

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.

PRESENT

Cllrs

M Smith
C Taunton
P Barnard
K Quant

J Carter
Mrs P Hayman (V. Chair)
D Wensley
Valerie Lister (Chair)

District councillors G Jung and T Wright. Cty Cllr Christine Channon.
14 members of the public were present.

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 EBBPC 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 29 April 2019. 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 had received no applications to speak.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from District Cllrs A Dent and S Hall. Cllr S Roberts sent apologies. Cllr Sally Miller was not in attendance.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the April meeting were confirmed and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT**
Cllrs Valerie Lister and P Barnard declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7.4 (Yettington Hall refurbishment). Risk Assessment was given by the Chair.

4. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** Following a letter received from a resident regarding Cty Cllr Channon's remarks concerning fly posting in the village she wished to confirm that fly posting was illegal but not a matter for the police. Devon County Council takes a lenient and even-handed view of posters advertising events due to take place locally but these posters are expected to be removed following the said events. She commented on the on-line newspaper edited by Joe Bulmer which gives details of good news. Cty Cllr Channon commented on the excellent work of East Budleigh parish council and its councillors who strive to work with residents. She felt that it set a good example to other councils.

5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

Cllr Dent No report.

Cllr Hall No report.

Cllr Jung said that he had enjoyed working with East Budleigh Parish Council but would no longer be a representative for East Budleigh. Paul Jarvis will be standing as the Independent candidate in the coming elections.

Cllr Wright No report.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Late night bus service into East Budleigh

ACTION – Cllr Roberts reported that from 1st April a questionnaire regarding the East Budeigh bus service has been available from the Shop and the Walter Raleigh pub. By mid-April about 15 copies had been taken away but only a few (if any) had been returned.

7. **MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

Meetings between Football Club, Tennis Club, Friends of the Rec Ground & Drakes School

RESOLVED– The Chair attended a meeting on Thursday, 4th April to discuss all matters relating to the Recreation Ground; signage was agreed and will be in place within two weeks.

Funding for Devon Air Ambulance

RESOLVED – Discussions were finalised and it was agreed that the £800 donation required towards work necessary for completion of the site should come from the General Fund. The clerk will complete the necessary forms and liaise with Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance.

Brick Cross

ACTION – The clerk referred to the March 2018 Minutes (Agenda item 5.1) whereby it was reported that Brick Cross had been discussed at a Traffic meeting and was said to be safe and not likely to pose a danger. However, Cllr Barnard said that the base was crumbling and needed attention. A letter is to be sent to Phil Norris (Conservation) outlining the problem.

Yettington Hall refurbishment (Bicton Parish Recreation Room)

RESOLVED – it was agreed that the CIL(106) funding of £1055.11 due to be received at the end of April should be used towards refurbishment of Yettington Hall. Terry Cantlon (Bicton Parish Recreation Room Committee Advisor) will be notified of the decision and conditions involved.

Middletown Lane

RESOLVED – it was agreed that not a great deal could be done to resolve the use of Middletown Lane as a ‘rat run’ between Vicarage Lane and the High Street. At the entrance from Vicarage Lane there were ‘Access Only’ signs but these were not adhered to. The Lane is narrow and extreme care is needed as two cars cannot pass each other. The danger times seem to be at school dropping off and collection when the lane is used by parents to gain access. It was suggested that the school be contacted in an effort to warn parents against the danger and inconvenience of using Middletown Lane as there is no pavement for use by residents or pedestrians.

8. PLANNING

Applications to be considered.

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
8.1	19/0743/FUL	Brambles, Yettington	Construction of side extension to provide ancillary annexe. No objections.

Decisions from EDDC to planning applications

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
17/2841/FUL	The Old Vicarage, East B’leigh	Withdrawn
18/1464/FUL	The Pound, Lower Budleigh, EB	Awaiting a Decision
18/2341/FUL	Threshing Barn, Yettington	Awaiting a Decision
18/2342/LBC	Threshing Barn, Yettington	Awaiting a Decision
19/0020/FUL	Hayes Barton, Hayes Lane, EB	Awaiting a Decision
19/0413/FUL	Bicton College, Bicton	Awaiting a Decision

9. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Chairman – Report in Annual Parish Meeting.

Clerk – The clerk reported on Actions from the Neighbourhood Plan as submitted by Stan Roberts:

Actions from the Neighbourhood Plan: Report for the EBB Parish Council: April 2019

Matters related to Public Rights of Way

Jon Roseway has suggested that he is willing to keep down growth on the verge between Brick Cross to the point opposite Salem Chapel in order to provide a better surface for walkers.

Jon has contacted Bicton College's Estate Manager who has agreed to look into removing laurel from the roadside opposite Bicton Church. A connection to this pathway through the gates adjacent to Bicton Church (across the B3178) would be welcomed, since this would extend pathways from the Parish that, at present, end by the Church grounds.

SR will talk to Peter Wastnage about providing a permissive pathway to connect the path to the west of Tidwell Manor to Kersbrook Lane.

Budleigh Surgery

The offer to parishioners of using the Hub Bus to transfer less-mobile persons to Surgery appointments at the Hub has not been taken up to date. Perhaps this service needs to be advertised again.

Wild-Life Garden

An attractive Wildlife Garden is being created by Sue Cooper alongside the public footpath leading from Middletown Lane to the B3178. Parishioners can view the Garden from the adjacent public footpath. The PC may wish to consider (part) funding a 'hedgehog house' (full cost ca £40).

Conservation Area(s)

It has been suggested that East Budleigh might be put forward as a suitable (small) village to go into a pilot of a national scheme to more definitively assess conservation areas. Volunteers would be trained to detail all important components of the conservation area and in the case of this village it is possible that a separate area in Lower Budleigh could be assessed. At a slightly later stage, the PC may be asked to give its support to the initiative, which will be self-funding.

The clerk asked that grants which were promised at the beginning of the year should now be honoured as the new precept is available. This will include

Community Transport (£151.20), Britain in Bloom (£210) and the Parochial Church Council (£500).

The clerk had also queried the progress of the Extension of 30mph signs on B31278. The parish council has given £3000 towards the cost of this extension in November 2017 and had received no further information. Lee Cranmer from DCC responded and said that the legal part of the process should be completed between the end of April and 20 May 2019. Work can then be completed.

Parish Paths Partnership – No report.

Drake's School – No report

Village Hall – No report.

East Budleigh Dog owners Forum – No report.

Public conveniences – No report.

Flood Warden – Cllr Quant reported Devon Highways have confirmed they will not be carrying out any repairs to the road deterioration at the Sawmills area, they do not believe there are any safety defects and the water which cascades over the road is a direct consequence of the silt build up down-stream. It was suggested this part of Budleigh Brook is under Riparian ownership and it is the responsibility of the land owner to clear it out. They will be contacting the owner to suggest this.

A meeting has been called by the Devon Wildlife Trust in respect to the effects of Beavers on flooding around East Budleigh and Yettington. The venue will be at CDE boardroom at 10.30am, Thursday, June 20th. The meeting is scheduled to end at 13.30pm. All councillors are invited, along with residents who are directly affected by flooding issues. It is suggested a notice is included in the forthcoming issues of the parish news.

Any Other Reports – None

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. The Internal Audit is being prepared and will be passed to NSG financials Ltd for approval and signing off.

April 2019 – Bills for payment

• North Devon clerk's salary	£897.88	1040
• East Budleigh Village Hall hire – March	£ 24.00	1041
• Phs Group – toilets- waste disposal	£ 72.61	1042
• DALC Affiliation fees & training course	£260.07	1043
• BHIB Annual Council Insurance	£1016.31	1044

Total £2270.87

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.

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.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – this meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 in EAST BUDLEIGH CHURCH HALL.

This will be followed by the May Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm. Plans to view prior to the Planning section.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

SignedChairman Date