

## EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Village Hall

**RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK** – All correct

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Derek Wensley, John Tresidder, Louis Allan, Jim Carter, Jim Ferrers and Kathy Moyle BEM. District Councillors Charlotte Fitzgerald, Melanie Martin and County Councillor Christine Channon

**APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Henry Riddell. Parish Councillors Angie Canning & Heather Houston.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and Planning Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were approved.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none

**County Councillor's Report** – Cllr. Channon said Drake's School and Otterton School had received very good Ofsted reports. The staff and parents worked together and the children interacted well. Cllr. Channon has stepped down as Governor of Drake's School after giving several years of valuable support. She is investigating ownership of overhanging trees at the new Cricket Ground and is pressing to re-site the 30 mph signs. Devon County Council will soon refresh all priority white lines on the roads, but renewal of yellow lines will be delayed.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT** – The attached report was submitted by District Councillor Fitzgerald. Parking difficulties will ensue whilst the Lime Kiln carpark is partly used for continuing construction work. This will take six weeks, but the alternate carpark at South Farm will be open. The temporary traffic lights may be placed in position again. Cllr. Allan expressed regret that the EDDC season tickets may not be used at South Farm, even though it is administered by EDDC (owned by CDE). Cllr. Fitzgerald will follow up the suggestion to announce the parking restrictions on the local radio.

Cllr. Fitzgerald is on the committee which is preparing the strategic Local Plan for further consultation. She will attend the first Audit Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> July. The Budleigh Youth Club is thriving and has appointed a board of trustees. Cllr. Channon confirmed funds are available to pay youth workers, to potentially support the Cricket Club and also to pay for gym places at Seachange, or Outward-Bound courses. The Venture Hall is used by brownies, guides, Beavers, Cubs and the Rainbow club. She reminded Councillors that these opportunities cover East Budleigh and Otterton. An article will be placed in the Parish News.

District Councillor Martin is investigating the report of poor conditions in the Budleigh public toilets.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** - Cllr. Wensley reminded Councillors that they can suggest items for discussion, which the Clerk will add to an Agenda.

**Report by Cllr. Wensley – Chair.**

**Salem Chapel:** Ms Malinowska hopes to open it for a few weeks from August. “Tricolour Consultants” are looking to find ownership of the Chapel, suited to this Grade two star building.

**Definitive Map Review:** Cllr. Wensley confirmed there is no order to reinstate the footpath from Russell Drive to Oak Hill. Cllr. Moyle expressed concern. Insufficient people backed the step. There may be a six month grace period before anything is finalised.

**Clerks Notes & Correspondence:**

See notes attached. Cllr. Tresidder will approach DRIP again about responsibilities to keep Budleigh Brook in good condition.

The Clerk obtained a quotation for major hedge trimming and tree cutting around the Flood lights. The quote for £3452.00 is beyond our means this year. Cllr. Wensley said provision may be need in future Precepts. Meanwhile the Clerk will investigate alternative sources of help. Council authorised the Clerk to spend up to £1000.00 if necessary to do this year’s essential trimming only. The Clerk will look at historical Minutes to check responsibility for the Flood Lamps.

The Clerk confirmed Ernie and his group of helpers will tidy up the carpark again this year. Cllr. Carter proposes to plant a Rowan tree in place of the Holly by the bus stop. He will look to find someone who can remove the roots or prepare a new planting position.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – See attached report

**Resilience/ Community Shop/ Climate Emergency** - See attached report. The Council thanked Cllr. Tresidder for refurbishing the Village Noticeboards.

**Village Hall** – See attached report. Cllr. Allan said revised building plans will be shared with the community on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

**Community Pub** – See attached report. The upstairs rooms are ready for letting. Their first AGM will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Traffic Matters/ Drakes School/CDE** – See attached report. Cllr. Houston asked for a grant towards purchase of playground equipment at Drake’s School, suitable for those with disabilities. The Council will discuss this at the September meeting.

**Local Liaison** – Cllr. Moyle will attend when the Chatty Bus arrives in the village.

**Cricket Club** – Cllr. Carter expressed concern for members trying to cross the road from the bus stop. He said ownership of overhanging trees in Kersbrooke is not clear. He will investigate.

**Yettington:** Cllr. Ferrers will report a couple of new potholes in Yettington, if they meet the criteria.

**Planning:**

23/1476/FUL : Brambles, Yettington. No objections

**Monthly Transactions** : Approved

**Financial Reports:** All records approved.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.