

**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 19 January 2016  
in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

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**PRESENT**

Cllrs	P Barnard	M Clarke
	A Tweedie	T Cantlon
	M Smith	Mrs P Hayman
	L Booth	

Present: District Cllrs T Wright, S Hall, G Jung and Cty Cllr Mrs C Channon.

There was 1 member of the public present.

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Dr Stanley Roberts, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee gave an update on the work of the NPC:

Dr Stan Roberts reported that very good progress was being made in the construction of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. A survey had been conducted in October 2015 which had drawn 294 responses from parishioners. The results of the survey were described and discussed at two Village Hall Meetings (Jan 13th and 16th 2016). The 130 persons who attended the Meetings also heard about the next steps in preparing the Plan. Not least, views of parishioners expressed at the Meetings will now be collated and many of the objectives, policies and actions would be included in the final text of the Plan. Dr Roberts listed the proposed subject matter of the Plan, namely (1) History of the Parish (2) Businesses (3) Education (4) Leisure (5) Getting Around the Parish (6) Worship (7) Residential Development and (8) Environmental Issues. Finally Dr Roberts reported that the first draft of the Plan will be circulated to Working Party Members before 31st Jan 2016 with a view to having a more advanced document ready for wider circulation by the end of March 2016.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and there was no police report.

Cllr M Clarke chaired the meeting. Cllr D Buss is on annual leave.

**The Parish Council Meeting began at 7.30pm.**

It has been proposed and agreed that members of the public be allowed to speak for **3 minutes** at the beginning of the meeting. This time scale will run to maximum of 30 minutes, therefore allowing 10 people to speak. This will bring EBPC in line with other town/parish councils. Members of the public wishing to speak on an Agenda item are requested to inform the clerk no later than 18 January. It should be noted that this is **NOT** a question and answer session, it simply provides a vehicle for the public to make the council aware of views of the public before discussing agenda items.

**The clerk had received no requests from residents to comment on any Agenda item.**

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs D Buss, J White and Dist. Cllr A Dent. Valerie Lister was not present.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the November 2015 Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** There were no Declarations of Interest and Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.
- 4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR – CASUAL VACANCY**

Mr Lawrence Booth having applied for the casual vacancy as parish councillor was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved and took his place on the parish council

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

***Visit to CDE regarding traffic through Yettington*** – Cllr Cantlon reported that he and Cllr Barnard had met with Helen West and Leigh Rix of Clinton Devon Estates for further discussions. It was suggested that a one-way traffic system could be operated when the Arena was being used by eventers. Helen West will view the suggested route with councillors. Cllr Cantlon will report on any further progress.

***Defibrillator machine for East Budleigh*** – Carried over to February meeting when a more comprehensive report will be made.

***Car Park & toilets in Hayes Lane*** – Cllr Clarke reported that the electrical system in the toilets had been revamped as had the car park lighting system. The work had been carried out by Baker Electricals.

***Sandbags – Surface Water Flooding Issues*** – Cllr Tweedie reported that he had been approached to two men from a firm called Jacobs Survey claiming to be employed by Devon County Council. They wanted information regarding flooding within East Budleigh. As none of the district councillors were aware of this survey request by DCC the clerk was instructed to contact Jessica Fox (DCC) to obtain further information.

Cllr Tweedie will provide boxes and sand which will be allocated on The Pound for the use of preventing flooding to residents' homes. Cty Cllr Channon has agreed to provide funding for the boxes.

***Emails and Freedom of Information*** – Carried over to the February meeting.

***Rain Gauge for East Budleigh*** – Kate Pearson (previously known as Taylor) from the EA has kept the parish council up to date with the progression of the project. The clerk has been instructed to let Kate know that the council agrees to the Memorandum of Understanding document issued to Drake's School and EBBPC.

## **6. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

**Village Wi-Fi connection for Village Hall** – Cllr Clarke reported that the Village Shop Committee does not wish to participate in the project. The kit has been installed by Cllrs Clarke and Tweedie. The Village Hall committee are prepared to contribute towards the costs. It was proposed and agreed that the parish council was prepared to take on the expense.

**30mph in East Budleigh** – Cty Cllr Channon had received a copy of the letter sent to Mr Norrey regarding the 30mph limit in East Budleigh and expressed her support and agreement with the contents. Councillors were reminded that Cllr White was to be commended for his ongoing work and research into this matter.

**East Budleigh Children's Play Area** – Cllr Tweedie had agreed to provide costing information. This item will be carried forward to the February meeting.

**Parishes Together Funding** – The clerk was instructed to apply for this funding before the closing date in February. Otterton PC will join with EBBPC in sharing the services of gully and drain clearing as an ongoing project. Cllr Tweedie will contact suitable contractors to carry out this work and report back at the February meeting.

**Town Traffic Order** – Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group has been preparing a Traffic Order to cover changes to the lining on various roads in the town. East Budleigh was asked if they wished to take advantage of this with a contribution to the Traffic Order of £300. The extension of yellow lines in East Budleigh had been discussed at a previous council meeting (May 2015) and following discussions with Devon Highways it had been agreed that we would not pursue the idea of extending yellow lines. The clerk was instructed to inform Budleigh Salterton Town Council that we did not wish to take advantage of the Town Traffic Order.

**Precept 2016/17** – The proposed precept has been distributed to all councillors for discussion and approval. There is a 7% increase, most of which is accounted for by the increase in the clerk's salary which will bring her in line with the NLCC regulations and guidelines. It was noted that there was a considerable increase in the cost of providing dog poo gloves (which are free from the stand sited on the Recreation Field) and the emptying of the dog bins by EDDC. The parish council provides several bins in and around the village and it was thought that the lack of dog faeces and resultant complaints was worth the cost involved. The overall increase in the precept was £1350 more than last year. The 2016/2017 precept was proposed, seconded and agreed by all councillors.

## **7. PLANNING – Cllr M Smith**

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
<b>There was none</b>			

**Additional correspondence and reports.**

## **Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department**

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
15/1981/FUL	Southern Ting Tong, Inner Ting Tong, EX9 7AP	Awaiting Decision
15/2178/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site, Bear Lane, Budleigh S'ton	Awaiting Decision
14/2959/MOUT	Land at Frogmore Road, EB	Awaiting Decision
15/2136/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site, Bear Lane, Budleigh S'ton	Awaiting Decision

## **8. REPORTS**

**Vice Chairman** – Cllr Clarke attended a meeting on the Lower Otter Restoration Project. The Agenda covered Project governance, Environment Agency project management process, Project update and Access issues. It was noted that Clinton Devon Estates has responsibility for the maintenance of 2 of the Otter banks and the EA has responsibility to improve habitat on the River Otter. It should be understood this project is NOT about flooding it is about replacement natural habitat lost by the works carried by the EVA on the river Exe. It is as yet un-funded and is unlikely to proceed before 2019/2020. When the Minutes are available they will be in the Minute File.

**Clerk** – The clerk reported that there is a vacancy within EDDC for Standards Committee town/parish council member. District Cllr Tom Wright suggested that anyone interested in the vacancy should contact Budleigh Salterton Town Mayor Courtney Richards. Exmouth & District Community Transport Group (Ring and Ride) have asked for their annual grant to enable them to continue this valuable service. The sum suggested was £140, in keeping with previous years, this was proposed and seconded by councillors.

**Drakes School** – Cllr Booth has been appointed to liaise with Drake's School regarding the presentation of a monthly report to the parish council.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – Cllr Buss had left his report which is in the Minute file. He is intending to walk the 23 footpaths and bridleways during the first two weeks in February to ascertain any damage caused by the recent heavy rainfall.

**Recreation** – Nothing to report. Cllr Clarke expressed concern regarding the advertising sign which was displayed outside the Football Club. He asked if this was legal or if in fact planning permission was needed. A report will be made at the next meeting.

**Britain in Bloom** – No report.

**Village Hall** – Cllr Tweedie reported that the next meeting was in mid-March.

**East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum** - No problems.

**East Budleigh Relief in Need** – No report.

**Public Conveniences** – No report.

**Neighbourhood Health Watch** – Cty Cllr Christine Channon made the following

report: There has been a delay in letting the contract for the work at Budleigh Hospital due to the changes imminent in the ownership. Currently the hospital buildings are owned by Northern Devon Health Trust but the Eastern Clinical Commissioning Group have decided to switch to the RD&E Trust from April 2016. This poses a problem regarding the future ownership of the building which does not appear to change to go with the new provider contract but is referred to NHS-Prop, which is a national body. All Community hospitals which currently come under Northern Devon Health Trust in the Eastern area of Devon are affected. We are told that unfortunately NHS-Prop require all the space at these hospitals to be let for a commercial rent. This would mean that the proposals for the BS Hub were not deliverable. However, the Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt, has given firm approval for the BS proposals as a template for the future which would build integral services for Social Care and Health. Government needs to sort out this problem. Key officers of the Friends of Budleigh Hospital can see a way forward which would resolve this situation, locally and possibly nationally, if Hunt is prepared to listen. We are hoping that Hugo Swire can arrange a meeting between us and Hunt.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – As discussed above.

**Any other reports**

## **9. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

The Clerk gave out the monthly cash statement and report. She asked for several cheques to be passed for signature. These were proposed, seconded and carried.

- Garden Kit
- David Buss (Garden Kit)
- S Roberts – Neighbourhood Plan
- B Martin – Neighbourhood Plan & Yettington ‘phone box
- JRB Dog gloves
- Exmouth & District Community Transport Group

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

A synopsis of correspondence, magazines and brochures received and not covered elsewhere on the Agenda was received and read out. The clerk suggested that councillors who were interested in any of the correspondence should take it away to read and return it to the clerk at a later date.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 23 February 2016 at 7.30pm, plans to view at 7pm.**

Signed .....Chairman Date .....

## **OPEN SESSION**

TOPICS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND BY COUNTY

**AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

*It was noted that no decisions could be made, but matters were discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information.*