

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 June 2019 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.

PRESENT

Cllrs

M Smith
M Walters
P Barnard

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

District councillors P Jarvis and T Wright. Cty Cllr Christine Channon.
1 member of the public was 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 24 June 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 Cllr A Dent. Cllrs C Taunton and S Miller sent apologies. Cllr V Lister was not in attendance and the meeting was conducted by the Vice Chair.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the May meeting were confirmed and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Risk Assessment was given by the Vice Chair.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** Following further concerns expressed regarding the condition of the Brick Cross monument, the Conservation Officer

still maintains that the monument is in a satisfactory and safe state. Complaints had also been submitted to EDDC by Cllr Channon (and the clerk) regarding poor road signage at the junction of Brick Cross leading to Otterton, and the B3178. A reference number has been given and further comments are awaited. Cllr Channon attended a meeting of the Hub and reported on its success with more in house facilities being arranged.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Cllr Dent No report.

Cllr Jarvis gave a brief resume regarding his experience enabling him to represent local residents in areas of concern. He also intends to run a 'surgery' in Budleigh Salterton giving residents the chance to air their views to him. He hopes that residents from surrounding villages will take advantage of this amenity.

Cllr Wright No report.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Brick Cross

ACTION – As reported by Cty Cllr Channon and the clerk.

Toilets in Hayes Lane – to be discussed at the July meeting.

Bus stop sign transfer to The Pound

RESOLVED – It was reported by the Highways maintenance team and Stagecoach that the new sign at The Pound was deemed to be a safer place for residents to use as a bench is available and a pavement area. It was thought that the original stop outside Frank's Patch was unsuitable with no pavement for bus users and children. Reinstatement of the original sign could not be considered thus the removal to The Pound.

Yettington Post Box

ACTION – the clerk has contacted Royal Mail to ask for reinstatement of the missing post box door in Yettington. The post box is Victorian and was much used by residents. A reference number has been obtained.

Road markings at Brick Cross

ACTION – As noted in Cty Cllr Channon's report. A decision is awaited. The clerk has also reported the poor and confusing road signage.

7. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Mole hills on the Rec Ground – a resident reported that there were several mole hills on the Rec Ground and suggested that money could be allocated to hire a mole catcher at an approximate cost of (£200-£500) to clear the moles and provide follow-up treatment. This was discussed by councillors who felt that the precept funds could not be used in order to eradicate this situation. Councillors voted against employing a mole catcher.

ACTION – the clerk will contact the resident and explain the decision.

Tyres on the Rec Ground – it was thought that the tyres had been used for a keep fit session several months ago and although the keep fit organiser was approached

by the clerk to remove the tyres which were no longer in use, this had not happened.

ACTION – the clerk will attempt to contact the persons concerned and ask for removal as soon as possible.

Capital update – Cllr Wensley reported that Jamie Buckley/Sulina Tallack would attend the July meeting and discuss the four categories of capital funds available to the parish and how to proceed in obtaining them.

Removal of steel post housing dog bags – A resident had complained that the steel post on which the dog bags had been housed should be removed. The container had been removed but as the steel post is probably set in cement it was not considered necessary or easy to remove. The post was considered safe and not causing any problems.

8. PLANNING

Applications to be considered.

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
8.1	19/1202/VAR	Pooh Cottage Holiday Park	Variation of condition 2 of permission 18/0703/VAR to allow the occupation of 14no caravans during the period of 15 March to 31 October in any one year. Objections: Should be no expansion beyond 14 caravans. Large vehicles should not be allowed along Bear Lane. Occupation to be restricted between March and October in any year.

Decisions from EDDC to planning applications

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
18/1464/FUL	The Pound, Lower Budleigh, EB	Approved with conditions
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	Approved
19/0413/FUL	Bicton College, Bicton	Awaiting a Decision
19/0876/FUL	Wynhay, Middle Street, EB	Approved

9. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Chair – No report.

Clerk – The clerk reported that the VAT claim had been submitted. The approved Internal Audit was on display on the noticeboard for the necessary length of time. The necessary papers have been sent to the External Auditor and will be displayed when they have been reviewed and returned. Residents had complained that several “bat posters” had been displayed in the village over the Scarecrow weekend. Apart from being illegal it was felt that it was detrimental to the enjoyment of the family weekend. The clerk reported that the damaged sign for Budleigh Salterton which stands at the junction of the B3178 and the turn off for Knowle had been reported to EDDC.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Smith reported that a new padlock had been fitted to the gate with a numerical opening system as opposed to a key system. The number is available from the clerk.

Parish Paths Partnership – The annual cut has been completed for all East Budleigh paths and almost all Bicton paths.

Drakes School – The children are taking part in sports tournaments and have been practicing for Sports Day. Year 6 children have started their transition visits to their new secondary schools. There has been a very well attended Arts Week and gallery. The Raleigh Federation has started a formal consultation period to join the Link Academy. The schools are currently in a Management Partnership with The Link and the anticipated conversion date to become an Academy will be 1st October. The schools will retain their unique character and nothing fundamental will change, the provision for the children will only be enhanced.

Village Hall – No report.

East Budleigh Dog owners Forum – No report.

Public conveniences – The toilet seat in the Gentleman’s closet had broken and the toilet was closed. The clerk contacted Skinners, a local firm, and the seat was replaced within a day. The toilet flush handle in the ladies toilet has become loose and Cllr Smith will try to repair it, if this is not possible, the clerk will contact Skinners again.

Flood Warden – Cllr Walters will review the draft Flood Plan for the village and will give monthly reports. He will also attend the Rural Futures Conference.

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.

June 2019 – Bills for payment

- Nationwide – transfer of CIL funds £1055.11 1051

• MAT Electrics – DAA lighting	£1453.22	1052
• Value House Stores – plants	£ 63.66	1053
• Wallgate Ltd – toilet washing units	£ 914.40	1054
• EBPCC – hall hire	£ 12.00	1055
• EDDC Ground maintenance	£3252.48	1056
• Defibrillator Insurance	£ 13.17	1057
• North Devon – clerk’s salary & expenses	£ 892.95	1058
• Sse Southern Electric – toilets	£ 96.49	1059
• EDDC – emptying of dog bins	£ 900.00	1060

Total £8653.48

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.

- It was reported that a burglary had taken place in Middletown Lane. Access had taken place through a small window. Residents are asked to be particularly vigilant and take note of unusual incidents and people in and around their homes and gardens.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – This meeting will take place at **7pm** on Tuesday, 30 July 2019 in East Budleigh Village Hall. This will be the last meeting before the summer break. There will be no meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

SignedChairman Date