

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of East Budleigh with Bicton held on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh

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

There were 4 members of the public present. District Cllrs Wright and Jung were also present.

The Rev'd Anne Charlton gave an informative presentation on life in a rural parish. It was warmly received by all present and enabled the Chairman to thank Anne for all the work she and her team do within the parish. Her duties include - Leading Worship, Schools and children's work, Charity work, Committees, Pastoral work, Teaching, Continuing Ministerial Training, Personnel Management, Studying and perhaps the most important – Who I Am.

Further in-depth details of this fascinating talk are in the Minute File.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2015/2016:

The Review was given by Cllr David Buss. The major event for the Parish Council during the past 12 months was unquestionably the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. A Working Party was set up, chaired by former councillor Professor Stanley Roberts, to conduct the necessary and extensive research and consultation for this very important document which will give the parish a greater say in matters that affect the community, particularly with regard to planning and new development. Two open meetings were held in the Village Hall to give parishioners the opportunity to contribute to the plan. At our March meeting the parish council unanimously approved the draft Neighbourhood Plan which will now go to parishioners and other interested parties for their feedback before being submitted to EDDC for approval.

During the past year, three new councillors were elected – Councillor Patsy Hayman, Councillor Valerie Lister and Councillor Lawrence Booth – which brings our current membership to the maximum total of 10. A new deputy Flood Warden was appointed – Kevin Quant.

The Parish Council is now the owner of the village car park and the public toilets on Hayes Lane. The Council is therefore responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of this important community facility.

The lease for the Recreation Ground was renewed for a further five-year period, ensuring that this important facility will continue to be available for the

community and, in particular, the East Budleigh Football and Tennis Clubs. An outdoor table tennis table was purchased and installed alongside the Village Hall. Funding for this initiative was made available through the 106 Agreement for Local Development which was specifically for Sport and Play. The Community Shop sells and hires out table tennis bats and balls, and this new recreational facility is proving to be very popular and much used.

The problems experienced by the residents of Yettington which arise from the movement of horse boxes through the village continue to be a source of annoyance for the residents. A number of meetings have been held with Clinton Devon Estates who own the Arena to which the horse boxes travel, but to date no significant progress has been made to agree and implement actions that would alleviate this problem.

During the year Council submitted responses to EDDC on each of 20 planning applications.

Presentations were given to Council during the year. These include an update on the progress of the Lower Otter Restoration Project given by Mike Williams, and a talk given by the consultants engaged by Devon County Council to investigate problems of drainage in the village and the links to flooding matters.

2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 April, 2015 were received and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
3. **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS** by Public and Press: There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed Chairman

Date