marketing at Voneus as there had been a lack of communication with them – they are now liaising with residents via the village Facebook page; CJ confirmed the Diocese had agreed to the placement of a mast of on their tower as this seemed to be the best place for it – this offer was put to Voneus but they declined.
* CE reported that some of the roads in the village have now been repaired.
1. **Planning**
* 20/0760/ful – Ratclyffe House – amended plans. **No objections.**
* 20/1437/lbc – Ratclyffe Farm - Internal and external alterations to curtilage listed barn for conversion to 2 no dwellinghouses and associated works. **An extension has been requested in order for a planning meeting to take place.**
* 20/1436/ful – Ratclyffe Farm - Conversion of curtilage listed barn to form 2 no. dwellinghouses and associated works. **An extension has been requested in order for a planning meeting to take place.**
* 20/1589/lbc – Ratclyffe House - Reconstruct boundary wall along North boundary and install double gates and posts along North boundary. **No objections.**
* 20/1519/ful – Roach Copse, Clyst Hydon – erection of one agricultural building following the removal of the existing shed and relocation of existing shed. **No objections.**
1. **Finance**
	1. It was resolved to agree the Receipts and Payments since the last meeting – **RESOLUTION –** the monthly payments of £371 Clerk expenses, M Kingdon £50, £60 grounds maintenance; M Vinnicombe PC repair £120, DALC subscription £63.24 were agreed - proposed by DM, seconded by BT all voted in favour.
	2. It was resolved to agree the budget and precept for 2021 – **RESOLUTION** – it was agreed that the precept would need to be increased slightly in order to build the Parish Council’s reserves by £500 – a precept figure of £3,800 for 2021/2022 was agreed – proposed by DM seconded by BT - all voted in favour.
2. **Correspondence/matters arising since last meeting**
* DALC have confirmed that virtual meetings should still continue until May 2021 in line with Government legislation;
* for the records it be noted that Parish Council sustained a computer hard drive failure – this has now been resolved and a cloud backup is now being used; the old email and website have now been closed and the new website is fully operational.
* Application for £300 locality funding received from Devon County Council to pay for maintenance for this financial year.
* It was requested that we need to query the Opus monthly electricity cost for the telephone box.
* CJ enquired about relocating the noticeboard to the bus shelter – it was agreed that we put a backing sheet on the bus shelter for people to continue to put notices on and use the existing noticeboard for a map of the village.
1. **Date of next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 2 November 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12pm.