

## EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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#### PRESENT

Cllrs

M Smith  
C Taunton  
P Barnard

Sally Miller  
Mrs P Hayman (V. Chair)  
D Wensley  
Valerie Lister (Chair)

District councillors G Jung and T Wright. Cty Cllr Christine Channon.  
14 members of the public were present.

**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 District Cllrs A Dent and S Hall. Cllrs S Roberts, J Carter and K Quant also sent apologies.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the February meeting were confirmed with the additional comment from Cllr Wensley:  
(Agenda item 7.3) *Capital Funds: Cllr Wensley briefly summarised the consultation process being undertaken, having distributed a full report*  
The Minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT**

Cllrs Valerie Lister declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 8.1 (Bicton College). Risk Assessment was given by the Vice Chair.

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** Cty Cllr Christine Channon commented on correspondence received from a resident living in Middletown Lane. Middletown Lane is being used as a "rat run" by cars although it is designated as access only. The road is very narrow without pavements on either side allowing only direct access to houses. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cty Cllr Channon also reported that fly-posting was becoming a problem and was liable to prosecution. The Minutes of the WEB meeting held on March 6<sup>th</sup> are available to view upon application,

**5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

**Cllr Dent** No report.

**Cllr Hall** No report.

**Cllr Jung** commented on the Heritage Strategy Plans for East Devon. East Budleigh are to take part in the trials. Cllr Jung also introduced Paul Jarvis who will be standing as an Independent candidate in the coming elections.

**Cllr Wright** reported the release of 200 voles which were released on the Seaton Wetlands, an EDDC nature reserve. They were released to bring them back to their habitat. He also reported on the continuing good recycling rates in the area.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Football Club Lease*

**RESOLVED** – Prior to the meeting the Chair had met with the Football Club and Tennis Club and completed the signing of both leases. These will be copied and stored in the parish files as well as returning a copy to each relevant club.

*Tennis Club Lease*

**RESOLVED** –As above.

*Late night bus service into East Budleigh*

**ACTION** – Cllr Roberts will report progress at the next meeting.

*Beaver activity at Washmoor*

**ACTION** – Cllr Quant reported that a monitoring programme is in place for the beaver activity in the area of Sawmills/Washmoor area. This taking place in conjunction with CDE, Environment Agency and Devon Wildlife Trust. At present a date is being arranged to meet up and discuss the programme.

The state of disrepair to the road at the Sawmills/Washmoor area has been reported to Highways. Due to excess rainfall the pipe leading under the road cannot take the flow, subsequently it cascades on to the road which in turn has caused the damage. This will be followed up by Cllr Quant.

## 7. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

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

**ACTION** – The Chair is arranging a meeting for Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm to discuss all matters relating to the Recreation Ground; signage, keys, pitch inspection, etc.

### *Signage for the Rec Field*

**ACTION** – as noted above.

### *Financial Transparency*

**ACTION** – Cllr Wensley reported on further transparency recommendations and made the following comments:

- That the monthly Financial Report be published online together with the Agenda (already published) each month
- That the Annual Governance and Accounting Return be published online by 30<sup>th</sup> June each year prior to being sent to External Audit

These recommendations were approved by the council and will be implemented to begin in April of this year.

### *Funding for Devon Air Ambulance*

**ACTION** – To be discussed at the next meeting regarding proposed Fund raising/donation from Capital Account.

### *Review of Recreation Field voluntary trial scheme from March 2018 to date*

**RESOLVED** – It was agreed by councillors that the recommendations agreed in March 2018 regarding the monitoring of the Recreation Field with unrestricted access to dogs has been successful and that the restriction on dogs be set aside. The field will continue to be monitored by Friends of the Recreation Ground and regular reports will be submitted to the parish council. The suggestion that the Football Club should provide and maintain a dispenser for dog gloves on the Pavilion was not considered acceptable and residents were reminded that all dog owners were expected to provide their own dog gloves which are now available in the Community Shop in cases of emergency use.

**Franks Patch** – Following a meeting with Clinton Devon Estates concerns were raised about the clearance of this area of overgrown land which runs parallel to Middle Street. The land was cleared without consultation with residents. CDE apologised for the lack of consultation and said that the land should have been cleared 8 years ago when the tenant died, but was left and became overgrown providing a habitat for wildlife. The site was cleared because of the rubbish that had been part of the land; glass, bricks, asbestos and other dangerous materials. CDE said they had no further plans for the site apart from clearance. Life-long residents of the village expressed concern about the natural spring which was part of the site and no longer had the stability provided by the trees and bushes which had all been removed making the supporting bank unstable. The site could now be liable to flooding which could affect houses opposite.

## 8. PLANNING

### Applications to be considered.

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
8.1	19/0413/FUL	Bicton College, East Budleigh	Proposed siting of two floating holiday accommodation units, including the construction of associated floating jetties, log/recycling/refuse store, luggage trolley store and other associated works. <b>Objections: Unsuitable siting, disturbance to wildlife, no reference to a dam which was built into the lake to prevent flooding into neighbouring land. Further detailed reports needed.</b>

### Decisions from EDDC to planning applications

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
17/1813/FUL	The Rolle Arms, EB	Refused
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
19/0020/FUL	Hayes Barton, Hayes Lane, EB	Awaiting a Decision
19/0413/FUL	Bicton College, Bicton	Awaiting a Decision

## 9. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

**Chairman** – The Chair and the clerk attended a meeting at Clinton Devon Estates regarding the clearing of Frank's Patch and the dissatisfaction associated with the clearance and lack of communication between CDE and residents. The Chair, Vice Chair and clerk attended the invited gathering to mark the end of District Councillor Tom Wright as Mayor of Budleigh Salterton.

**Clerk** – The clerk reported that David Hinchcliffe, our internal auditor is seriously ill and unable to undertake this work. An independent accountancy firm, NSG (Natalie and Spencer Giles) who already deal with Colton Raleigh accounts have been approached and are willing to undertake our audit. Agreed by councillors.

**Recreation** – The clerk will pursue the problem of tyres left on the Rec Ground by the Keep Fit Group.

**Parish Paths Partnership** – The broken gate on EB13 footpath at the field boundary with the north side of the Recreation Ground has been replaced with a metal kissing gate. EB12 footpath, which runs from near the electricity sub-station

on Hayes Lane up the hill to the Hayeswood lane/track, has two new gates and is open again for normal use.

**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** – No report.

**Flood Warden** – Cllr Quant will report at the next meeting

**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 facilities .....**by 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.

Cllr Wensley reported on the progress of funding for Yettington Hall refurbishment. At present a grant of £5000 had been obtained and it was agreed that choices remaining for further project advancement would be discussed at the next meeting.

## 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.

### March 2019 – Bills for payment

• Sse toilets – Hayes Lane	£ 56.22	1035
• East Budleigh Village Hall hire – February	£ 24.00	1036
• North Devon clerk's salary	£890.11	1037
• CDE Rec Ground annual rent	£695.00	1038
• EDDC annual rates – car park	£883.80	1039

**Total**            **£2549.13**

**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.*

- It was noted that the car park at Bystock pond has been closed.
- Residents reported that several Rights of Way within the village which had been in regular use have disappeared and DCC are to investigate this.
- An East Budleigh tree register is being put together by residents.

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING –** this meeting will take place at **7.00pm** on Tuesday, 30 April 2019. Clinton Devon Estates will provide a speaker on this occasion.

This will be followed at 7.30pm by the April parish council meeting.

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**

Signed .....Chairman Date .....