

**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday, 23 February 2016
in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

PRESENT

Cllrs	P Barnard	M Clarke
	A Tweedie	J White
	M Smith	Mrs P Hayman
	L Booth	D Buss (Chair)

Present: District Cllrs T Wright, A Dent, G Jung and Cty Cllr Mrs C Channon.

There was 1 member of the public present. Two residents left following Mr Edwards talk.

Mr Nigel Edwards (Jeavons Survey) gave a talk summarising his recent findings regarding surface water flooding in the village. He confirmed the flood defence scheme which was in operation prior to the 2012 flooding. Residents were spoken to regarding their experience of the flooding. Mr Edwards confirmed that Helen Selby, Devon County Highways and South West Water also had an input concerning the flooding. It was thought that the flooding was in part caused by run off from the adjacent farm fields. One of the corners of the field has been left unploughed in an attempt to divert run off. A gate in Middletown Lane leading into the brook has been subject to blocking by debris – Mr Edwards said that this will be addressed. He commented that a rain gauge was being installed in East Budleigh along with the provision of sand bags and a sand box to be sited locally. Cardboard sheeting has been removed from the two rain gratings at the entrance to the private lane next to the Walter Raleigh statue. It also was intended to redirect the run off into the adjacent brook in Hayes Lane. The Environment Agency will clear the build-up of silt in the brook. All of this work is scheduled to begin next (financial?) year, however councillors voted to begin gulley clearance work in East Budleigh as soon as possible. The Chair thanked Mr Edwards for his talk.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance but submitted 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 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 22 February. 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 requests from residents to comment on any Agenda item.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs T Cantlon, Valerie Lister and Dist. Cllr S Hall.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the January 2016 Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** There were no Declarations of Interest and Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Visit to CDE regarding traffic through Yettington – Cllr Cantlon was not in attendance but Cllr Barnard gave the following report: The roadside hedges running through Yettington had been cut back in an attempt to give motorists and horse box drivers a clearer view through the village. Large overhanging trees would be dealt with by a tree surgeon. No alternative route for horse boxes to and from Bicton Arena had been found suitable. There were still problems with parked cars on the road through Yettington which made difficulties for passing horse boxes. Cty Cllr Channon put forward the suggestion that double yellow lines/traffic cones might be a solution.

Sandbags – Surface Water Flooding Issues – Cllr Tweedie reported that he is waiting for sand bags and storage boxes and it has been suggested that a grant of £2000 might be available and should be applied for.

Emails and Freedom of Information – Cllr Clarke commented on how we should store council-related emails. ‘Cloud’ storage was a suggestion as this would provide much more space. Cllr Clarke to pursue this and report back.

Frank’s Patch – The Chair received a letter from a parishioner concerning the untidy state of ‘Frank’s Patch’. The letter was forwarded to CDE (the owners) with a request from the Chair asking if any decisions had been made regarding the use of Frank’s Patch. Cllr White objected to the Chair’s comments made to CDE which he felt suggested our support for the parishioner’s complaint. Cllr White felt that the parish council should not impose its standards of what is acceptable in terms of tidiness etc. and that the council should proceed with care when becoming involved with resident’s complaints. Several councillors disagreed with Cllr White’s comments and said that we as a parish council should have a say in matters brought to our attention by parishioners. The Chair asked councillors if they felt that his action had been appropriate regarding his comments to CDE. All councillors were in agreement apart from Cllr White.
5. **MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

30mph in East Budleigh – The response from Mr Norrey regarding the 30mph limit in East Budleigh was read out to the councillors. The response came from Lee Cranmer (Highways & Traffic Management) and expressed lack of support for the suggestions put forward regarding the extension of the 30mph Speed Limit on the East Budleigh section of the B3178. Cty Cllr Channon confirmed her support of our letter and agreement with the contents. Councillors were reminded that Cllr White was to be commended for his ongoing work and research into this

matter. Cty Cllr Channon will write to the local MP Hugo Swire and also Andrew Jones, Secretary of State for Transport.

East Budleigh Children’s Play Area – Cllr Tweedie is to ask the Village Hall Committee for costings and clarification regarding their request for the Parish Council to take over the responsibility for the Play Area. The matter will be put on the March Agenda.

Parishes Together Funding – The clerk has completed the necessary paperwork involved in our request (and Otterton) for funding. We are awaiting the decision.

Deputy Flood Warden – Cllr Cantlon recommended a resident of Yettington, Mr Kevin Quant for the role of Deputy Flood Warning. This was agreed by all councillors.

East Budleigh in Bloom – The East Budleigh in Bloom committee have asked for their annual grant of £210 which is in keeping with last year’s request. They are hoping to expand on last year’s flower planting and re-instate baskets on the railings throughout the village as in previous years. Their request was agreed by councillors.

6. PLANNING – Cllr M Smith

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
6.1	16/0293/FUL	Highfield, Middletown Lane, East Budleigh EX9 7EQ	Construction of single storey side extension and pitched roof over existing flat roof. No objections.
6.2	16/0371/LBC	34 High Street, East Budleigh	Removal of existing render from front elevation and replacement lime rendering & repointing of plinth. No objections.

Additional correspondence and reports. 16/0136/FUL Garathatch, Bear Lane, Budleigh Salterton – Application withdrawn on 10 February.

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
15/1981/FUL	Southern Ting Tong, Inner Ting Tong, EX9 7AP	Awaiting Decision
15/2178/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site, Bear Lane, Budleigh S’ton	Awaiting Decision
14/2959/MOUT	Land at Frogmore Road, EB	Awaiting Decision
15/2136/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site, Bear Lane, Budleigh S’ton	Awaiting Decision
15/2456/FUL	Drakes School, East Budleigh	Approved
15/2235/TRE	Clover Cottage, Dalditch Lane, East Budleigh	Approved

7. REPORTS

Chairman – The Chair reported that he and the clerk had attended the Otter to Exe Town/Parish Councils meeting in Woodbury. Subjects discussed were; Internet Banking, Parishes Together Fund, Parish Precept and Flooding, clearance of ditches and streams, Potholes. He also reported that the Devon Local Plan had been approved. Councillors were asked to provide suggestions for the way the Queen's 90th birthday could be celebrated in the village. As part of the celebrations there were 3 awards to be given by EDDC in recognition of local achievements – a Community Award, a Youth Award and a Local Service Award. The Chair thought that the planning, building and successful running of the Village Shop could come into one of these categories. The Village Shop committee were very supportive of the idea. This will be further discussed at the March meeting. The Chair has asked the Rev'd Anne Charlton to be the speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting in April to which she has agreed. The Chair also commented on a Community Orchard meeting to be held on 24 February at 7.30pm.

Clerk – The clerk asked councillors for approval of the cleaning quotation from EDDC for 2016/17. This is the revised quotation for the cleaning of the toilets only and amounts to £1161.43. Councillors agreed.

Drakes School – Cllr Booth reported that the recent OFSTED report had been very good. There are 75 children on roll. This term will see the children "out and about" on various projects. The next main event is the May Fayre when the Queen of the May is crowned. Unfortunately the horse and carriage which is normally used is no longer available and so the school is appealing to anyone who knows of a similar form of transport which would be available. The new playground equipment is in place.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr Buss gave his report which is in the Minute book. He also commented that he has walked all of the 24 footpaths and bridleways and has submitted his report to DCC as a pre-requisite for obtaining an annual grant.

Recreation – Cllr Smith commented that several bags of rubbish had been left on the playing field. He assumes that they belong to residents of one of the properties on Vicarage Road that back on to the Recreation Ground. If they can be identified, the Chair will ask them to remove the bags immediately. Dog fouling has been reported on the playing field. It is thought that several dogs belonging to a resident are allowed to run on the field unsupervised on the field. Cllr Smith will contact Ms Wallace of Environmental Health to report the problem.

Britain in Bloom – No report.

Village Hall – Cllr Tweedie reported that the next meeting is on 23 March.

East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum - No problems.

East Budleigh Relief in Need – No report.

Public Conveniences – Cllr Clarke reported that the timers and sensors are in place and the car park lighting is also satisfactory.

Neighbourhood Health Watch – No report.

Neighbourhood Plan – The next meeting will take place on 29 March.

Any other reports

8. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

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

- Scott Rowe Solicitors
- Peter Bowler – Neighbourhood Plan brochure
- A Tweedie – scaffolding work
- T Cantlon – Neighbourhood Plan
- JRB Dog gloves
- East Budleigh Village Hall hire
- East Budleigh in Bloom – annual grant
- Bee’s (Europe) Ltd
- East Budleigh Church Hall hire
- EDDC – Ground maintenance work
Dog bin emptying (annual)
Hayes Lane toilets cleaning & maintenance

9. 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.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 29 March 2016 at 7.30pm, plans to view at 7pm.

SignedChairman Date

OPEN SESSION

TOPICS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

It was noted that no decisions could be made, but matters were discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information.