

**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 27 September 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	
	J White (Chair)	
	Lawrence Booth	

Present: District Cllrs G Jung and S Hall.

There were 3 members of the public present.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance but submitted a Police Report which was given to the councillors prior to being put on the notice board.

**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 26 September. 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 a request from a resident wishing to speak on Agenda items 4.5 and 9.**

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Dist. Cllrs T Wright and A Dent and Cty Cllr Mrs C Channon. Cllrs D Buss and T Cantlon also sent apologies.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the July 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 reported no progress.

*Cricket net on the Rec Field* – It was agreed that due to Health & Safety concerns a cricket net was not considered a viable option.

***Flag mast in East Budleigh*** – Cty Cllr Mrs Channon has agreed to fund this project from her Locality Fund and it is suggested that the Headteacher contact her to enable the project to move forward.

***Dog Bin at the junction of High St/Wynards Road*** – A resident contacted the clerk asking if the dog bin could be moved (from near her house/business entrance) as at times the smell emanating from it was unpleasant. The clerk contacted EDDC and made arrangements for it to be moved to a more suitable site further along Wynards Road.

***Yettington Flooding Issues*** – Kevin Quant (Yettington resident) and Cllr Tweedie have arranged for the stream in Yettington to be cleared of silt at a cost of £100-£150. The Chair will send a letter to CDE regarding clearance of the silt left on the verge. It was also noted that Woodbury parish council are having a rain gauge fitted within their village.

***WI Daffodils*** – The WI planted daffodils on the grass verge opposite Salem Chapel that have been covered by brambles. CDE have agreed to cut the verge in order for daffodils to flower.

The resident who spoke regarding the flooding (4.5) said that the rain gauge is not sited in the correct place which at present is near the allotments and could therefore not be relied upon to alert residents to the danger of flooding. Cllr Tweedie confirmed that the rain gauge was put in position by the Environment Agency Officer as being in the most suitable place to operate successfully. It is checked regularly by Cllr Tweedie who had also given the Environment Agency Officer details of all the village contacts in case of flooding.

## **5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

***East Budleigh Childrens' Play Area*** – Cllr Booth reported that parents were forming a sub-committee for play equipment replacement for which funding would be required. Cllr Clarke requested a meeting with the Village Hall committee to discuss drawing up a business plan before funding could be considered.

***Parishes Together Funding*** – Cllr Tweedie is still waiting on costs to be provided for work to be carried out in East Budleigh and Otterton regarding drain clearance. This is now becoming a matter of some urgency.

***Yettington Recreation Room*** – Cllr Barnard reported that a meeting has been arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> October to move the Hall improvement project ahead. A letter received will be discussed which proposes use of Yettington Hall for setting up a Childrens' Nursery Group. The proposer has suggested that she could provide funding for Hall improvements needed to enable this project to be viable.

***Data Protection*** – There is no further report.

***Letter from Hanneke Coates sent to CDE*** – This letter was shown to the councillors and it was agreed that it should be dealt with by Clinton Devon Estates.

***Query from Cllr Lister re Bicton Park*** – Cllr Lister, the owner of Bicton Park commented that the red brick barrier which stops drivers coming off the road and

falling down a drop into the gardens, has sustained many hits from cars and the debris is making main road unsafe for drivers. A speed limit has been rejected by Devon Highways and Cllr Lister has had the wall repaired several times already. She is concerned that the speed and volume of traffic using the B3179 will only make matters worse. There are several large, overhanging trees and hedges between Bicton College and Bicton Park and Cllr Barnard suggested that Bicton College could consider having them trimmed back to allow a clearer view for oncoming traffic particularly large lorries.

## 6. PLANNING – Cllr M Smith

	<b>Plan no. &amp; Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Development</b>
6.1	16/1959/FUL	Orchard End, Dalditch Lane, Budleigh Salterton	Construction of replacement side extension to dwelling: replacement extension to garage to provide ancillary accommodation and detached log store with bat roost. <b>No objections.</b>
6.2	16/2168/FUL	The Linhay, Budleigh Hill, East Budleigh	Construction of pre-fabricated timber apex roof shed. <b>No objections.</b>

### Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>EDDC Decision</b>
16/0791/FUL	Ellergarth, Dalditch Lane, BS	Awaiting decision
16/0551/FUL	Hill Farm, Hayes Lane, EB	Approved
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision

## 7. REPORTS

**Chairman** – The Chair reported that he was unable to attend the Budleigh Traffic Group meeting. Cllr Barnard said he would try to attend. The travellers have moved on from the lay-by on the B3179 between Budleigh Salterton and East Budleigh. Professor Stan Roberts will speak on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan at the start of the meeting in October.

**Clerk** – The clerk reported that BT are proposing to remove 48 public payphones in the district – East Budleigh being one for removal. Councillors objected to this proposal on the grounds that it is a lifeline for residents without a phone or those who have a poor mobile signal. It was also felt that the box was an asset to the general appearance of the village. A very strong case will need to be put to BT if East Budleigh is to retain the working phone box and the clerk will contact the people concerned and put the objections to removal forward. She will also request the

statistics for the use of the phone box within the last few months. If the objections are not successful, the parish council could offer to buy the decommissioned phone box for £1 although work will be needed for general repairs and cleaning. A resident has objected to the erection of a new paling fence outside a house in the High Street. Cllr Smith will contact the Enforce Officer for Planning to see if permission had been obtained or is needed.

**Drakes School** – Various projects are being undertaken including a “Blast Off” theme including the making of model rockets which were launched on East Budleigh recreation field. Several new class teachers have been welcomed.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – No report.

**Recreation** – Cllr Smith reported that the Football Club is considering paying for a wicker fence to be erected around the football pitch in an effort to keep the area clear of dog fouling. The parish council is requesting more details regarding the setting up of the proposed fence.

**Britain in Bloom** – No report.

**Village Hall** – Cllr Tweedie will attend a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**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

The resident who spoke on two Agenda items referred to a letter he had received from the Chair and Councillors and wished it to be withdrawn. The Chair explained that the letter concerned the resident’s behaviour towards Parish Councillors. It was drafted by a lawyer, after seeking the advice of a number of government agencies including EDDC and the police. The Chair said that he would not rescind the correspondence but hoped that the matter could be considered closed in an effort to move on with council business.

## 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 October at 7.30pm. Plans to view at 7.00pm. Professor Stan Roberts will speak at 7.30pm regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

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.*