

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th March 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 Melanie Martin.

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillor Heather Houston, District Councillor Charlotte Fitzgerald and County Councillor Christine Channon.

ABSENT: Parish Councillor Jim Ferrers

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2024 and the Planning Meeting of March 5th 2024 were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – Cllr. Martin had spoken to EDDC about the lack of consultation over removal of the Holly Tree that had a TPO. She will speak to him about improving the procedure where exemption to replace the tree was granted without consulting the Parish Council. She reported the kiosk at Steamer Steps is likely to be kept as a working kiosk, following public consultation.

Items for Discussion:

1. Time of Future Meetings – Councillors chose to start future meetings on the 3rd Monday at the earlier time of 6.0 pm

2. Designated Neighbourhood Area Housing Requirement

Cllr. Wensley reported that our advisor Sue Cooper will assist with our understanding of the issue. There will be a choice for each Parish collectively between two options. 1: The number of required dwellings for 2020 – 2040 would be 8. The Parish has already met this requirement 2: there is a requirement for 22 “windfall” houses i.e. individual unplanned developments. If option 2 is chosen, we may have to find sites to include in our revised Neighbourhood Plan.

Reports

Chair: The official close of the LORP project took place last week. Attendees included the Chair of the Environment Agency, Lord Clinton's grandson, John Varley the CEO of Clinton Devon

Estates and children from Drake's, Otterton and St. Peter's Schools, who sang a new song about the area, composed by Paul Painter.

Cllr. Wensley said the Parish Council Tax had risen by 4.33% increase. Our Precept increase was 3.66%. The difference was due to a reduction in households eligible for Council Tax.

The Clerk and Cllr. Wensley attended the Otter to Exe Parish Councils' regular meeting. Discussions ranged from concern over sewage and SWW attempts to resolve this, Green Wedges, and the potential to transfer some Public Toilets to Parish Councils.

Clerk's Notes – see Report. The Clerk is meeting with Emma Sampson on 20th March to discuss various Highways matters around the Village. The large pothole on the Recreation Ground has been filled. Finance was kindly supplied by the Tennis Club and labour by the Football Club.

Parish Pathways – Jon Roseway: Nothing to report

Community Shop/ Climate Emergency – Cllr. Tresidder: See report.

Village Hall –See report

Community Pub. - Cllr. Canning: See report.

Traffic Matters/ Drake's School/Otter Landscape Recovery Group – Cllr. Houston: no report

Local Liaison – Cllr. Moyle – the Salem Chapel has a full itinerary of coming events, including a craft event over Easter and a Smuggling exhibition in the Summer. Seachange has set up a new group for carers. They also have a film club. There are difficulties in providing sufficient volunteers to ferry individuals to the meetings.

Cricket Club/ Kersbrooke – Some felled trees, caused by recent storms, have been cleared.

Yettington: Cllr. Ferrers: No report

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

Monthly Transactions : Approved

The Clerk ask for Council approval to engage Jim Bick again this year as our internal auditor. All approved.

Financial Reports: All records approved.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.