
**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday, 30 June 2015
in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

PRESENT

Cllrs	D Buss	M Clarke
	J White	P Barnard
	A Tweedie	T Cantlon
	Mrs A Bowsher-Grief	M Smith

District Councillors T Wright and G Jung were in attendance.

There was 1 member of the public present.

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

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 23 June. 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:** Dist. Cllrs A Dent, S Hall and Cty Cllr Mrs C Channon.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the May 2015 Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair. There were no declarations of interest.
4. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Councillors had received copies of the two applications to join the parish council from Valerie Lister and Patsy Hayman. Both applicants had confirmed their eligibility to join the council and were proposed by Cllr Clarke and Cllr Tweedie and seconded by Cllr Smith and Cllr Mrs Bowsher-Grief. The proposals were agreed unanimously and the Chair invited the co-opted councillors to join the other councillors for the rest of the meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Flooding in East Budleigh update – Cllr Tweedie reported that Kate Taylor from the Environment Agency was still looking for a suitable site for the rain gauge to be installed. It would seem that the allotments would be suitable and if sited on the school children’s section, the pupils would benefit from learning how the gauge worked for the benefit of the village. A point for further discussion was the ongoing maintenance cost which would be incurred. Originally this had thought to be £500 pa but now seemed more likely to be £1000 pa. A local resident has agreed to fund the first two years but concerns were raised as to whether the parish council could afford to continue with the annual cost. The clerk was asked to approach Clinton Devon Estates to discuss a possible contribution from them. Cllr Tweedie to report on progress at the next meeting.

Visit to CDE regarding traffic through Yettington – Cllr Cantlon gave a detailed report concerning his recent meeting with Helen West and Beccy Barrett from Bicton Arena. The Arena generally hosted two types of events i.e. Show Jumping which lasted usually 3 or 4 days attracting larger vehicles (approx. 25 tonnes) and Come & Go Events, such as dressage and eventing with typically smaller vehicles (approx.. 7.5 tonnes). It was agreed that a one-way system, arriving from Four Firs, through Yettington and leaving via Brick Cross on the Newton Poppleford Road would be unsuitable for the larger vehicle. The large horse boxes generally stayed for a few days before leaving and effectively there was a one way traffic flow. Councillors commented that during the Commando Challenge which took place at Bicton Arena there was a one-way traffic system with marshalls and advisory signs put up by Devon Highways. Questions were asked as to whether CDE just hired out the Arena to horse events and how is the Risk Assessment carried out, is this done by CDE or the eventers? Whose responsibility was Traffic Management? It was proposed and seconded that this matter should be further investigated. Cllr Cantlon will pursue these lines of enquiry and report back to the council.

6. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Proposed installation of defibrillator machine for East Budleigh – The clerk was still pursuing the cost and installation of a machine for East Budleigh. Topsham Town Council have purchased such a machine for the cost of £200. The clerk will contact Topsham TC to gather further information and report back to the council.

7. PLANNING – Cllr M Smith –There was none.

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
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Additional correspondence and reports

Councillor Smith asked for planning application 15/0888/FUL Rowley Regis, Oak Hill, Retention of retaining wall and fence.

This application was reviewed at the extra planning meeting on 16 July but was so contentious it was felt that further discussion was necessary.

A report from Nigel Barrett, Senior Development Management Officer confirmed that this application is current and remains to be determined. He commented that no engineering/construction plans have been submitted. The parish council objected to the planning application and asked that an assurance be given that construction is satisfactory. Councillors also queried the safety aspect and asked if the owners had indemnity cover. Cllr Smith will send full objections to Mr Barrett.

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
14/2342/FUL	21 High Street, E.B.	Decision awaited
14/2959/MOUT	Frogmore Road Development	Decision awaited
15/0189/FUL	Pooh Cottage Site	Awaiting decision
15/0486/FUL	Bicton Old Rectory *	Awaiting decision

Recommendations put forward by EBPC

8. REPORTS

Chairman – The Chair commented on a meeting he had attended on 16 June re: EDDC Development Management Committee regarding the East Devon Village Plan. DMC were asked to approve the proposed criteria for reviewing the Built Up Area Boundaries. Under the ‘emerging local plan strategy’ BUABs are already defined for the seven largest towns in East Devon while 17 ‘Strategy 27 settlements’ including East Budleigh will have ‘Revised BUABs....devised through the East Devon Villages Plan’. EDDC have recommended that ‘a consultation on the criteria for a review of the BUABs be undertaken during the summer/autumn so that matters of principle can be established’.

Regarding the Boundary Commission’s proposals for changes to the electoral wards in East Devon, it was realised that a response from East Budleigh with Bicton parish council had to be sent to the Boundary Commission by Monday, 6 July.

The Chair will put together a draft response which he will submit to councillors for their approval. This will be based loosely on response already submitted by Cty Cllr Mrs Channon. However, Cllr White asked for it to be Minuted that he thought the parish council should not submit a response until they had received all of the facts and not base a response on another person’s recommendations.

Clerk The clerk reported that rubbish dumped in Tidwell Lane is to be removed by CDE as soon as possible as this area of land belongs to them. The accounts have been audited by Grant Thornton in Bristol (our external auditor) and signed off as being correct. The parish council filing cabinet is to be removed from a site where it has been housed for several years. We have only to find another storage area.

Drakes School – No report.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr David Buss gave his report which is in the Minute file. He has been seeking volunteers to help with strimming but has been

unsuccessful. Cllr White has volunteered to help with this task. Cllr Buss is also seeking a copy of the map of the village footpaths which is at present on display in the Hayes Lane car park, under cover. It is in need of replacing but we are unaware as to how to obtain a new one. If anyone can help in this matter it would be much appreciated.

Recreation – Cllr Smith reported that overhanging trees need cutting back in the small path from Vicarage Road into the Rec field.

Britain in Bloom – No report.

Village Hall - No report.

East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum - Dog fouling has been reported in the paved area outside the bus stop leading towards the school. There is an animal suspect and as soon as proof is obtained a report will be sent to the Dog Warden which will result in a fine. Cllr Tweedie has offered to make up leaflets to distribute in the area highlighting this problem. **DOG FAECES CAN RESULT IN BLINDNESS IF TRANSFERRED (PARTICULARLY BY CHILDREN) TO THE FACE AND EYES.**

East Budleigh Relief in Need – No report.

Public Conveniences – The clerk to contact EDDC for a more thorough cleaning to be done.

Neighbourhood Health Watch – No report.

Any other reports – The Neighbourhood Plan is to go forward with Dr Roberts attending next month's meeting to report progress to the Working Party and councillors.

Cllr Dent is to be approached to attend July's meeting and brief us on BUABs.

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.

- JRB Enterprises (dog gloves)
- Cllr Cantlon – Website starter
- East Budleigh Village hall hire
- North Devon Council – clerk's salary increase
- SLCC – Clerk's subs.
- East Budleigh Church hall hire

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, 28 July at 7.00pm. Plans to view at 6.30pm. Ms Claire Rodway will give a short talk at 7.00pm concerning East Devon Local Plan Consultation allowing time for questions.**

At the end of the parish council meeting councillors are asked to remain as Ms Janice Alexander (Rural Housing Enabler) will set out the need for conducting a survey on Rural Housing Needs.

SignedChairman 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.

Cllr Barnard expressed concern that he felt unable to speak on a matter of importance because of the confusing and inadequate time allowance. An apology has been issued to Cllr Barnard for this oversight.