

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on 25th April 2023 in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All checked

PRESENT Cllr Derek Wensley (Chair), John Tresidder, Cllr Angie Canning, Cllr. Heather Houston, Cllr. Jim Carter, Cllr. Kathy Moyle, Cllr. Louis Allan. District Cllrs. Tom Wright and Alan Dent and County Councillor Christine Channon.

APOLOGIES: ,Cllr. Jim Ferrers and District Cllr Paul Jarvis.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th March 2023 were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION – Cllr. Canning is Secretary for the Tennis Club (grant being considered)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. Channon has approved the grant for new grit bins. The Parish Council thanked her for this assistance. Cllr Channon explained that finances are tight. 77% of their budget is committed to adult care and children's services. There has been a large increase in demand, following the effects of isolation during Covid. Seachange works to encourage individuals to use their facilities and thus reduce loneliness and dementia. The allocation for SEND Funding is based on 2012 data. Funds for mending the roads are very limited, but residents should continue to report them. Cllr. Channon thanked the Parish Councillors for their work. She thanked the retiring district councillors and wished them well in retirement. Councillor Wensley also thanked them for their valuable contributions. Cllr. Moyle confirmed that Seachange is doing important work and tries to encourage residents to attend. There is a new bereavement café and organised outings.

Cllr. Wensley asked if schools were closing owing to a lack of children. Cllr. Channon explained that parents choose to commute to take advantage of the excellent primary school in the village and also because Exmouth School is oversubscribed. It is difficult for young families to settle, owing to the lack of affordable housing. The "Early Years" provision at Drake's School helps to retain pupils.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – Cllr. Wright said East Devon started waste and recycling six years ago, against some opposition. Today, Suez carry out 540,000 collections. Complaints are less than ½ of one percent. Aluminium cans bring in £1000 per ton, cardboard £180 per ton and plastic £180 per ton. Everything is recycled in England. 18,250 green bins have been issued, bringing in a revenue of £900,000.00. 60% of funds goes to EDDC and 40% to Suez, who work in partnership with EDDC. East Devon is 5th with regard to rates of recycling but 1st in

the residual, (black bin] waste. That waste goes to the “waste from energy” plant in Exeter where it is incinerated to produce electricity.

Re LORP. Several local people have expressed dissatisfaction for the state of the footpath at Clamour Bridge. Clinton Devon Estates are taking responsibility. A long term plan will be devised in consultation with Devon and District Councils, the Parishes and CDE.

Councillor Alan dent said huge changes are coming to EDDC. Many long-standing members are leaving. New appointees will soon be in place for the Head of Governance and Licensing, and for the post of Head of Housing, Health & Environment. The Puffing Billy pub at Exton has been granted a license for an outside bar. The Annual Folk Week in Sidmouth had received relevant permits for this year. The Dog & Donkey pub at Knowle has changed hands. Cllr. Dent said the last 12 years as a District Councillor had been demanding at times but good fun.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Salem Chapel:** A meeting took place in the SWR public house to discuss the future of Salem Chapel. A questionnaire to residents produced 105 responses. 90%[^] were in favour of preserving the building. HCT has appointed consultants and are in communication with the Friends of the Friendless Churches charity. There is no appetite for building ownership by another village community group, but it may be desirable for an external charity to own and have responsibility for its maintenance whilst the building is operated under lease as a Heritage Centre overseen by the local History Group. The indications are that this type of approach would receive the support of the local community. It may be at least six months before consultations are completed and provisional disposal plans or suitable expressions of interest are drawn up by HCT. Cllr. Carter said Devon Archives may be willing to pass some historical documents to the History group, but there would be stringent rules on how they were preserved and kept secure.
- 2. Grants:** Applications were considered for several community groups. The precept available is £1160.00. Motion to give the grants was proposed by Cllr. Houston and seconded by Cllr. Allan. All approved the following:

East Budleigh in Bloom	210.00
All Saints Churchyard	500.00
Ring & Ride (TRIP)	160.58 (Cllr. Moyle said this was a lifeline to reduce loneliness)
Village Hall	100.00
British Legion for wreath	25.00
Tennis Club maintenance	200.00
- 3. Drakes School** are looking for about £21,000 towards new enhanced play equipment, to meet current Health & Safety and for those with physical disabilities. Council agreed to monitor developments. Cllr. Tresidder said the Community Shop may make a donation.
- 4. Sleaf Hill:** Cllr. Channon explained traffic is passing so fast down Sleaf Hill that the house owners have trouble accessing their property. The bus also has difficulty and damage has been caused to the railing beside the brook. Otterton Parish Council are supporting a request to

Highways for a 30mph speed limit. All Councillors Approved. The Clerk will liaise with the Otterton Clerk.

5. Application by the Wandering Pig Piza business for a licence to sell by the community shop. All Approved.

REPORTS

Chair – None

Village Matters & Correspondence. See report on the website. Councillors approved the Easement for the property known as Rohallion to join the main sewerage system, which will involve digging a trench on the edge of the Recreation Ground.

P3 Report – None

Shop/Resilience/Climate Emergency: See report on the website.

Traffic/ Coronation: Cllr. Houston has obtained a licence to restrict the highway for no fee. Posters are being placed around the village. The SWR pub will provide food on demand.

Village Hall: Cllr. Tresidder attended the AGM. There will be a public meeting in June when plans for refurbishment will be discussed.

Community Pub: See report on the website. Cllr. Canning said the holiday let planned for the upper floor will be managed by a separate entity. Refurbishments are under way.

Local Liaison: Cllr. Moyle said the party at the Hub, planned for the coronation, has been cancelled due to lack of interest – possibly due to other events taking place in the area. There may be a party at a later date. The Coronation will be streamed in All Saints Church. She said 23,000 trees have been planted in the area.

Cricket Club: Cllr. Carter said the South Farm road system looks good. He had concerns about signage to the cricket club. Cllr. Channon offered to check if an application had been made to Highways for signage.

Yettington: No report

Planning:

23/0249/LBC – Christophers, Budleigh Hill. Proposal to replace cement-based render with lime-based render. Supported by all Councillors

Legal 001301, 22/2064/FDO Legal/001302 and 22/2326FDO Legal 001303 – all Approved

Accounts and Finances:

Cllr. Wensley pointed out that we had a bank balance of £15,196.33 at the end of the Financial Year. Our Precept was £29,345.00 and we had the recommended reserves of 6 months of the value of the precept. Our total adjusted expenditure against the Precept was only £365.00 under for the 2022/23 financial year.

Monthly transactions approved. Financials Reports approved.

The Clerk confirmed the 2022-2023 accounts have been passed to the internal auditor for checking and approval. They will be presented to Councillors at the May meeting.

All bills for payment were approved.

Topics Raised by Councillors and Members of the Public: None

The meeting closed at 6.27 pm

Date of Next Meeting, which will be the AGM, is at the
Village Hall on 28th May 2023 at 5.0 pm