

## EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 June 2018 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.

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#### PRESENT

Cllrs

M Smith  
V Lister  
C Taunton  
P Barnard

K Quant  
Mrs P Hayman  
J Carter

District councillors A Dent, T Wright and S Hall were present.

4 members of the public were present.

**PCSO Justin Willis** has been invited to give the monthly police report but did not submit one.

#### **PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS:**

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 25 June 2018. 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 received no requests to speak.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cty Cllr C Channon, District Councillor G Jung, Cllrs Ms S Miller and S Roberts.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the May Annual General meeting were confirmed and accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT**  
There was no declaration of interest and Risk Assessment was given by the Chair.

**4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

There was 1 applicant for the vacancy. Councillors had voted anonymously via sealed papers which were opened by District Councillor A Dent. The votes were checked by the Chair and the clerk. Mr Derek Wensley was appointed by an overall majority. He was invited to join the Council.

- 5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** Although unable to attend Cty Cllr Channon reported that an incident relating to Highway drainage in Yettington was in hand.

- 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Although unable to attend **District Cllr G Jung** reported that he had attended the Devon Flood Resilience conference along with a parish council representative resulting in ideas and issues that may be of benefit for the parish.

**District Cllr Dent** reported that a planning application had been received for the building of 350 houses and a primary school which will cross the border between Exmouth Brixington and Lymphstone Wards. Only 18 affordable homes were proposed which will increase the present homeless situation.

Mobile phones receive signals from microwave antennas on telephone masts. These are connected as a network via landlines. Mobile phones seek the strongest signal so users can roam around the country (and the world) while their phone finds the best signal.

Internet signals are generally transmitted via landlines (Copper or Fibre Optic) to homes and businesses and the signals are picked up by routers which then transmit signals over short distance to be picked up by either mobile phones or tablets (like the iPad).

Recently, because the internet signal going through copper wires deteriorates quickly over distance - hence the problem in rural areas - companies other than BT have been offering internet services via microwave transmitters. These are private companies and residents have to pay extra to receive the service which is invaluable in hard to reach rural locations.

At Talaton the villagers got together and paid a company called Voneus to provide such a service which improved their internet speed from approx. 5 Mbs to 25 Mbs. The government required standard is at least 10Mbs.

Mobile phone signals and internet signals operate on different frequencies and are separate systems. (Masts for phones and wires for internet mostly).

In East Budleigh that is exactly what residents are getting. Vodafone and O2 via the cellular mast and internet via fibre optic and copper wires. (Fibre to the cabinet in the road. Copper from there to the premises).

**District Cllr S Hall** reported that a Licence had been revoked for a Hackney Carriage. The holder lives in North Somerset where his work comes from but was using an EDDC licence although not operating in this area.

**District Cllr Wright** attended the Police Crime Panel. Plans are going forward for neighbourhood policing. It is intended to continue neighbourhood policing with beat managers. PCSO numbers will be held at 200 until the next funding

review. The plan had been to reduce PCSO numbers to 150. 600 officers and 400 civilian staff have been lost but until recently PCSO numbers had not been touched. The new plan will involve a detailed analysis of the area so that resources are deployed where they are most needed, deprivation and rurality will be factors taken into account.

There is a proposed merger with Dorset police. The current sharing of services has produced significant savings and the feeling is a full merger will produce greater savings and will also improve the service. The proposal must reach the Home Office by mid- October so that if minded to support the proposal, the Home Office can follow the process to get the matter decided. The latest date that the order can be signed by Parliament is early November 2019 to allow for the election of the new commissioner in May 2020.

District Cllr Wright also attended the Exmouth LAG. He reported to the committee that we no longer get an appearance from our PCSO neither do we receive reports. District Cllr Wright agreed that a PCSO can be better employed working than sitting in a meeting but was told that the supplying of reports was no longer policy. His view was that reports can warn people who we think are at risk. The PCC is striving to create a connected police service. In the absence of our PCSO it seems that local councils should form a major role in that connectivity.

It has also been reported that there has been an increase in purse thefts from older customers in Charity shops. Posters to this effect have been given to charity shops and the library and also to Age Concern lunches at the HUB.

**7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

***Football Club Lease***

**ACTION** - A new lease has been drawn up and will be submitted to the Football Club.

***Defibrillator***

**RESOLVED** – The defibrillator will be installed within two weeks on the Information Office wall. Representatives from the Community Shop, the Village Hall and the parish council were shown the defibrillator and its placement. The insurance will be paid by Newton Poppleford pc for the coming year and training sessions by St John’s Ambulance on its use will take place as soon as can be arranged.

***Hayes Lane toilets***

**ACTION** – New toilet seats are required and the Chair has offered to investigate the possibility of the work being undertaken locally by Alan Tweedie.

**8. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED – Dealt with as above**

**9. PLANNING**

**Applications to be considered – There was none.**

	Application No.	Location	Proposed Development
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## Decisions from EDDC to planning applications

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Approval with conditions
17/1813/FUL	The Rolle Arms, EB	Awaiting a Decision
17/2841/FUL	The Old Vicarage, East B'leigh	Awaiting a Decision
18/0703/VAR	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site	Awaiting a Decision
18/0954/FUL	Land at rear of Pynes Close	Awaiting a Decision
18/0929/FUL	2 High Street, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision

## 10. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

**Chairman** – No report.

**Clerk** – The clerk reminded councillors of the need to complete their Register of Interest forms as soon as possible for return to EDDC. The clerk will look into the possibility of Chapter 8 training for Cllr Quant to enable him to undertake drain clearance when necessary within the village. The clerk has applied for a Chairmanship course for Cllr Lister and Cllr Hayman. The clerk reported that a new door will be put on the 'phone box by BT in the next few weeks. An enquiry had been received regarding historical flooding in East Budleigh. This will be passed on to Kate Pearson at the Environment Agency.

**Recreation** – It was reported by a resident that a small amount of fox faeces had been removed from the Rec Field on most days. Cherry trees are dropping their fruit early because of the weather and causing the foxes to have a feast.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – Jon Roseway reported that the annual undergrowth cutting has been carried out by DCC throughout East Budleigh but not yet on the Bicton paths. Jon will attend a strimmer operator's course together with two volunteers. His full report is in the Minute file.

**Drake's School** – Cllr Hayman reported that the children have received excellent results from recent examinations. Children are preparing for the end of term programme including sports events and music concerts. Dates to remember are the Leavers Service on 20 July, fundraising events on 13 July Lions Bingo in the Public Hall in Budleigh Salterton followed by a Jumble Sale on 14 July also in the PH. Drakes summer production on 17 July at 2pm and 6pm and a Music Concert in All Saints Church on 19 July.

**Village Hall** – No report.

**East Budleigh Dog owners Forum** – There was no report.

**Public conveniences** – As reported earlier.

**Flood Warden** – Cllr Quant reported that sand and sandbags are now located in the side storage unit attached to the community shop. John Tresidder is the key holder. His contact details are displayed on the Community Shop notice board. The EBBC Flood website will be updated and Cllr Quant has attended the Devon Communities Resilient Forum. The Devon Air Ambulance are to attend two

proposed sites at Bicton College and Bicton Arena to check for their suitability. The Neighbourhood Plan for Flooding is a work in progress.

**Any Other Reports** – Cllr Roberts suggested that it would be timely for the parish council to review the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Roberts offered to draw up a list of such policies for discussion, as and when appropriate.

## 11. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

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

		<b>Cheque No.</b>
• JRB Enterprise – dog gloves	£ 39.30	994
• Hire of East Budleigh Village Hall	£ 24.00	993
• Clerk’s salary & expenses	£819.60	995
• Kevin Quant – Flood Resilience	£ 97.17	990
• Value House plants	£ 60.64	991
• Sse electrics – Hayes Lane toilets	£ 87.43	992
• Weebly pro-site payment by card	£ 141.83	Card payment
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1269.97</b>

**The VAT reclaimed payment of £1670.28 has been received.**

## 12. 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.

## 13. TOPICS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

*(Maximum half an hour) – Please note no decisions may be made, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information.*

- A councillor reported that at the last Bicton Park horse trials complaints had been made regarding the noise from loud speakers. This was immediately noted by Bicton Arena and the noise was turned down.
- Objections by residents were still being received regarding the planning application on land at Pynes Close.

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 31 July 2018 at 7.30pm in East Budleigh Village Hall. Planning applications can be viewed prior to the Planning Section.**

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

Signed .....Chairman      Date .....