

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 24 September 2019 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

PRESENT

Cllrs		
M Smith		J Carter
M Walters		Mrs P Hayman (V. Chair)
C Taunton		D Wensley
P Barnard		

District councillors P Jarvis, A Dent and T Wright and Cty Cllr C Channon.
1 member of the public was present.

Before the meeting began the Vice Chair reported that the clerk/RFO had sent in her letter of resignation effective from 31 December 2019. Cllr C Taunton had also sent in a letter of resignation effective immediately. The two vacant posts will be advertised as soon as possible. The Vice Chair conducted the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

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 23 September 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 Cllr Ms S Miller and the Chair, Valerie Lister.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the July meeting were confirmed and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Cllr Taunton declared a non-pecuniary interest in 8.1 and a pecuniary interest was expressed on behalf of Cllr Lister on 8.2.
Risk Assessment was given by the Vice Chair.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** Cty Cllr Channon reported that the speeding signs at the top of East Budleigh Hill had been relocated as requested. It has been noted that work is taking place to stabilise Brick Cross monument. Otterton School and Drakes School will become part of the Link administration on 1 October.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

Cllr Dent – Cllr Dent commented that increased parking charges were being proposed. EDDC was also keen to introduce parking charges in the two free car parks in Station Road and Brook Road. Station Road car park was given to Budleigh Salterton as a free parking area by Clinton Devon Estates and the town council will endeavour for it to remain so.

Cllr Jarvis - On October 18th a Licensing and Enforcement subcommittee meeting was held and I as Chair had the privilege to licence the first zero emissions taxi in East Devon. We had the meeting as the council's policies only allow for vehicles with no less than 1000cc engine size. Electric cars which run on batteries have no engine capacity. By granting the license it now allows the council to amend its policy to include electric and other forms of zero emission vehicles in future taxi applications.

Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel;
On October 13th I attended a meeting in Plymouth where the Police Commissioner asked the panel, which is made up with representatives from all councils in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to support her in her request for a "Summer Grant" to assist in funding the force to deal with the large increase of people who come to the area for holidays. The region has 45 million overnight stays per year. It comes in first over London for overnight stays by UK residents and 2nd only to London for International visitors. This causes great strains on resources.

One of the areas in a report on Crime levels that caused the panel concern is the increase of "Violence with Injury". There had been an increase nationally of 7%, but in our region the levels rose by 11%. 1/3 of these incidents are from Domestic Abuse and 31% of these crimes have alcohol as a factor. Domestic abuse is more likely to go unreported in rural areas.

We also had a demonstration from the Forensic Team who displayed new time saving devices such as portable fingerprint scanners, which link to the national database along with heat activated video recorders. This frees up responding officers times in not only identifying individuals, but also in writing reports as the videos are used for that purpose if needed.

Cllr Wright – No report.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Devon & Somerset Fire Consultation

RESOLVED – Cllr Wensley attended the meeting in Colaton Raleigh. Cty Cllr Channon reported that the consultation which had taken place was flawed. With so many local fire stations designated for closure and the Exmouth Fire Station to be manned part-time Cty Cllr Channon said that the local area was particularly vulnerable as many local villages had houses occupied by elderly and infirm persons. Many local houses were also at risk because they were cob built and thatched.

Capital update

ACTION - The Council has already committed the first tranche of funds already received to the Yettington Hall refurbishment upgrade. With regard to prospective further funds, as these are due for receipt in future tranches it would be inappropriate to commit funds at this time. As and when funds are received there are a number of projects identified already from the parish consultation and the neighbourhood plan for consideration at that time.

PLAY

Quotations for a trampoline on the village green came in considerably over budget. This has been reported back to Jamie Buckley (EDDC) for any further suggestion or comment and a response is awaited.

SPORT

Following consultation with interested parties and discussion by councillors, it was agreed to contact the football and tennis clubs to comment on the specific proposal to site a pair of 5-a-side goals / nets in the green area to the rear of the tennis court.

OPEN SPACES

Following parish consultation, a list of projects was presented to the meeting. It was requested that Councillors give due consideration to this list in order that specific project recommendations may be made at the next meeting.

Bus Shelter Access Improvement – to be discussed at the next meeting.

7. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

8. PLANNING – Cllr D Wensley

Applications to be considered.

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
8.1	19/1524/FUL	Windy Ridge, Vicarage Road, EB	Front, side and rear extensions, alterations to existing opening and provision of cladding/render. No objections.

8.2	19/1972/TRE	East Budleigh Botanical Gardens	Various trees for dead wooding, pollarding, removal due to poor heath and due to expire. All tree removals will be replaced with conifers from the international conifer conservation programme at RGBE. No objections.
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Decisions from EDDC to planning applications

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
19/1202/VAR	Pooh Cottage Holiday site	Approved with conditions
19/1403/FUL	Brookside Cottage. Dalditch Lane, Budleigh Salterton	Awaiting a decision
19/1524/FUL	Windy Ridge, Vicarage Rd. EB	Approved with conditions
19/1972/TRE	East Budleigh Botanical Gardens	Awaiting a decision
19/1761/TCA	Wynards House, 1 High Street, EB	Approved. Standard time limit.
19/1521/MFUL	Land North of South Farm Cotts. BS	Awaiting a decision.

9. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Chair – No report.

Clerk – AGAR External Audit had been completed and returned satisfactorily. It has been displayed on the website and notice boards for the stated time. The second part of the precept has been received. Hydro-Logic reported that the rain gauge is not working as the battery needs replacing which they will attend to in the next few weeks. All of the repairs reported to EDDC and DCC are in the process of being dealt with. A resident asked for approval to plant a Mimosa tree to replace one that had died on the green area in Wynards Road entrance.

Enquiries had been made regarding the planting of the original tree and no objections had been raised by the lady involved concerning the planting of a replacement. Review of NALC pay scales for 2018/19 confirmed with Vice Chair.

Recreation Ground – It was suggested that Kate Ponting from CDE be contacted regarding the removal of tyres left on the Rec Ground by a previous keep fit group.

Parish Paths Partnership – No report.

Drakes School – It was reported that the children were ready to start their learning after the restful break. The interior of Drake's School has been redecorated. There are lots of events planned for the coming year and the school calendar of events can be viewed on the school website or facebook pages.

Village Hall – No report.

East Budleigh Dog owners Forum – No report.

Public conveniences – In a good and clean condition.

Flood Warden – Cllr Walters reported that he had two further meetings with Kevin Quant and now has a good understanding of the flow of the brook and current arrangements to cope with flash weather events. An Environment Agency meeting during October is planned. Discussions will include the state of the culvert and overgrown areas of the brook in Yettington. Leaflets have been circulated by the EA to home owners with responsibility for keeping their side of the brook clear and free flowing. Beaver questionnaires were posted by Exeter University team throughout the village. Empty sandbags have been ordered for the village. Cllr Walters is attending a Devon Community Resilience workshop on 30 October in Plymouth and Cllr Walters is now a member of the Resilience Forum.

Any Other Reports – Cllr Carter had attended a meeting of the LORD project Stakeholder Group earlier in the day.

Whilst the last stakeholders meeting had been some 12 months ago, there had been considerable progress on the various technical and funding aspects of the project. A site had been selected and planning application was now in the system for the relocation of the cricket field. The overall progress was now at a stage to arrange a public consultation (probably before the end of the year) and prior to the planning application on the development/ landscaping aspects. A full environmental impact assessment needed to be completed. Other issues such as site access and parking (especially for the northern part of the project in Otterton Parish) needed further discussion. It was suggested the public consultation could be held by the project team at the East Budleigh Public Hall.

The meeting also heard the latest report from the FAB project. The view was any changes in timetable could be incorporated in the final LORD submission.

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.

August 2019 – Bills for payment

		Cheque No.
•	East Budleigh village hall hire – July	£ 24.00
•	Hydro-Logic services rain gauge – annual	£1135.20
•	Skinner Construction – toilet seat replacement	£ 347.60
•	EBPCC – meeting room hire – July	£ 6.00
•	Wallgate Limited – repairs and spares	£ 397.14
•	North Devon – clerk's salary & expenses	£ 904.20
•	Jon Roseway – P3 expenses	£ 36.74
•	PKF External Audit	£ 240.00
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September 2019 – Bills for payment

• Speednames (Netnames Ltd) – paid by card	£ 47.50	
• EBPCC hall hire – August	£ 6.00	1071
• Phs Group – sanitary collection	£ 91.80	1072
• EDDC Toilets cleaning – annual	£4393.62	1073
• North Devon – clerk's salary & expenses	£ 862.94	1074
• John Tresidder – War Memorial garden	£ 115.00	1075
• Sse Southern Electric – toilets	£ 22.14	1076
• Ash Services – Yettington roof	£4512.00	1077
Total	£13,141.88	

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.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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.

- Minutes of the latest HUB meeting were available for viewing.
- Cty Cllr Channon expressed grave concerns regarding the proposed closure of Shandford (Abbeyfield) Nursing Home in Budleigh Salterton. A public meeting is to be held soon to discuss legality of the proposed sale. The original home was given for the care of the elderly and infirm from local surrounding villages.
- Cty Cllr Channon also asked that the subject of speeding in Frogmore Lane be placed on the next meeting Agenda.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – This meeting will take place at **7.30pm** on Tuesday, 29 October 2019 in East Budleigh Village Hall.

SignedChairman Date