

Clyst Honiton Parish Council



There was a meeting of Clyst Honiton Parish Council on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.00pm held in the Black Horse Inn Meeting Room

Members Present: Parish Councillors Suzanne Hales (Chairman); Grant Harrison; Mike Muir; Gary Collier; Sean Wheeldon

Also Present: No district or county councillors.

In attendance: Rob Martin, Clerk, Toby Russell (Devon Air Ambulance Trust)

2 members of the general public.

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

Nothing was raised by the public.

DEVON AIR AMBULANCE TRUST (DAAT)

Toby Russell introduced himself as representing the Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT).

DAAT was embarking on a new project to build a new headquarters building within the Clyst Honiton parish boundary. It was proposed that the building would be located next to the Exeter Airport landing site.

The DAAT service was launched in 1992, on the basis of a 5 day, 9-5 operation very much living hand to mouth. The service became more complicated and in the late 1990s it took on second aircraft operating from Burrington, near Torrington. 12 years ago the flights moved from Police HQ at Middlemoor in order to fly aircraft from Exeter Airport. It currently runs for 19 hours a day with doctors on board and last year it attended 2,459 incidents ever changing in nature, with more older people, now 10% of the total each year.

The service has now outgrown its current facilities some of which are shared with the police service. There is a need for a bespoke airbase to meet current needs. The plan is to unite the organisation on one site adjoining Exeter Airport. Office functions to be moved from Pinhoe. The plan is to buy the land, the negotiations for which have started to fall into place alongside the plans for the building. Surveys are currently being completed. It has been agreed with EDDC as a good idea with talks now gathering pace. The main benefit is to have the support staff next to the operational staff.

Approximately £1m will need to be raised and a fund-raising appeal is to start, firstly approaching local rich people followed by the general public. The parish council was invited to come and see airbase site to be arranged by contacting Toby. Highway access is to be from Treasbeare Lane for which they were talking to Highways.

Toby will return to the parish council to update on the progress as the project unwinds.

25/115 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

The clerk would write to both county and district councillors serving Clyst Honiton and request more

attendance at parish council meetings.

25/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY)

No declarations of interest were made.

25/117 MINUTES

On a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Wheeldon, it was **Resolved** to approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th January 2025.

25/118 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk reported as follows:

1. Personal Matters

He had needed some time away from parish council work for family reasons which had come to a head the previous weekend. There would be a number of matters to attend to in the next month after which it was expected that things would return to normal.

2. Fly-Tipping

The matter of rubbish accumulating at the entrance to the Church Commissioners land off the bypass had been raised by a resident at the last meeting. The managing agents for this land had been contacted by the resident and the rubbish had been cleared. The clerk had made contact with the new agents and asked them how public their contact details should be.

3. Grass Cutting of Church Commissioner land

The agents had also been asked to arrange for the cutting of the grass on the same land as it had not been cut in the preceding year.

4. Cranbrook Governance Review

An email had been circulated indicating that a review of boundaries is likely to be undertaken and the adjoining parishes were being consulted on whether this should happen.

25/119 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider the following Planning Applications and to agree comments:

Reference	Location	Proposal
None Considered		
Decision:		
Power Used Town & Country Planning Act 1990; Localism Act 2011	Risks Assessed None	
Resulting Tasks & Owner Clerk – notify EDDC	Deadline for Action 3 weeks from notification date	
Financial Implications None	Equalities Impact None	

25/120 HIGHWAYS

a) St Michaels Hill Highway Repairs

An email had been sent to the Community Highways Officer asking for a firm date for the promised surfacing work to take place. The lack of response to date was a concern and the clerk would find out if there was any policy in place at DCC determining what can be expected.

b) Black Horse Site

The chairman stated that the access to the site close to the traffic lights at the right turn to Monkerton had been allowed to emerge onto the main road, which would mean that access onto a main road is to be allowed in a very restricted space so why not on the bypass?

Power Used Highways Act 1980	Risks Assessed Damage to vehicles if not notified
Resulting Tasks & Owner Clerk- write to CHO	Deadline for Action 11 March 2025
Financial Implications None	Equalities Impact DCC has responsibility to all of the community, including those who are less able

25/121 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Cllr. Muir reported on his work in the parish since the last meeting as follows:

- He had completed weekly visual inspections on the play equipment. He believed that 4 new D-shackles were required for the toddlers’ swings as the current ones were looking rusty.
- Cllrs. Muir and Wheeldon were meeting the following day (13th February) with a Wicksteed representative to discuss the installation details for the new zipwire.
- Cllrs. Muir and Wheeldon were intending to reduce the height of the playing field hedge and a few potential volunteers had been identified to help with this, if necessary.
- The parish council machinery would be serviced with 19th March 2025 having been booked for this.
- The clerk would contact the contractor to ask when they intended to make the first grass cut of the year. The ROSPA inspection is due to take place in March 2025.
- He had received complaints from residents about the extent of the litter in the layby next to the Exeter Inn site. The main cause of this appeared to be the van drivers apparently sleeping in their vehicles overnight at the site and dumping their litter. Cllr. Wheeldon would investigate to try identify who the culprits might work for.
- A large bag of rubbish had been left on the village path which Cllr. Muir had reported and had since been removed.
- The resident who has been delivering the Chatter to houses in Black Horse was not fit enough to continue so a replacement might be needed. The chairman believed from comments made to her that Black Horse residents identified as being part of Clyst Honiton and read the Chatter as a matter of course. A note to be in the next Clyst Chatter asking for a volunteer to deliver in the Black Horse area and the chairman would undertake the delivery.

25/122 HOME FARM

Following the information from the planners that the building being constructed is in line with the plans for which permission was granted, the only question outstanding was when the junction arrangements were going to be sorted out. Contact with the County Highways team would need to be made to question whether it was working on a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable the junction to be moved.

Power Used Town & Country Planning Act 1990	Risks Assessed Delays with the TRO would mean disruption for
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	the village
Resulting Tasks & Owner Clerk – Contact Highways Development Control	Deadline for Action No deadline
Financial Implications None	Equalities Impact The work enables accessibility to all

25/123 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT ORDER

Nothing had been received to update the council on with the NDO. The clerk would request information from the Church Commissioners on the promised developer search for the project.

Power Used Localism Act 2011, Schedule 9	Risks Assessed Failure to progress NDO No Community Hall provided
Resulting Tasks & Owner Clerk – to continue communication	Deadline for Action asap
Financial Implications Budget in NDO Reserve	Equalities Impact Lack of provision of suitable meeting place

25/124 EAST DEVON LOCAL PLAN – NEW TOWN PROPOSAL

The chairman mentioned the recent TV film showing King Charles accompanying the Prime Minister in a visit to a new town/village in Cornwall where better design principles appeared to be applied in building on this scale and she wondered whether this might lead to the future for the other announced new towns.

25/125 EXETER INN

An email had been sent to planners dealing with the latest application for change of use for the site asking for clarification. A reply was awaited.

There would be a need to engage with the developer of the site in order to ensure that the site, identified as being of community value, would be developed as much as possible within the policies of the Clyst Honiton Neighbourhood Plan. Once the change of use is granted alternative plans would be put forward by the developer, having taken into account the NP policies for discussion with the parish council. All planning applications, except for the change of use from commercial to residential, had been withdrawn.

25/126 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The parish council's funds were currently a combination of a Treasurers Account and a fixed-term deposit of £10,000 which will mature on 9th March 2025. The requirement was to decide what mix of deposit/fixed-term amounts should be in place when that date comes.

On a proposal by Cllr. Wheeldon, seconded by the chairman, it was **Resolved** that

- a) £30,000 fixed-term for 3 months
- b) A balance of approximately £20,000 be placed in a deposit account
- c) The remainder to stay in the Treasurers' Account

All within the current Lloyds Bank arrangements.

25/127 BANK RECONCILIATION & RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO DATE COMPARED TO BUDGET

It was **Resolved** to approve the 31st January 2025 Bank Reconciliation statement and the attached statement of Receipts and Payments compared to Budgets for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st January 2025.

25/128 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SCHEDULE

On a proposal by Cllr. Wheeldon, seconded by Cllr. Muir, it was **Resolved** to approve the payment of the invoices on the schedule below for the period since the last meeting:

PAYMENTS

Payment to	Services	Month or Reference	Amount £	Payment No.
2024/2025				
Vodafone	Mobile Phone	Feb 25	16.03	DD
Simon A Martin	Payroll Services	Feb 25	8.00	Card
RJ Martin	Salary	Feb 25	838.48	2425-25
HMRC	Tax Deduction	Feb 25	238.53	2425-25
DCC Pension Fund	Retainer	Feb 25	7.77	SO
Adobe	Professional Upgrade	Feb 25	19.97	DD
Countrywide GM	Grass Cutting	Jan 25	122.10	2425-26
The Black Horse	Room Hire	29 Jan 25	46.70	Card

RECEIPTS

Receipt from	Services	Amount £	Method
2024/2025			
None			
Power Used Local Government Act 1972		Risks Assessed Not making payment of amounts due	
Resulting Tasks & Owner Clerk – ensure payments are made		Deadline for Action asap	
Financial Implications Each payment has a budget		Equalities Impact Nothing particular	

25/129 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. Wheeldon reported back on the webinar he had attended on the EDDC Local Plan progress which focussed on the delivery of the document rather than the detail it contained.

25/113 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is on **Wednesday 12 March 2025** and will be held in the Black Horse Inn meeting room starting at 7.00pm.

25/114 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:.....

Date:..... 12/03/2025