

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2023 in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All correct

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

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors Jim Ferrers, Heather Houston and Angie Canning, District Councillors Charlotte Fitzgerald and County Councillor Christine Channon.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th October 2023 and the Planning Meeting held on 6th November were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr. Tresidder in respect of an invoice for work at the War Memorial.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – See report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – See reports from District Councillors Martin and Fitzgerald. Cllr. Martin said they were endeavouring to set up “warm spaces” in the area. Cllr. Moyle said there was one at Seachange but there was a cost and a problem over transport. Cllr. Martin offered to look into the transport difficulties. The Community Pub has a coffee morning specifically for single people and will assist with transport. Re homelessness, Cllr. Moyle as part of the Tenant Participation Group, said many homes were being left empty for up to two years. Cllr. Martin said plans for a new playpark at Lime Kiln are going ahead. The bridge will be officially opened at 12.0 pm on 24th November 2023.

District Councillor Henry Riddell said the Budleigh Salterton Youth Trust meets in the Venture Hall. They are keen to attract young people from East Budleigh, **Otterton** and Colaton Raleigh as well. There will be an Open Evening and potentially some organised trips. He said the Football Club has acquired land which will be re-seeded.

Items for Discussion:

- 1. Resilience:** The Environment Agency has announced this as Flood Action Week. Cllr. Tresidder suggested the Rest Centre be changed from the Village Hall to the Church Hall. He said the Volunteers need co-ordinating. Cllr. Allan asked what resources we have. Cllr. Tresidder said we have signs, clothing torches sand, sand bags, but we should apply to Devon Communities and the Resilience Fund for additional items. He will compile a list for the Clerk. He recommended that if she were willing, Cllr. Houston take over the role of

co-ordinator. To be discussed at the next meeting.

- 2. Questionnaire about Neighbourhood Planning Intentions** was completed. The Clerk will upload Council's responses to EDDC

Chair – Cllr. Wensley: There was a rave on Woodbury Common on Sunday night. The footpath breach at Clamour Bridge has reappeared after recent changes in water flow and some walkers are dangerously still trying to cross it. We had a late Notice, ratifying the agreed footpath changes by the River Otter, which is part of the LORP project. Cllr. Allan expressed concern that only 3 spaces have been designated for Blue Badge holders at the South Farm Carpark. District Cllr. Martin suggested he raise this directly with Clinton Devon Estates, who own the carpark.

Clerk's Notes – see Report

Parish Pathways – Jon Roseway: Nothing to Report

Community Shop/ Climate Emergency - See attached report.

Village Hall – See attached report. Cllr. Allan said the new toilets would be open to the public and perhaps could replace the Parish Council's provision. Councillors expressed concerns about whether a single unit facility at the hall could adequately replace the facilities in the Hayes Lane car park. and that further discussion on the matter would be welcomed. District Councillor Riddell said it would be very difficult to re-purpose the unit. Council agreed that plans for a small room might enable Council to hold their Planning meetings in the Hall.

Community Pub. Cllr. Canning – See report.

Traffic Matters/ Drakes School/CDE: Cllr. Tresidder - See report. Cllr. Wensley said the road up to the common from Yettington is being badly damaged by very large agricultural equipment apparently coming from Bicton. Cllr. Houston has reported to Highways.

Local Liaison – Cllr. Moyle reported the Salem Chapel exhibition about Remembrance went quite well. The Xmas Tree event is only open for two days from 10.00 to 3.00pm, which she feels is not long enough. Surveyors' reports have discovered problem with the drains. All the reports are going to the vendors, for use in discussion with potential purchasers.

Cricket Club – Cllr. Carter reported the Cricket Club is now open

Yettington: Cllr. Ferrers: See attached report.

Planning:

Clinton Devon Estate sent a letter: They are applying to the Secretary of State to build a store of batteries for electricity. They wish to de-register one area of the common and will register another area as Common land in its place. A majority of the Council approved.

Planning application 23/2046/FUL was received too late for consideration. A new date will be set for a Planning Meeting.

Monthly Transactions : Approved

Financial Reports: All records approved.

The meeting closed at 9.34 pm.