

**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday, 25 October 2016
in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

PRESENT

Cllrs	P Barnard	M Clarke (V. Chair)
	Valerie Lister	Mrs P Hayman
	M Smith	David Buss
	J White (Chair)	T Cantlon
	Lawrence Booth	

Present: District Cllrs A Dent and S Hall. Cty Cllr Christine Channon arrived at a later stage of the meeting.

There were 2 members of the public present.

Professor Stan Roberts (SR) provided an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan (EBB NP). He reported that the Consultation Period for the Submitted Plan had ended on 17th October and ten Representations had been received prior to that date. SR stated that eight Representations were supportive or neutral and did not request any changes while the Representation from EDDC gave useful advice and recommendations. SR believed modification of the Plan to satisfy the EDDC would not be a problem. Clinton Devon Estates had sent in a Representation objecting to the Plan on a number of issues. Briefly, some of the main objections were as follows:-

- * The assessment of the affordable housing need in East Budleigh was invalid. Also, the affordable housing need of Budleigh Salterton should be taken into account.
- * The stance of the EBB NP not to allow commuted sums (for affordable housing) and not to allow development on highest grade agricultural land was unacceptable.
- * Frank's Patch should accommodate four dwellings and should not be considered as an exception site.

The objections raised by CDE were discussed by the Council. SR said that NP Working Party (representing the PC) does not have the chance to respond to the objections raised. Instead the Plan and all Representations will now be sent to an Independent Examiner who will accept the Plan or, more likely, ask for clarification of one or more points in the Plan, which may involve a Public Hearing. The judgement of the Examiner is expected to be received by the end of November. A Meeting of the EBB NP Working Party is scheduled to take place on 8th December and recommendations from that Meeting will be passed to the PC.

Once the Plan has been accepted by the Examiner the Parish must hold a Referendum on the Plan within 56 days. The Referendum is organised (and paid for) by EDDC and a postal vote is allowed. The EBB NP Working party will organise advertising when timely.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and did not submit a 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 24 October. 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:** Dist. Cllrs T Wright and G Jung and Cllr A Tweedie.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the September 2016 Parish Council meeting were agreed and the Minutes were 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

East Budleigh Football Club – Cllr Smith had received no further report regarding the proposed fencing of the football pitch. Cllr Booth said that there were mixed views from residents on the proposal.

Councillors' Christmas Dinner – The Chair will obtain details from The Rolle Arms and report at the November meeting.

Removal of East Budleigh 'phone box - The clerk has written to EDDC regarding the continued use of the 'phone box. Many residents want it retained in working order. EDDC will forward all requests to BT for final consideration at the end of October. Cllr Cantlon is going to apply for Change of Use (Planning) for the decommissioned phone box in Yettington.

5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

East Budleigh Childrens' Play Area – Cllr Booth reported that a committee has been formed by parents (East Budleigh Village Green) to organise fundraising for new play equipment. Cllr Clarke commented that EDDC had funds available for this purpose. He also commented that it had been agreed that the parish council would give verbal support but there would be no Parishes Together funding.

Parishes Together Funding – It was agreed that drain clearance in the village (and Otterton) was now becoming urgent and although Cllr Tweedie has made

several enquiries no outside agency seemed interested in taking on the job. Although Cllr Barnard was willing to undertake the work he would need Chapter 8 training to allow him to work on the Highway and he would have to be covered by Insurance. The clerk would check our own Employers Liability clause to see if this would suffice. Cllr Lister knows of a contractor who might be willing to undertake this work. She will contact him and report back at the November meeting.

Yettington Recreation Room – Cllr Barnard reported that new trustees are in the process of being appointed to bring the total up to four. There has been no follow up from the interested party in taking on the Hall as a playgroup. An assessment of the soundness of the Hall has been undertaken by a building surveyor and a report is expected by the next Parish Council meeting.

6. PLANNING – Cllr M Smith

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
6.1	16/2353/FUL	4 Wynards Close, East Budleigh	Construction of single storey rear extension and addition of two dormer windows to the rear. No objections.
6.2	16/2168/FUL	The Linhay, Budleigh Hill, East Budleigh	Construction of pre-fabricated timber apex roof shed. No objections.

Vodafone are intending to erect a mast for the improvement of mobile phone reception in East Budleigh. Several sites were considered but land behind Wynards Farm seems the most suitable. There are no objections from the parish council and a letter of support will be sent to Vodafone.

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
16/0791/FUL	Ellergarth, Dalditch Lane, BS	Refused
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision
16/1959/FUL	Orchard End, Dalditch Lane, Budleigh Salterton	Approved

7. REPORTS

Chairman – Regarding the cutting of the verges near Salem Chapel, the Chair is still in discussions with Clinton Devon Estates.

Clerk – At a previous meeting a resident had raised objections to the erection of a fence recently put up at the front of a house in the High Street. The clerk contacted the Enforcement Officer at EDDC and was informed that the house was not regarded as a listed building although in a conservation area and therefore the fencing was

acceptable. The resident who lodged the complaint was unaware that the house itself was not a listed building hence the misunderstanding.

Drakes School – The process is proceeding for the new flagpole and school bell.

Parish Paths Partnership – No report apart from the proposed upgrading of footpaths.

Recreation – No report.

Britain in Bloom – No report.

Village Hall – No report.

East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum – No problems.

East Budleigh Relief in Need – No report.

Public Conveniences – No report.

Neighbourhood Health Watch – No report.

Any other reports – Cllr Clarke reported on the meeting of the (Stockholder Group) Lower Otter Project held on 19th October in Budleigh Salterton. About 30 people attended the meeting and the Minutes will be published soon. It was thought that the project would cost £8 million but funding was still available. The FAB project which has been widely publicised was also discussed.

8. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive a synopsis of correspondence received and not covered elsewhere on this Agenda.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29 November at 7.30pm. Plans to view at 7.00pm. This will be the final meeting before the Christmas break.

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.