

## EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Church Hall

**RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK** – All checked – lack of exterior lighting reported to the Church representatives.

**PRESENT** Cllr Derek Wensley (Chair), Cllr Angie Canning, Cllr. Louis Allan, Cllr. Jim Ferrers, Cllr. John Tresidder and District Cllr. Tom Wright.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Heather Houston and Cllr. Jim Carter, Cllr. Cathy Moyle, Cllr. Mike Smith, District Cllrs Paul Jarvis and Alan Dent and County Cllr. Christine Channon,.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 were approved.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION** - Councillor John Tresidder declared an interest in the Agenda item concerning a donation for work at the War Memorial.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr. Channon endorsed the fixture of additional Speed Indicator Devices in the area.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT** – Cllr. Wright said the Cabinet has recommended tax increases of £5.00 per house and double Council Tax on second homes. Possible double tax being considered for empty homes.

In respect of the LORP project, large pipes are being laid 60 m below ground, from the Lime Kiln carpark. The sewage pipe on the opposite side of the river Otter will then be pulled through. Work expected to be completed by the end of March 2023/2024.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Precept: The sum of £29,345.00 for the year 2022/23 was agreed, representing an overall 5% increase.
2. Donation of £25.00 to British Legion for wreath – agreed
3. Donation of £100 to Cllr. Tresidder to meet his expenses maintaining the War Memorial grounds - agreed
4. East Budleigh in Bloom – request to plant 5 silver birch trees on the recreation ground – agreed.

**Footpath Review:** Cllr. Wensley has investigated potential improvement or additions to footpaths/cycle ways, in accordance with proposals put forward in the Neighbourhood Plan. Clare James of Clinton Devon Estates approached the farmers concerned, but they were not in favour of further footpaths on their land due to problems controlling dogs.

The Parish Council submission of alterations to the **Local Plan** was submitted to EDDC.

Large lorries are continuing to pass through the village from work on the LORP project. The Clerk will ask Cllr. Channon to investigate.

**Salem Chapel:** A resident sent an advertisement to the Chair. A project manager is to be appointed to dispose of or sell Heritage properties such as the Salem Chapel. £2,000,000.00 will be spent on the most urgent and valuable assets. Ownership of the chapels must be relinquished by the Heritage trust between 2023 and 2026. A fresh strategy will be created to deal with any remaining heritage assets after this date.

**Village Matters & Correspondence.** See report on the website. In addition, a water leak at the Public Toilets was examined by Westmancoat and a quotation for the work is awaited. The Council thanked Cllr. Wensley for his practical assistance in making the water supply safe for the time being. Cllr. Wensley will also attach a new dispenser to replace a broken one.

Cllr. Moyle reported to the Clerk – an enforcement officer is to visit the new premises at The Pound to ensure Planning regulations have been followed. An ecology report will be requested of CDE, to monitor the bats for 12 months. A resident reported the felling of several trees at Vicars Mead. Council doubted that any rules had been infringed, particularly given the site history, condition of the trees and absence of TPOs in the woodland area concerned.

A parishioner on behalf of the Church asked permission for 60 cars to park on the recreation ground for a wedding in June. Council agreed there is plenty of parking spaces within the village and no need to use the recreation ground. The Clerk reminded Councillors that it is for the Council to decide on any permissions given to park on or use the recreation ground and not for the Football Club.

Council recorded their thanks for work done by Cllr. Houston, the Clerk and Sam Storey of Millin Metalcraft to obtain and set up two Speed Indicator Devices.

**P3 Report** – available on the website. The Council retains sufficient funds for future repairs/improvements in 2023. Council wishes to record its thanks to Jon Roseway and his assistants for work on replacing 90% of stiles with gates.

**Shop, Climate Change:** Cllr. Tresidder submitted a report – available on the website. He reported ongoing discussions between the District Council and Local Councils over the potential provision of Electric Charging Points in East Devon. Cllr. Tresidder attends appropriate meetings. Cllr. Wright said there will be very fast connectors sited at Lime Kiln carpark. Exmouth has some on roadsides. Others will be fitted in EDDC carparks. Tesco and Sainsbury at Pinhoe offer free ultra-fast charging.

**Village Hall:** Cllr. Allan reported:

1. the Village Hall is awaiting Full Fibre broadband from Airband.
2. The trustees are reinforcing the message that the village hall site is a 'No Smoking' area with a new range of signage. This will be supported by articles on the hall website and in the Parish News.
3. Plans for a staged refurbishment of the Village Hall are in their early stages. The intention is to make the hall more usable and more useful for the village and will feature improved energy efficiency measures and enhanced disabled access.

**Community Pub.** Cllr. Canning reported the SWR is flourishing with attendance high, especially for special events, though it is not making a big profit. A lady's event to meet socially takes place on Tuesdays. Other clubs use it for meetings of all sorts. Visitors outside the village often visit.

**Cllr. Houston** Has submitted a reminder about the Council application for reduced speed via the 20 is Plenty Campaign.

**Yettington.** Report available on the website. Cllr. Ferrers will investigate the fitting of a low energy bulb within the Kiosk, so the defibrillator can be located at night.

**Part One: Accounts and Finances:**

Monthly transactions approved

Financials Reports approved.

The main meeting closed at 9.15pm. Part 2 – to consider the Clerks employment and conditions of service – Discussed in the absence of the Public and the Clerk. Councillors all approved the upgrade to Spinal point 20 and to the receipt of back pay from April 2022.

Date of Next Meeting: **Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 5.0 pm**