

## EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Virtual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

**PRESENT:** D. Wensley (Chair), J. Tresidder, J. Shaw, M. Walters, J. Carter, District Councillor A. Dent. Apologies from T. Wright & F. Ward. County Councillor C. Channon was not able to connect.

Chair, Cllr. Wensley announced that Patsy Hayman has resigned due to pressure of other work. She kindly stayed on to assist during the height of the pandemic. Councillor Wensley thanked her for her service and especially in her role as Vice Chair.

Cllr. Wensley asked for nominations for Vice-Chair, but none were forthcoming. He asked the clerk to follow this up, in preparation for the next meeting.

The **MINUTES** of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were approved by all.

There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**County Councillor Christine Channon:** She sent a written report (see website). She and Councillor Walters were working on Traffic Calming.

**District Councillor Alan Dent** reported that Dublin Aerospace are to set up an overhaul facility at Exeter Airport. They will be recruiting between 100 to 250 engineers. He reported that the Exmouth road was in need of repair. At a traffic meeting it was learnt that the repair was schedule for 2021, but after pressure from those present, Highways agreed to carry out temporary repairs in the meantime

**MATTERS ARISING** from the previous Minutes: Councillor Wensley asked for Council approval of the Specification for refurbishment of the Public Toilets and permission to go out to tender. All agreed.

### **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Telephone Box.** This has been bought by the Council for £1. Cllr. Wensley asked for suggestions for its use to be brought to the next meeting.
2. **TRIP** – request for a donation. Council declined at the moment due to costs likely to occur in respect of refurbishing the Public Toilets, but it might be considered later in the year. Clerk will inform them.
3. Cllr. Walters said he had received complaints about **fly posting** in the Village. The Council expressed their strong disapproval for the displaying of any posters in unauthorised places.

Councillors were asked to remove such posters themselves. Councillor Dent recommended the EDDC App which can be downloaded on a smart phone. Complaints of all kinds including fly posters and potholes can be reported and will receive prompt attention. He said residents should be encouraged to report matters directly to EDDC themselves. This is more effective than emails to a busy department. The Clerk will put up a notice on the Parish boards about the illegality of such posters.

4. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr. Wensley provided a written report. He confirmed that Sue Cooper, a volunteer & qualified consultant, has reviewed the Neighbourhood Plan. No update is necessary, though planning regulations may change this in the future. She will continue to gather data and keep Council/Parish Clerk informed; the Parish Clerk to advise EDDC (Angela King) accordingly. Council agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan is in conformity with all current EDLP and NPPF regulations.
5. **NHP Community Actions:** Council approved that the clerk follows up the actions indicated for her attention on the list provided. Cllr. Wensley asked the clerk to circulate the report on Completed Actions, drawn up by Stan Roberts last year. He asked Councillors to look at the outstanding actions and see if there were any they could advance. Cllr. Tresidder will liaise with the clerk about the Community Shop. Cllr. Carter reminded Council that Millwater School is not in our Parish. He will do CA17 and explained that CA2 effectively comes under the ELMS project. Re CA15, that land is now in private ownership. Updates on CAs to be reported at the November meeting.

## **REPORTS:**

**Chair** – Cllr. Wensley referred Councillors to Cllr Fiona Ward's report. Some steps were being taken in respect of the Nature Trail. Costings are urgently needed to check the feasibility of the scheme before it progresses further. The Nature Trail itself was approved at the June Council meeting. Funds to come from the Open Spaces Grant of £3,900.00 Cllr. Wensley will ask Cllr. Ward to present the scheme and costs at the next meeting. Cllr. John Shaw reminded Council, from his own experience, that it can take a long time to prepare interpretation boards. Cllr. Wensley asked permission for surplus funds to be spent on fitting a safety gate on the path to the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Wensley said the clerk was investigating the possibility of providing play equipment to the Village Hall, from the Section 106 play & sport grant. All voted in favour of the schemes and potential expenditure of funds.

Cllr. Wensley asked Cllr. Mike Smith to obtain costs for purchasing and fitting an inner gate on the rec. Cllr. Smith is in ill health, so agreed to let Council know if he cannot complete the task.

**Recreation & Dog Forum.** The football club has recommenced playing. The clerk forwarded a report from Cllr. Tresidder on the state of the pitch and the seating area to the Football Club.

**Drakes School** – Cllr. Shaw applied for the role but Cllr. Wensley advised that as Cllr. Ward is currently in talks with them on the Environment, it might be best to wait before any permanent decision is made.

**Parish Paths** – a report from Jon Roseway confirmed all is well.

**Village Hall/Shop/Police Committee/Climate Emergency** – Cllr. Tresidder provided a report. He is in talks with DCC about electric charging points.

**Emergency Action Plan:** Cllr. Walters confirmed funds had been received and 500 booklets, giving advice to parishioners, are being printed and will be received tomorrow. A copy will be delivered to each resident with the November Church Magazine.

**Traffic Calming:** Cllr. Walters provided a report. Progress is being made towards finding a solution for controlling traffic entering the village (with the assistance of Cllr. Channon). They attended a meeting with Emma Stamp of Highways. Cllr. Walters has obtained a quote for electronic speeding signs in anticipation of next steps. Council approved his request to be the Parish Council representative on the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group. Cllr. Dent reminded Council the EDDC app also enables reporting of traffic issues.

**Lower Otter Restoration Project:-** Cllr. Carter said the Plan is now on the website and in the Parish Magazine

**BS Cricket Field:** Further work will be done in the Spring  
Jaqui Best has done an excellent report on the **Conservation Area,**

## **Planning**

**20/0995/VAR & 20/0996/VAR:** Council chose to object on the grounds that occupancy is not permitted for year-round use. They also support the report by OVA.

**20/1300/FUL:** Council agreed to the proposal but recommended the roof remain thatched to be in character with the area.

**20/1842/FUL:** Council agreed to the proposal, but recommended roof and walls match existing dwelling

**Monthly Transactions:** All invoices were approved.

**Financial Statements:** All were approved.

The meeting closed at 9.51 pm  
The next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020