

EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 September 2017 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh

PRESENT

Cllrs	T Cantlon (V. Chair)	Valerie Lister
	D Buss	Mrs P Hayman
	J White (Chair)	P Barnard
	L Booth	M Smith

There were over 80 members of the public present. District Cllrs T Wright, S Hall, A Dent, G Jung and Cty Cllr Mrs C Channon were also present.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and did not submit a police report.

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 25 September 2017. 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.

3 applications to speak were received by the clerk.

The three residents concerned spoke for 3 minutes each regarding the suggested erection of a football pitch enclosure fence. They expressed concern and reservations about this proposal.

1. **APOLOGIES:** There was none. M Clarke was not in attendance.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the July 2017 Parish Council meeting were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 ***Drain clearance*** – Drains throughout the village had been cleared and Cllr Barnard is to continue with clearance in Otterton when arrangements have been confirmed with Otterton parish council.
- 4.2 ***Insurance*** – The clerk reported that the present insurers Aon have decided to cease its involvement with Local Councils. The existing policy has been taken over by BHIB Ltd, another insurance broker. These changes will have no impact on any existing insurance policy arranged through Aon.
- 4.3 ***Tidwell Lane fly tipping*** – The clerk reported this incident to EDDC and was told it would be dealt with.
- 4.4 ***East Budleigh 'phone box*** – The 'phone box is still connected for use and as such is the property of BT. The clerk has asked for BT to clean and repair the box as soon as possible.

5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

- 5.1 ***Little Otters pre-school – Grant request*** – Cllr Booth will draw together a business plan for presentation at the next meeting to enable a grant to be discussed further. It was established that Little Otters is a Charity.
- 5.2 ***P3 re-organisation*** – Cllr Buss gave an in-depth report on the re-organisation required due to his inability to carry out all of the work needed. This can be viewed at the end of the Minutes.
- 5.3 ***Defibrillator details*** – The clerk gave details of the proposed defibrillator which will be obtained as part of a joint effort with Newton Poppleford (NPPC) under the Parishes Together scheme (2017/2018). The NPPC clerk has put together a grid setting out all of the costs involved, any excess for East Budleigh can be covered by our reserves fund. NP are happy to help pay for shared training courses, and their clerk has also offered to help with the fitting. The Village Hall committee have agreed to have the defibrillator attached to the wall facing the Village Shop. Training sessions will be advertised when appropriate. Councillors were in full agreement and thanked NP parish council for their help.
- 5.4 ***Football pitch enclosure fence*** – A representative from East Budleigh Football Club gave a short talk as to the reasons the football club felt that a fence was necessary and in keeping with the surroundings. Residents had presented a petition suggesting ways of moving forward with the issue. Before making a decision and accepting the Club's offer of paying the full amount of £10,800, it was agreed that a Working Party should be set up to assess the requirement. The Working Party will include representatives from the Football Club, Drake's School, local residents and the Parish Council. Cllr Cantlon agreed to Chair and organise the meeting. He will report progress at the October meeting.

6. PLANNING – Cllrs M Smith and L Booth

	Plan No. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
6.1	17/2185/FUL	Tidwell Barton, Budleigh Salterton	Erect a steel portal framed agricultural building over an existing silage pit. No objections. Awaiting a decision - EDDC
6.2	17/2192/TCA	Wynards House, 1 High Street, East Budleigh	Poplar: fell. No objections. Awaiting a decision - EDDC

Appeal decision for 16/0791/FUL Ellergarth dismissed by EDDC – noted.

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision
17/0282/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site	Approved with conditions
17/0562/CPE	Syon Barn, Frogmore Road	Awaiting a Decision
17/1167/FUL	EB Village Hall – playground	Approved
17/1641/FUL	Vernbank, Lower Budleigh	Approved
17/1377/TRE	The Pound, Lower Budleigh	Approved with conditions

7. REPORTS

- 7.1 **Chairman** – No further report.
- 7.2 **Clerk** – No report.
- 7.3 **Drakes School** – The money raised at the May Fair was being used to buy further playground equipment.
- 7.4 **Parish Paths Partnership** – As reported earlier.
- 7.5 **Recreation** – A councillor reported that wire clips had been used to secure fencing around the tennis court and that some of the clips were open-ended and facing out-over which could cause serious injury. Clerk to report to the Tennis Club.
- 7.6 **Britain in Bloom** – No report.
- 7.7 **Village Hall** – No report.
- 7.8 **East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum** – The councillor concerned had viewed the cost of dog gloves at a large local supermarket. They were found to be poor quality, non-biodegradable and not suitable for use in the present machine on the field.
- 7.9 **East Budleigh Relief in Need** – No report.
- 7.10 **Public Conveniences** – No problems.
- 7.11 **Any other reports** – The Flood Resilience meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24 October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

8. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

The Clerk had given out the monthly cash statement and Bills for Payment monthly report. She asked for several cheques to be passed for signature. These were proposed, seconded and carried. Cllr Mrs Hayman has been asked to review the bank reconciliation on a regular basis in keeping with the transparency regulations.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive a synopsis of correspondence received and not covered elsewhere on this Agenda.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, 31 October 2017. Plans to view prior to the Planning section, Agenda item 6.

SignedChairman Date

OPEN SESSION

TOPICS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

P3 Report for September 2017

This summer, several of our parish footpaths and bridleways have become very overgrown.

There are four main reasons for this:

1. The wet summer has resulted in above average over-growth of the paths and bridleways.
2. The Bicton College project was delayed by the need to comply with CDE's requirements, and the weather meant that students could not always be asked to work outside - only Wednesdays are timetabled for community activity.
3. We had only two cuts in total by DCC's contractors. When I took over the P3 role for EBBPC seven years ago, my predecessor gave me a map showing the annual cutting programme - all pathways had one cut, many had two, while a significant

had three cuts a year, all carried out by DCC's contractors at DCC's expense. This support is now at an all time low - DCC contacts tell me some parishes had no cuts at all this year. This demise has been forced by the swingeing cuts in DCC's budgets.

4. I was not able to carry out any strimming this year. Councillor Barnard and a neighbour kindly cut back EB5 in Yettington. Following X-rays, My GP has advised me not to put either hand under necessary strain - this includes moving and using the strimmer, fuel can, and related safety kit. Councillor Barnard is not able to transport the strimming kit any distance.

This presents us with problems for the future:

1. I can't do anything about the weather.
2. I have met with staff at Bicton - we plan to have their students engage with some maintenance work, but it is probably going to be with hand tools as very few students have the necessary training in strimming.
3. Cuts funded by DCC will almost certainly continue at a minimal level - I am meeting with my two DCC contacts on 30 October to discuss the situation and possible actions, and I'll report back to Council at our next meeting the following day.
4. My arthritis problems are not going to get better so I can no longer carry out any strimming.

I am willing to resign from the P3 role or, alternatively, to 'job-share' with someone who would take on the maintenance/cuttings work (DCC will provide free training and supply a certificate confirming competence) - either option is dependent on Council finding a volunteer to take on either role. As this is not an urgent matter, I suggest Council postpones a discussion of this until after I have met with the DCC contacts.

David Buss

