

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of East Budleigh with Bicton held on Tuesday, 25 April 2017 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh

PRESENT	Cllrs	D Buss (P3)	M Clarke (V. Chair)
		J White (Chair)	M Smith
		Mrs P Hayman	P Barnard

There were 3 members of the public present. District Cllrs Wright and Dent were also present. Cty Cllr Mrs C Channon was present.

Usually a speaker is invited but the Chair has suggested that the time allocated should be spent discussing the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan with Professor Stanley Roberts and further discussions on the issues and objectives likely to be of relevance and interest to the Parish Council and residents in the coming year.

Professor Stanley Roberts gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Professor Stan Roberts (SR) briefly summarised the Policies and Community Actions contained in the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and he reminded Councillors that the date for the Referendum to validate the Plan was set for Thursday 25th May. SR said that the Plan should be regarded as a basis for decisions made by the PC in the next years and pointed out that the NP required the PC to be proactive to implement a number of the Community Actions.

Cllrs White and Clarke agreed that the objectives of the NP should be reviewed periodically by the PC, probably on an annual basis.

SR handed two copies of the Plan to the Parish Council secretariat and confirmed that three copies of the Plan would be deposited in the East Budleigh Information Point for perusal by parishioners.

In advance of the Referendum, Cllr Channon (CC) agreed to assist in promoting the opportunity of postal voting to parishioners by forwarding contact names/addresses of those persons who have used postal voting in the past. The deadline for receipt of postal votes by the EDDC is 10th May.

Cllr Clarke offered to prepare three banners along the lines 'Please vote **YES** in the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum (Village Hall 25th May)'. Two of the banners will be displayed outside the Village Hall and at the Rolle Arms crossroads, adjacent to Cllr Buss's property. Other options for advertising the Referendum were discussed, without definitive conclusions being drawn and actions delineated.

Following discussion it was mooted that there was no lower limit to the number of votes that had to be cast but it was suggested that a 30%+ turnout would be desirable.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2016/2017:**

The Chair, Cllr White, provided a review of 2016/2017. The main points of his presentation are included at the end of these minutes.

As per last year the main focus of the Parish Council has been the producing the Neighbourhood Plan and gaining endorsement of the East Devon District Council. The Plan is now complete and will go to public vote on 25 May 2017. Council would like to thank the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party Chair, Professor Stan Roberts and his team for the outstanding work they have carried out producing the Plan. The Working Party will stand down at the end of April and it will then be left to the Parish Council to take the plan forward; a formal review of the plan will be conducted at the next Annual Parish Meeting in April 2018.

There has been no change to the Council's membership, with the ten Cllrs attending on average 13 meetings a year in addition to their extra duties.

After the lower part of Yettington flooded earlier this year, it was decided to set up a Strategic Flood Working Party to ensure that the Parish Flood Plan was fit for task and ready to cope with future challenges. In order to assist the process extra funds have been obtained from the District Council. The Working Party will report back to Council in May and it is intended to hold a public meeting later this year to report the team's findings. Our continued thanks go to Cllr Tweedie for his diligence and hard work as our Flood Warden. In addition, in partnership with Otterton Parish Council, Cllr Barnard has been trained to conduct drains and culvert clearance in both parishes.

We are also grateful for the year round hard work of Cllr Buss, who can often be seen with strimmer in hand keeping our footpaths open. It is vital work and if there are volunteers who would wish to help Cllr Buss please get in touch.

The Council has been keeping a watching brief on the progress of the Yettington Recreation Room and the Village Green initiatives. Both projects will continue to have our full support.

With respect to the B3178, it was refreshing to see a change of policy from Devon Highways and agreement to extend the 30mph zone to 600m and install gateways, iaw UK government guidelines. It is intended to submit the Traffic Order in

September 2017. With respect to the travellers camped in the B3178 layby, it has raised genuine concerns over hygiene and it is hoped that recent developments will see them finally evicted. There now needs to be measures taken to ensure that they do not return.

During this year Council submitted responses to EDDC on each of 54 planning applications.

- 2 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 April, 2016 were received and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

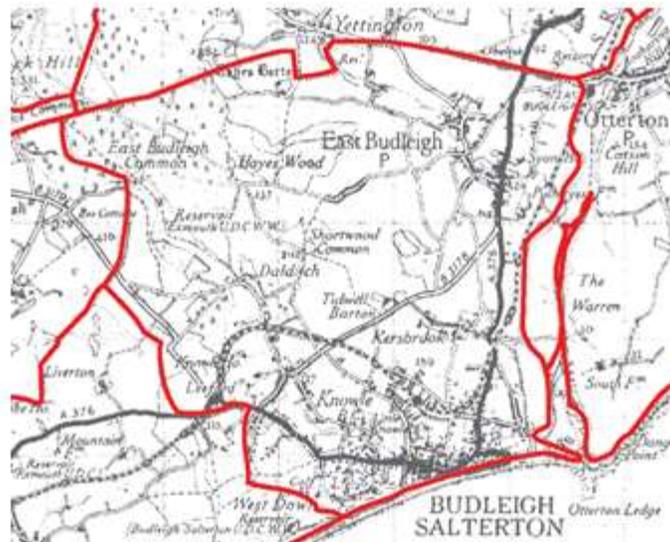
QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS by Public and Press: There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed Chairman

Date

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

2017/18 Objectives

- **Neighbourhood Plan**
 - endorse, take forward
- **Flood Plan**
 - sustainable and fit for purpose
- **B3178 Road**
 - 30mph extension and gates
- **B3178 Travellers' layby**
 - remove for good
- **Parish Council Reserves**
 - why/how much?
- **Watching brief**
 - Village Green
 - Yettington Recreation Room
 - Rolle Arms

Neighbourhood Plan: Summary of Policies

- **P1-** Supporting the development of small business enterprises
- **P2-** Mobile Telecommunications and Broadband Provision
- **P3-** Protection of highest grade agricultural land
- **C1-** Protecting and enhancing Community Facilities
- **E1-** Bicton College. The Neighbourhood Plan supports development proposals, for educational use under class D1, within the central built core of the campus at Bicton College.
- **L1-** Enhancing Recreational Facilities
- **L2-** Budleigh Salterton Cricket Ground. Proposals that would result in the loss of all or part of the cricket ground will not be supported unless alternative and equivalent space is provided.
- **L3-** Bicton Park Botanical Gardens. will support development proposals which will enable Bicton Park Botanical Gardens to expand to meet new and changing needs as a tourist destination, educational resource centre and a renowned historic garden
- **G1-** To protect and enhance the network of public rights of ways and bridleways around the Parish
- **G2-** Off Road Parking. New developments should provide off road parking to ensure that pressure on existing limited parking is not increased.
- **N1-** Protecting and enhancing the landscape, biodiversity and local countryside character
- **N2-** Protection of Local Green Spaces
- **N3-** Protection of Allotment Space
- **N4-** Green Corridor
- **B1-** Heritage Assets and their Setting
- **B2-** General Design Principle.
- **B3-** Previously Developed Land. Within the Built-up Area Boundary, the development of previously developed land will be supported,
- **F1-** Flood Risk Assessment. A sequential approach will be taken when considering where new development will be located in an area subject to flooding Policy
- **F2-** Surface Water Run-off
- **F3-** SuDS Design & Management
- **D1-** Built-up Area Boundary of East Budleigh Village
- **D2-** Dwelling Size