

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 31 July 2018 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.

PRESENT

Cllrs

M Smith
V Lister
C Taunton
P Barnard
S Miller

K Quant
Mrs P Hayman
J Carter
D Wensley
S Roberts

District councillors G Jung, T Wright and S Hall were present.

14 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 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.

3 residents asked to speak on Agenda item 8 for 3 minutes each. All of the residents spoke of the harm which will occur to the resident wildlife including several rare species of bats. A comprehensive list of objections has been sent to EDDC and is noted in the minutes.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cty Cllr C Channon and District Councillor Alan Dent.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the June 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. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** There was no report.

5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Although unable to attend **District Cllr A Dent** issued the following report:

Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club

- Extension to existing alcohol licence for Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club.
- Currently only able to serve members. Licence extension will allow club to serve members of the public.
- Club wishes to be able to run a number of events which will include the playing of music.
- No intention for club to become Budleigh's latest night club!
- Concerns through the normal channels at EDDC website.

Council Offices move from Sidmouth to Honiton

- Slight delay due to severe winter weather.
- Builder's handover October 2018.
- Furniture, fittings and fixtures installed in November/December.
- Move to Blackdown House to be completed by 28 January 2019.
- First full Council meeting on 27 February 2019.

Neighbourhood Plans

- Need to be reviewed after 5 years.
- Lymestone now four years old so review due soon.
- Protocol for NHP reviews being worked on.
- Plans to be updated as necessary and further public consultation required.
- Existing plans provide sound basis so reviews should not be too arduous.

District Cllrs T Wright and A Dent are members of the Cricket Club.

Cllr Wright reported on the removal of the waste bins from Lime Kiln car park as they were being used by businesses/contractors for their rubbish.

Cllr Jung reported that everything in planning must conform to a Plan. Last week the government changed the National Planning Policy and East Devon District Council have their Local plan that needs to conform to National Policy and then the District Council has just approved the Villages Plan to which EBBPC Neighbourhood Plan also has to agree.

On top of all these policies and plans East Devon officers and councillors are beavering away with neighbouring Councils on the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan, due out for consultation next June. What will be achieved by all these Plans? Basically, we haven't enough houses or commercial land in total, or the right type or in the right place, the Government hopes these plans will provide the developers the right direction of travel to correct it all.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Defibrillator

ACTION– The defibrillator case has been installed but as yet not the defibrillator. The clerk from Newton Poppleford is dealing with the installation etc and reports that the apparatus will be in place and training sessions arranged within the next few weeks. Clerk to follow this up.

Hayes Lane toilets

RESOLVED– New toilet seats have been ordered and the work is being undertaken locally by Alan Tweedie.

Review of Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders (including new Model Standing Orders)

ACTION – Councillors have been asked to review Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders documents and report back in September with recommendations. The clerk is to put a new set of Model Standing Orders (taken from the NALC website) for review also.

Annual Review of Policies/Actions in the Neighbourhood Plan

ACTION – Cll Roberts to discuss proposals with Chair and report back in September.

WW1 – financial contribution by parish council.

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to extra financial support of £60 for hall hire to allow local children to be involved in the commemorative activities.

Preparation of Parish Council meetings document

ACTION - In view of the decision outlined in the March Minutes regarding the legal regulations for the carrying out of correct procedures which would enable residents to understand how a Council Meeting works, the clerk downloaded an approved document for study. The Chair is attending a Course in September which should answer any queries regarding parish council meetings and she will report to the September meeting when a suitable document will be put on the website.

New Councillors' Course

ACTION – The Chair expressed her wish that all Councillors attend a dedicated course to enable a better understanding of their duties and commitments. The clerk will arrange this. The courses will be paid for by the parish council.

7. MATTERS DISCUSSED – DEALT WITH AS ABOVE

8. PLANNING

Applications to be considered – Cllr M Smith

	Application No.	Location	Proposed Development
8.1	18/1464/FUL	The Pound, Lower Budleigh, EB	Demolition of existing barn and construction of a single dwelling. See comments below.

Following a site meeting on 18/07 and the parish council meeting on 31 July the following decisions and objections were sent to EDDC on 1 August:

“At last night's meeting, the pc approved the planning application by 6 to 4 in favour. However there are very strong objections from residents and various local organisation i.e. The Otter Valley Association and Natural England, which we feel must be seriously considered.

HARM TO LOCAL GREEN SPACE - laying down of an aggregate driveway through the Pound with frequent domestic use. The driveway suggested would have to be driven into the ground which will result in damage to tree roots. Crowning, pruning, service trench digging and the effect of heavy machinery will severely affect the health of protected trees. The Pound is designated as of Historical importance and free for the use of residents and visitors and historical documents support this.

One of the main objections is the untold harm to wildlife particularly the endangered long-eared bats which roost in the barn. These are a protected species and the removal of them to the purpose-built bat house in the grounds of the proposed new-build would not guarantee their preservation or indeed that they would use this new accommodation.

Residents have extensively researched the probable effect on the bats and adjacent rare wildlife which form part of a necessary food chain. Concern for the bats has been validated by experts (Natural England) who agree with the objections.

The adjacent house Pound Place will be affected by this overbearing new structure which will not be in keeping with local housing.

A point of concern is that the person who wrote the supporting reports for Clinton Devon Estates informed residents that they could not write to Natural England with objections until the building plans had been approved. Objections have been received in the form of emails and a village petition with nearly a hundred signatures”.

Decisions from EDDC to planning applications

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Approved 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	Approved with conditions
18/0954/FUL	Land at rear of Pynes Close	Approved with conditions
18/0929/FUL	2 High Street, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision

9. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Chairman – No report.

Clerk – The clerk reported that the BT ‘phone box has been repaired (new door) and repainted.

Recreation – No report.

Parish Paths Partnership – Jon Roseway reported that the village now has 3 accredited strimmer operators but no strimming has been needed this month. Jon

will speak to Bicton College in September regarding projects for the students to undertake i.e. footpath clearing and car park weeding.

Drake's School - An ambitious programme of purchasing new IT for the two schools consisting of new computers and white boards etc. The Federation is busy sourcing funding to assist with the new purchases. Also a new boiler has been purchased for Otterton School. At Drakes, a new school front gate is required, as it is a security gate. Little Otters will or has now ceased and the school is looking into what they can do to help wrap around care for the children. Some of the governors are taking an active part in trying to promote breakfast and after school clubs. Up take, so far, is a bit disappointing, probably due to family holidays and not wishing to commit funds. Hopefully the situation will improve at the start of the new term.

Village Hall – No report.

East Budleigh Dog owners Forum – There was no report.

Public conveniences – No report.

Flood Warden – A meeting with the Environment Agency is planned for 29th August where we will be walking the length of the brook from Yettington to East Budleigh and hopefully establishing who will be responsible for the clearance of certain parts of the said brook. Cllrs will be approaching residents in Lower Budleigh whose homes run parallel with the brook to discuss the maintenance of the vegetation which is growing from the residents' side into the brook. The website has been updated with John Tresidder's contact details and Cllr Quant has a meeting with an East Budleigh resident offering support for the flood team.

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.

East Devon Statement of Community Involvement – This was received from EDDC and circulated to all councillors for their comments.

Cllr Roberts reported that a Draft of the East Devon Statement of Community Involvement is out for consultation until 15th August 2018. The document details EDDCs involvement in planning issues in three sectors (a) the Policy for Planning (including Development Plans, Sustainability Appraisals, Habitat Regulations and Equalities Impact) (b) Planning Applications (including pre-submission consultation on major Plans (the District Councillors stated that 'major' would most likely involve Plans for 30+ dwellings)) and (c) Neighbourhood Plans. In all cases the relevant time-lines for the consultation processes, examinations *etc* are laid out. A list of groups regularly consulted by the EDDC is given in the final paragraphs.

10. 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. Cllr Hayman carried out a bank reconciliation and found it to be satisfactory.

		Cheque No.
• JRB Enterprise – dog gloves	£ 39.30	997

• Hire of East Budleigh Village Hall	£ 21.00	998
• Clerk's salary & expenses	£815.04	996
• UK2 Weebly renewal Card payment	£ 20.39	
Total	£895.73	

11. 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.

Correspondence was received from a Budleigh Salterton resident regarding and objecting to the proposed extension of licencing hours for the Cricket Club details of which are in Agenda item 5. The parish council also objected and the clerk will contact the Licencing Manager at EDDC.

12. 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 resident quoted from a letter of objection regarding Planning Application 18/0954/FUL/amendment. He outlined several other complaints:
 1. Non-correspondence with the East Budleigh with Bicton Neighbourhood Plan
 2. Conflict with the East Devon publication on Conservation Areas.
 3. The effect on the resident's property.
- A resident asked for agreement from the parish council to put up new signs on the gate to the Recreation Field regarding its use and enjoyment by residents and visitors.
- The same resident asked for agreement to design new signage and restoration for the trolley on the Pound.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 25 September 2018 at 7.30pm in East Budleigh Village Hall. Planning applications can be viewed prior to the Planning Section.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

SignedChairman Date