

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on 27th September 2022 in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All checked

PRESENT Cllr. John Tresidder, Cllr Derek Wensley (Chair), Cllr Heather Houston , Cllr. Kathy Moyle and Cllr. Jim Carter, District Councillors Paul Jarvis and Tom Wright

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Christine Channon, Cllr. Mike Smith, Cllr Angie Canning.

Councillor Wensley gave a short eulogy for the late Queen Elizabeth II. He highlighted her lifelong duty and service to others. She was exceptional. We can only strive to improve our own service as the new era starts under King Charles III. “God Save the King”.

Cllr. Wensley reported on Kate Ponting’s illness and sent our good wishes in combating her current illness.

Cllr. Wensley also reported on the very serious state of Mike Smith’s health. He is considering resigning from the Parish Council as he cannot carry out his duties. The Council sent good wishes to Mike and Rosie, his wife.

A new Councillor, Louis Allan was duly co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council. His certificate of fitness to stand was accepted by the Clerk and he signed to confirm his acceptance of the position.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th July 2022 and Planning meeting on 23rd August 2022 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

County Councillor’s Report – Councillor Channon sent in confirmation that she will chase up the urgent problem of blocked drains, highlighted by Councillor John Tresidder, with Highways

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORT – Councillor Wright said the County is required to build up to 960 house per year but has fallen short of potential sites to meet this target. This can lead to developers being permitted to ignore the Local Plan. East Budleigh’s designation as an AONB will give some protection from inappropriate building.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Cllr. Houston confirmed her intention to attend the Budleigh Salterton Speedwatch meetings. If she is unable to attend, she will inform the Group and the Clerk.
2. Cllr. John Tresidder agreed to join the Climate Change Group. Their next meeting via zoom is 17th October 2022.
3. Cllr. Louis Allan was appointed Parish Council representative re the Village Hall.
4. Councillors approved the purchase of a second SID for Yettington, using fund from the CIL. Purchase of poles and part cost will come from Vision Zero remaining grant.
5. Councillors confirmed they did not wish to pay for cleaning of the toilet or VIP room as they considered it part of the Village Hall responsibility and insured by them. Council agreed a goodwill grant of £100.00 towards the use of the room, and will consider making this an annual donation in future.
6. Dream Away request for funds was rejected
7. All Saints request for further funds was rejected, but will be considered in 2023
8. The Clerk will contact Otterton Parish Council, about sharing their defibrillator demonstration. She will also place links to online instructions on the Notice Boards and on the website.
9. Hedge Trimming on the recreation Ground. Cllr. Wensley and the Clerk inspected the ground and find that there is no need at present to do further hedge cutting. Jon Roseway, the P3 warden has been asked to trim below the layered hedge.
10. Hedge Trimming on the Nature Trail: the Farmer, Daniel Smith will do this in the Autumn. New trees have been marked up with flags.
11. Council approved the fee of £5.00 per use of the Recreation Ground by the Fitness Club. Mr. Buckingham confirmed he carried appropriate insurance. The Clerk reported that a youth group was using the grounds temporarily whilst their own ground is repaired.
12. Councillors chose to send a Proxy voting form to the DALC AGM. They voted yes to increase the annual subscription to £265.50. They voted No to providing long service medals to Councillors.
13. Cllr. Moyle will represent the Parish at the Big Ten event at Seachange, re Community Support.
14. Council declined the opportunity to receive more trees from the Woodland Trust at this time.
15. Neighbourhood Plan Footpaths: Cllr. Wensley produced a discussion document. Council agreed he should pursue the proposed recommendations, which were referenced in the Neighbourhood Plan. He will approach landowners and Highways where appropriate and report back. County Cllr. Channon is supportive of this approach.
16. Cllr. Wensley will attend the webinar on the Local Plan. Sue Cooper will also be attending.

REPORTS

Chair: Cllr. Wensley confirmed Airband will not be erecting poles in the Parish. He attended the Rural Services Group meeting but recommended we do not join.

The Clerk: The Clerk reported the Condolence book had been provided during the week of mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II and flowers laid on the War Memorial. Cllr. Tresidder

has now disposed of all flowers. The fingerpost at Yettington has been refurbished to a very high standard by Sam of Millin Metalcraft. Yettington Speedwatch has been working regularly. Bird Flu is in the area so notice have been placed warning people not to touch the birds but report them online. A resident had asked for an additional Dog Bin to be placed near the farm. Councillors decided to monitor the situation for the time being. Councillor Tresidder continues to check the Recreation ground.

Parish Pathways: Jon Roseway submitted a report that less strimming has been required due to slower growth this year.

Shop, Village Hall, Climate Change: Councillor Tresidder submitted a report – available on the website. No problems identified.

Traffic Matters/ Drake’s School: Councillor Houston will proceed to set up the Speedwatch team for East Budleigh. She will chase up the “20 is Plenty” application.

Budleigh Football Club & Kersbrooke:- Cllr. Carter said a tender for the building works has been accepted and work will take place over a long period during 2023. He referred to over 40 occasions when Kersbrooke Road has been closed to traffic this year.

Planning: Cllr. Wensley is keeping in touch with the local Salem Chapel representative, to monitor any developments. EDDC are doing a second trawl of sites to identify building land and this included three sites in East Budleigh. Initial appraisal was not positive. The whole parish is within the AONB and this constrains significant development.

Accounts and Finances: All bills and financial records were approved.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of Next Meeting 25th October 2022 in the Village Hall