

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15th April 2024: There were no attendees, so no Minutes were taken. The meeting closed at 6.15 pm

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 15th April 2024

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All correct

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Derek Wensley, John Tresidder, Jim Carter, Louis Allan, Angie Canning, and Kathy Moyle BEM, and District Councillor Henry Riddell.

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillor Jim Ferrers and District Councillors Charlotte Fitzgerald and Melanie Martin.

ABSENT: County Councillor Christine Channon.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th February were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wensley (Chair) reported on the sad passing of Lord Clinton. The Clerk was authorised to send a letter of condolence on behalf of the Council.

Cllr. Wensley reported the resignation of Councillor Heather Houston. He praised the valuable contribution she had made to the Council and hoped that when she has more time, she would consider re-joining.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:- Cllr. Riddell reported that an application for a banking hub in Budleigh had been declined as population numbers were insufficient to warrant it. The guidelines will shortly be changed, so that nearby communities may be included in the head count. Cllr. Riddell will re-apply. The Council thanked him for his efforts. There is a hub in Sidmouth, situated near the bus stop.

Items for Discussion:

Re-distribution of tasks:

Cllr. Tresidder volunteered to regularly check the condition of the Recreation Ground

Cllr. Carter will attend the Traffic/Highways group at Budleigh Town Hall on 16th May 2024

Cllr. Carter & Cllr. Wensley agreed to attend the next meeting of the Landscape Recovery Group

Cllr. Allan agreed to maintain links with Drake's School via discussions with parents and the PTA

Yellow Lines at The Pound: - Councillors voted to have yellow lines painted beside The Pound in order to maintain sight for cars rounding the bend.

Applications for Grants: Cllr. Wensley stated that grants would only be considered when requested. There is provision via S137 regulations for the Council to support local events. This year there is a small surplus in our reserves, so it may be possible to provide further sums later in the year. Councillors agreed:

Ring and Ride	£165.76
All Saints Churchyard	£500.00
East Budleigh in Bloom	£210.00

Rents for the Tennis Club and Football Club was approved at £30.00, with the intention of reviewing the rent by November 2024 for the following year.

Council approved a grant of £50.00 towards plants for the War Memorial.

Reports

Cllr Wensley said we need a Safeguarding policy. Cllr. Tresidder will investigate any relevant documents such as ACRE which might be included in our Parish Council's policy. Cllr. Carter registered his concern over photographs taken of the football field, which showed some private gardens. Councillors felt householders should register their own concerns.

Clerk's Notes – see Report.

Parish Pathways – Jon Roseway: Nothing to report

Community Shop/ Climate Emergency – Cllr. Tresidder: See report. Arthurs Meats are available again. Fruit and vegetables are being supplied by Westcountry Supplies. No residences have been flooded. Cllr. Wensley suggested the flooding occurring by South Farm may have exceeded the expected targets.

Village Hall –See report . Their AGM would be on 29th April 2024. Cllr. Allan will attend.

Community Pub. - Cllr. Canning: See report.

Local Liaison – Cllr. Moyle – Emma Collin, a senior project manager, will be holding a meeting by Zoom this coming Thursday in respect of the Salem Chapel.

Cricket Club/ Kersbrooke – Cllr. Carter There was an Open Day at the Cricket Club last Monday. The new building and playing fields have been well received by members and visitors. He said the National Park, previously part of the LORP project, seems more popular than envisaged. He expressed concern about dogs on the loose, disturbing the wildlife.

Yettington: Cllr. Ferrers: See report

Planning: Cllr. Wensley said the planning application for Morningside has been withdrawn.

Monthly Transactions : Cllr. Wensley gave a summary of expenditure compared with the previous year. Savings have been made due to reduced Toilet cleaning and a difference in VAT. Guidelines suggest there be a 3 to 6 month reserve equal to the amount claimed in the Precept. This year we have a surplus of £4482.00. Under the S137 rules, we can use those funds later in the year. New regulations permit the Council to contribute to the Church and to a Village Hall or other charitable organisations but not to a school.

Financial Reports: All Approved the end of year position. Bills and Financial records for April 2024 were also approved.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.
The next meeting will be on 20th May 2024.