

EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 November 2017 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh

PRESENT

Cllrs	J White (Chair)	T Cantlon
	D Buss	Mrs P Hayman
	M Smith	P Barnard

There were over 14 members of the public present. District Cllrs T Wright, S Hall and A Dent were 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 a 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 30 October 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.

No requests to speak were received by the clerk.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Cty Cllr C Channon, District Cllr G Jung, Cllrs L Booth and Valerie Lister. M Clarke was in attendance.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the October 2017 Parish Council meeting were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** There were no Declarations of Interest. Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.
- 4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Mr Chris Taunton and Ms Sally Miller having applied for the two casual vacancies as parish councillor were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved and Mr Taunton took his place on the parish council.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 ***Budleigh lay-by – B3178*** – The Chair having spoken to Devon County Council has established that the lay-by can be owned by the Parish Council as an open space. After seeking advice from the Open Space Society they have advised that all that is required is an amendment to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair will speak to the adjacent farmer who at present has put some farming equipment at both ends of the lay-by to deter travellers. Bicton College will be approached as to possible use of the lay-by for them and the Council will welcome suggestions from member of the public.
- 5.2 ***B3178 30mph speed limit change*** – These changes have been officially authorised and a cheque for £3000 towards the cost will be sent to DCC. East Budleigh in Bloom will be approached to consider planting flower tubs at the new entrance to act as a gateway.
- 5.3 ***Tidwell Lane*** – The flooding along Tidwell Lane, which occurs regularly happens because there is no drainage along the lane. Devon Highways have been approached but have expressed no concern about the problem.
- 5.4 ***Bicton Arena Horse Traffic*** – Residents of Yettington have expressed concern regarding the increase in Horse box traffic which will occur due to extra events due to take place next year. A meeting is to be held at Bicton Arena with residents to try and resolve this issue.
- 5.5 ***Weeds in car park*** – East Budleigh in Bloom have expressed concern about the weeds growing in the car park. The car park is now the responsibility of the parish council and volunteers have been asked for to help remove the weeds. It has been suggested that students from Bicton College at present involved in the voluntary training scheme might be willing to take part. Cllr Buss to investigate.
- 5.6 ***Christmas tree*** – Although no longer a parish councillor Mr Alan Tweedie has agreed to source and deliver to the Village Shop a Christmas tree, which he has undertaken to do every year.
- 5.7 ***Requirement of a new Internal Auditor*** – Ms Michelle Bycraft is no longer able to undertake the role of IA. The councillors have received a copy of a CV from Mr David Hinchcliffe who is willing to take on this role. He is a fully qualified accountant and already carries out IA for several local village and town parishes. His appointment was proposed and seconded. Ms Bycraft was thanked for her previous work with the council.

6. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

- 6.1 ***Little Otters pre-school – Grant request*** – Cllr Booth sent a request for the council to give a grant of £150 for specialised play equipment for Little Otters children within Drakes School. This was proposed, seconded and agreed by councillors.
- 6.2 ***P3 re-organisation*** – Cllr Buss will attend a meeting in December and report to the council in January.
- 6.3 ***Review of Standing Orders*** - Discussed and found to be satisfactory.

- 6.4 **Recreation Ground Working Party Progress Report** – Cllr Cantlon reported on the progress of the recent Working Party. Volunteer residents have agreed to sweep the area for a period of two months and the outcome will be reported to the council. Increased signage will be erected for educational purposes. CTV surveillance was suggested but this was thought to be ‘overkill’.

7. PLANNING – Cllrs M Smith and L Booth

	Plan No. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
7.1	17/2578//FUL	Daveys Cottage, Oak Hill, East Budleigh	Proposed conversion of existing detached garage into additional habitable accommodation to form annexe. No objections

17/2282/FUL Following a site visit it was agreed that shadowing from the proposed building which could affect the adjacent property was an issue. Loss of light has to be proved and EDDC should look into this issue. Concerns were also raised about the present bat colony and wildlife.

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision
17/0562/CPE	Syon Barn, Frogmore Road	Refused
17/1813/FUL	The Rolle Arms, EB	Awaiting a Decision
17/2229/FUL	Hayes Brow, East Budleigh	Approved
17/2467/FUL	Upmead, Kersbrook, BS	Refused
17/2260/FUL	Clover Cottage, Dalditch Lane	Awaiting a Decision
17/2282/FUL	Land South of Pound Barn, EB	Awaiting a Decision

8. REPORTS

- 8.1 **Chairman** – The Chair felt it was necessary to report on the recent unpleasant occurrences which had taken place in the village. The Chair, his wife and members of the council had been subject to violent harassment and abuse from members of the group Friends of East Budleigh Recreation Ground. This has resulting in the resignation of one of the councillors and a police investigation. As this behaviour contravened the East Budleigh with Bicton Code of Conduct - (available to view on the website), under the heading of Violence at Work Policy, para 1.5 - three members of the group have been found by the Council to be in contravention of the Code. The police have served harassment orders on two members of the group and a member of the group has been charged with a Community Resolution Order after he admitted being guilty of harassment and

- abuse of the Chair and his wife. All Cllrs agreed that this was totally unacceptable behaviour and would not be tolerated.
- 8.2 **Clerk** – No report.
 - 8.3 **Drakes School** – No report.
 - 8.4 **Parish Paths Partnership** – Cllr Buss reported on the collapsed step leading up into the Rec field from Vicarage Road. DCC had been informed. Cllr Buss commented on the possible advantage of signage and funding to make any improvements a special project.
 - 8.5 **Recreation** – No report.
 - 8.6 **Britain in Bloom** – No report.
 - 8.7 **Village Hall** – Vacancy. One of the new councillors will approach the Chair of the Village Hall regarding undertaking this role as representative for the parish council.
 - 8.8 **East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum** – No report.
 - 8.9 **East Budleigh Relief in Need** – No report.
 - 8.10 **Public Conveniences** – No problems.
 - 8.11 **Any other reports** – The Flood Resilience meeting was attended by only 15 local residents. There were useful contributions from the Environment Agency and Devon County Council. It was suggested that wider publicity should go out to residents.

Authorisation was given for payment of the email accounts.

Mike Clarke officially confirmed his resignation from the parish council as he now lives in Dartmouth. He was thanked for his support and sterling work over his years as a councillor. The council will need to appoint a councillor to represent the council on the LORP project.

Cllr Barnard left the meeting at 8.05pm.

9. 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 reviewed the bank reconciliation and found it to be satisfactory.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, **23 January 2018**. Plans to view prior to the Planning section, Agenda item 7.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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.