

**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 26 July 2016  
in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

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**PRESENT**

Cllrs	P Barnard	M Clarke (V. Chair)
	A Tweedie	Mrs P Hayman
	M Smith	D Buss
	J White (Chair)	T Cantlon
	Lawrence Booth	

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and did not submit a Police Report.

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Chris Jenner of FAB presented a half hour overview of the Project's work. FAB (France, Alderney, Britain) is a Project to install an interconnector to provide a two way electricity supply between Britain and France, which has a cable landfall at Budleigh Salterton.

**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 25 July. 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. Cllr G Jung, Cllr Mrs P Hayman and Mrs J M Lumsden (clerk).
- . **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the June 2016 Parish Council meeting were agreed and the Minutes were signed as a correct record by the Chair.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**

**Additions to Agenda** – The Chair advised that two items which had arisen since the Agenda was published were to be added: 1) The Chair of the parish council Neighbourhood Plan Working Party was to seek approval from the parish council to submit the Neighbourhood Plan to EDDC and 2) Planning Application 16/1673/OUT for Frogmore Lane was to be included.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Prof. Stan Roberts outlined that all changes to the pre-submission Plan were required to be agreed by the Chair before submission to EDDC and sought approval for the council to sign off the main document. Prof Roberts explained that the Plan would stand if the newly presented CDE planning application 16/1673/OUT was objected to by the parish council. If not, the plans would require changing and resubmitting to the council for approval. Prof Roberts outlined the reasons that the Working Party had adopted for not supporting development on the Frogmore Lane site.

**East Budleigh Football Club** – Cllr Smith reported no progress. This item will be carried over to the meeting in September.

**Cricket net on the Rec Field** – Cllr Tweedie said the provision of a cricket net was generally thought not to be a good idea for Health & Safety reasons (such as children getting entangled in the nets) and that there were insurance issues. There were other options and Cllr Tweedie agreed to respond requesting a plan be produced on how the project be organised.

**Flag mast in East Budleigh** – After discussion on the desirability for a flag mast in East Budleigh, Cty Cllr Mrs Channon agreed to fund one at the school from her Locality Fund.

## 5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

**30mph in East Budleigh** – Cty Cllr Mrs Channon had discussions with SCAR which will take a fresh look at the data and decide what can be done, although there was not much scope for further enforcement for funding and technical reasons. Cty Cllr Channon said the community could consider funding additional measures themselves, Speedwatch and signage to emphasise entering the village. The outcome was considered as an improvement on the negative response previously received.

**East Budleigh Childrens' Play Area** – District Cllr Wright outlined that EDDC was divesting itself of Play Areas and passing them on to parish councils. Funds were available for Capital Projects but not maintenance. Cllrs Clarke and Booth had discussed the parish council taking over long term maintenance with the Village Hall committee but emphasised that all maintenance work would have to be fully up to date before it could be taken over.

**Parishes Together Funding** – Cllr Tweedie is waiting on costs to be provided.

**Yettington Village Hall** – Cllr Cantlon reported that the proposed questionnaire had been sent out to Yettington households and a good response (55%) had been received with 86% of respondents supporting the retention of the Hall. Given this mandate, it was proposed Council support the funding next year's insurance payment to allow the Hall to continue functioning. Cllr Clarke's suggestion of Council contributing £150 towards the insurance costs was approved and Cllr

Lister offered to donate an additional £300 from her own funds. Council thanked Cllr Lister for this generous offer. The next stage will be to put together a business plan and seek grant funding for a toilet block.

**Data Protection** –Cllr Clarke advised that Microsoft 365 would provide a satisfactory email archive service at a lower cost than the provider discussed at the last meeting. However, it was intimated that district and county councils may no longer be archiving their email traffic. Cllr Clarke will seek direction from EDDC and DCC on their stance on this issue and the implications for Freedom of Information requests.

**Notice Board in Yettington** –Cllr Cantlon advised repairs to the notice board had amounted to £25, payment of which was approved by Council.

## 6. PLANNING – Cllr M Smith

	<b>Plan no. &amp; Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Development</b>
6.1	16/0551/FUL	Hill Farm, Hayes Lane, East Budleigh	Reinstatement of collapsed gable to existing farmhouse etc. <b>No objections.</b>
6.2	16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Outline application for 5 dwellings including 3 affordable units with associated access. <b>Objections.</b>

**16/0551/FUL** – Cllr Smith advised that this planning application had been submitted to Council on 12th April 2016 and objections were passed to EDDC planning. A letter from Mrs Bell has been included for councillors’ information only. Cllr Dent said that the pitched roof would have little impact and everything was in line with planning rules and recommended that Council support the application and not Mrs Bell’s views. The application was approved but Chair noted that he thought the application had not been well handled.

**16/1673/OUT** – This application by CDE was submitted to EDDC on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and was not received by Council in time to be included in the published Agenda and thus was added as an additional item.

Prof Roberts outlined the negatives regarding the development of this site, primarily: 1) Policy D2 - as an exception site outside the BuAB it does not meet the 66% affordable housing criterion which is not commutable. 2) Policy D3 – Grade 1 agricultural land should not be used where lower grade land is available, ie Frank’s Patch, which is Grade 3. 3) It is the wrong side of the B3178 for shop and schools and is located in the sensitive AONB area. 4) The area around Frogmore Road is liable to flooding which impedes access/egress during times of deluge.

Chair stated that, as affordable housing was an important objective, councillors should consider the application now that it was for a lower number of houses.

At this stage a member of the public interrupted Council business by altercation with Chair on this stance. It was pointed out to him that his views should be expressed in the right and proper place at Open Session at the end of the meeting. The member of the public continued with his altercation and Chair warned that if he did not cease his interruptions he would be asked to leave. The member of the public left of his own accord at this stage, with heated comments regarding Chair's stance.

Cllr Buss strongly argued that the villagers had long been against the development of this site and that the proposals in the NP would not only provide the identified need for affordable housing (at Frank's Patch and Vicarage Road) but would also remove the eyesore that Frank's Patch currently is in the village.

Councillors objected to the planning application by a majority vote.

It was decided that, as Council represented the community and the community view had not changed on the development of this site, a letter should be drafted to EDDC clearly stating the reasons for Council's objections. Prof Roberts was asked to undertake the drafting of this letter. Cllr Cantlon also emailed details of the parish council's objections to the planning department at EDDC.

### **Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department**

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
16/1011/FUL	Badgers Band, Middletown Lane, East Budleigh	Approved
16/1370/LBC	2 Bridge Cotts. Lower EB	Approved
16/1373/LBC	3 Bridge Cotts. Lower EB	Approved
16/1343/FUL	Barn, Frogmore Rd. East B.	Withdrawn
16/0791/FUL	Ellergarth, Dalditch Lane, BS	Awaiting decision
16/1445/LBC	4 Bridge Cotts. Lower EB	Approved

## **7. REPORTS**

**Chairman** – The Chair reported on his recent meeting with Leigh Rix of CDE and reported back that Mr Rix had suggested that if the parish council was short of money for anything, to contact him and he would endeavour to assist.

**Clerk** – No report.

**Drakes School** – Flagpole previously discussed.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – Nothing of consequence to report.

**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**

**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**

There was no correspondence.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30pm. Plans to view at 7.00pm.**

Signed .....Chairman      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.*

**Cllr Clarke** to look at dog material costs with a view to reducing expenditure on this issue.

**Cllr Dent** informed the meeting that the previous National Westminster building in Budleigh Salterton had re-opened as a café/bistro.

**Cty Cllr Channon** thanked Mr Summerfield for his efforts on the 357 bus route but it appeared impractical to extend the service. Pot holes had been requested to be filled and asked to be informed if any more needed to be addressed.

**Jim Carter** said that he had met with the new principal Mr Le Grice, at Bicton College and that the Cornwall Group has put the houses at the entrance to Bicton College up for sale at around £250k.