

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 February 2019 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.

PRESENT

Cllrs

M Smith
C Taunton
J Carter
S Roberts

K Quant
Mrs P Hayman (V. Chair)
D Wensley
Valerie Lister (Chair)

District councillors G Jung, S Hall and A Dent.
20 members of the public were present.

Before the meeting began the Chair made a statement regarding 'Frank's Patch' which is in the process of being cleared by Clinton Devon Estates. The clearance process had been reported to the police as a crime and was being investigated by them. The police suggested that the matter should not be a subject for discussion at the meeting until the investigation was completed.

It was agreed that members of the public could make comments at the end of the meeting under non-Agenda item 12.

Mr Toby Russell representing Devon Air Ambulance gave a short talk about the search for night-time landing sites. The service is Exeter based and Budleigh Salterton has proved to have a suitable site. At present East Budleigh Football Club pitch has been viewed as another suitable site. Financial support will be needed to make this facility viable and the parish council expressed interest in hearing further details when these are available and possible financial support.

PCSO Justin Willis has been invited to give the monthly police report but did not submit one.

PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS:

It has been proposed and agreed that members of the public be allowed to speak for **3 minutes** at the beginning of the meeting. This time scale will run to a maximum of 30 minutes, therefore allowing 10 people to speak. This will bring EBBPC in line with other town/parish councils. Members of the public wishing to speak on an Agenda item are requested to inform the clerk no later than 25

February 2019. It should be noted that this is **NOT** a question and answer session, it simply provides a vehicle for the public to make the council aware of views of the public before discussing agenda items.

The clerk had received no applications to speak.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from County Councillor Christine Channon and District Cllr T Wright. Cllrs Sally Miller and P Barnard also sent apologies.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the January meeting were confirmed and accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT**
Cllrs Valerie Lister and P Barnard declared an interest in Agenda item 7.4 (Yettington Hall). Risk Assessment was given by the Chair.
4. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** No report.
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**
Cllr Dent reported that the move to the new EDDC offices in Honiton had been completed successfully and have been officially opened by Chairman Cllr Andrew Moulding. It is estimated that savings of £1 million are expected to be made because of the move to new premises.
Cllr Hall commented that EDDC will shortly be introducing a fee for all independent operators regardless of what they sell provided they meet stringent standards. The use of single use plastic will products will not be tolerated. Charitable events will continue to be fee free.
Pedlars, who are licensed by the Police, will now be required to produce a Right to work document if they are not UK citizen and a DBS police check.
For taxi and private hire drivers all new applicants will have completed a Safeguarding Awareness course in order to protect vulnerable children and adults. Existing drivers would need to complete this course by license renewal time next year.
Under new Animal welfare legislation anyone involved in selling, breeding, boarding or exhibiting any animal will now require a Licence to operate the above activity. High standards of welfare will be met for buildings, bedding feed and supervision.
Cllr Jung commented on various planning applications. The decisions are noted in the planning section of the Minutes (8).

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Football Club Lease

ACTION – The Chair is to arrange a meeting when the Football Club lease and the Tennis Club lease will be signed and copied for reference purposes. The signage for the Recreation Ground will also be discussed. Mrs Marrs will be invited to attend.

Tennis Club Lease

ACTION –As above.

Late night bus service into East Budleigh

ACTION – Cllr Roberts presented to councillors details of a questionnaire to be placed in the parish council magazine and the Community shop to ascertain the feasibility of asking Stagecoach to extend their night service to include East Budleigh.

Beaver activity at Washmoor

ACTION – Cllr Quant is to arrange a meeting with Devon Wildlife and Clinton Devon Estates to discuss this matter and will report back to the parish council.

7. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Meetings between Football Club, Tennis Club, Friends of the Rec Ground & Drakes School

ACTION – Cllr Smith had a meeting with Brian Martin of the Tennis Club and it was noted that hedges beside the tennis courts needed trimming back (this cannot take place between March and September due to nesting activity). Tree roots next to the courts need attention and signage needs replacing.

Policies and procedures

ACTION – Cllr Wensley has finalised these reports and they were agreed and adopted by councillors at the meeting. Copies are in the parish files.

Yettington Hall

ACTION – Cllr Wensley had distributed a comprehensive report concerning the proposed refurbishment of Yettington Hall. The building has deteriorated to the state of being unfit for use. He listed the current position which includes the formation of a Committee, a structural survey has been carried out, a residents' survey has been undertaken and fundraising has been initiated, the current aim being to raise £22,000. An application has been made to the parish council for a donation of £500 which will be considered at a later date. Protection of the Hall as a community facility is noted in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Signage for the Recreation Field

ACTION – as noted in Agenda items 6.1/2.

8. PLANNING

Applications to be considered. There was none.

Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
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Decisions from EDDC to planning applications

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
17/1813/FUL	The Rolle Arms, EB	Awaiting a Decision
17/2841/FUL	The Old Vicarage, East B'leigh	Awaiting a Decision
18/1464/FUL	The Pound, Lower Budleigh, EB	Deferred until April
18/2341/FUL	Threshing Barn, Yettington	Awaiting a Decision
18/2342/LBC	Threshing Barn, Yettington	Awaiting a Decision
18/2768/TRE	Applehayes, Oak Hill, EB	Approved
18/2012/FUL	5 The Drive, Bicton	Withdrawn
19/0020/FUL	Hayes Barton, Hayes Lane, EB	Awaiting a Decision
18/2165/FUL & LBC	Land at Bicton	Approved
18/2146/FUL & LBC	Long Orchard, BS	Approved

9. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Chairman – No report.

Clerk – The clerk will be attending a course on preparing for the elections.

Recreation – Tyres have been dumped on the Rec Field (used by the Keep Fit group). The clerk will contact the Keep Fit group again to have them removed.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cattle have broken down the gate on EB13 footpath at the field boundary onto the Rec Field. The farmer and DCC's PROW are aware and are dealing with this.

Drake's School – Peter Halford has settled in as the temporary Head Teacher at Drakes School and parents and staff seem happy with this arrangement. There have been fewer late arrivals. This school year is a lead up to SATS. There is a vastly improved IT system due to fundraising. The school is currently in a management partnership with the Link Academy Trust until September 2019. Update meetings for parents and carers will be held, details will be in the Newsletter.

Village Hall – No report.

East Budleigh Dog owners Forum – No report.

Public conveniences – The Chair will contact Alan Tweedie regarding some refurbishment of the toilets.

Flood Warden – Cllr Quant reported that culverts in the village have been cleared.

Any Other Reports – Cllr Roberts highlighted suggested projects in the Neighbourhood Plan for Potential Funding. These included the promotion and support of existing clubs and facilitiesby helping to identify sources of

funding such as.....developers' contributions. Also the enhancement of local green spaces to include a bug hotel adjacent to LGS6, wildlife corridors and small trees and flower beds in suitable areas.

10. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

The clerk gave out the monthly cash statement and report. She asked for several cheques to be passed for signature. They were proposed, seconded and carried. Cllr Hayman carried out a bank reconciliation and found it to be satisfactory.

February 2019 – Bills for payment

• East Budleigh Village Hall hire - January	£ 24.00	1032
• North Devon clerk's salary	£890.70	1033
• SW Countryside Contractors	£259.40	1034

Total £1174.10

11. CORRESPONDENCE

A synopsis of correspondence, magazines and brochures received and not covered elsewhere on the Agenda was received and read out. The clerk suggested that councillors who were interested in any of the correspondence should take it away to read and return it to the clerk at a later date.

12. TOPICS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(Maximum half an hour) – Please note no decisions may be made, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information.

- Several residents expressed concern over the clearing of Frank's Patch
- A meeting has been arranged between residents and Clinton Devon Estates regarding village issues i.e. wild life and plant destruction in The Pound and Frank's Patch

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 26 March 2019 at 7.30pm in East Budleigh Village Hall. Planning applications can be viewed prior to the Planning Section.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

SignedChairman Date