

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Virtual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2020.

PRESENT: D. Wensley (Chair), F. Ward (by telephone), J. Tresidder, J. Shaw, M. Walters, J. Carter, District Councillor A. Dent. and T. Wright. County Councillor C. Channon for most of the meeting. Apologies from S. Miller, P. Jarvis & P. Hayman.

The **MINUTES** of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 25th May 2020 were approved by all.

There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

County Councillor Christine Channon reported that recycling centres are now open and working normally, provided they only receive small amounts. She said that the Budleigh Hub wants to attract more commercial interest and increase publicity, with possible rebranding, as currently only the Budleigh areas are using the meals service and not Exmouth residents. Cllr. Channon promised to chase up on the Brick Cross repairs which are long overdue. She said that Devon was not seeing large outbreaks of Covid 19 and the public needed to return to attending hospitals for delayed treatments.

District Councillor Alan Dent reported that following a meeting today of himself, the Clerk, Clare James from CDE and Darren from Planning, agreement was reached that the planner, now armed with the correct contact details, will pursue Vodafone for early replacement of two trees. He was much encouraged about the potential plans of the Parish Council to engage with the local community and CDE over planting of additional trees. Cllr. Dent reminded us that donations to help with tree planting can be made to the Woodland Trust. Cllr. Dent also reported that plans were in place to make Budleigh High Street one way, in order to enable people to social distance when queuing at shops.

Cllr. Wright also reported the Budleigh Cricket Club is nearly up and running, but they need a Chairman & Secretary.

There were no **MATTERS ARISING** from the previous Minutes.

Councillors approved the Clerk's report on the **Council's activities during Covid**, which will be updated when the pandemic is over.

Public Toilets: There was a detailed debate over how to open the Toilets safely and whether to start refurbishments. Councillors agreed to the additional expenses for sanitising and deep cleaning to November. It was agreed plans and estimates of costs would be made for refurbishment of the toilets during the Winter months. These plans would be brought before Council for their approval. Cllr. Walters & Cllr. Channon also suggested a local self-employed cleaner might be more cost-effective.

Further attempts will be made by the Clerk to find one. Cllr. Smith wondered if a charge should be made for using the Toilets. Currently the contract with Wallgate has been suspended but they can be called out if necessary for repairs to the hand cleansing machines. Cllr. Wensley explained that we could use monies from our CIL fund for refurbishment - improvement purposes as this was supported in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Wright applauded this use of funds and suggested the Parishioners should be made aware of this useful expenditure.

Councillor Advocate Scheme Representative with Police. Cllr. John Tresidder was appointed.

The Council approved an **adjustment to our Publication Scheme Chart referenced by the Standing Orders**, to embrace new digital methods of working and to agree that Minutes need only be placed in the Information Bureau and online, rather than copious pages being placed on Notice Boards. The Clerk said information was on the Notice Boards advising the public to go to the Parish Council website.

An incident on spraying the **Football Pitch** was discussed. The Football Club has agreed in future to erect notices in advance of any spraying, so that residents are aware and can keep off the pitch until the herbicide has dissipated.

Cllr. Wensley had reviewed the Council's **Risk Register and Financial Regulations** which were now up to date and approved by Council.

There was a brief discussion about the proposed planting of trees / nature trail, as mentioned earlier in the Meeting. This project is ongoing and being managed by Cllr. Tresidder & Cllr. Ward. Cllr. Wensley explained that we may be able to use funds from our Section 106 Open Space fund of £3,924.00

REPORTS

Clerk' Report: There were no Village matters. She asked who should be the stakeholder for the ELMS environmental project. It was agreed that the Clerk would take on this administrative role and report to Cllr. Carter as the Council's co-ordinator.

Recreation & Dog Forum: Cllr. Smith was pleased to report that there had been no signs of dog mess on the Recreation Ground for some time. Also, he referred to a roped area that had been put in place for re-seeding. The Clerk had approached the Football Club and asked that they place a sign so that residents knew the Air Ambulance had been informed. This had been done promptly.

Drakes' School: Cllr. Channon reported that the Reception, year one and two classes were back. All pupils will be able to return in September.

Parish Paths: Jon Roseway's report confirmed he was now strimming in the area. One area was outstanding until StreetScene had a glazier available due to possible stone damage to nearby houses.

Cllr. Tresidder reported that the **Shop** is now open for customers to enter, one at a time. This is in addition to their phone line service. A delay has been caused by the failure of the Till which will be replaced within a couple of days. The Council again thanked all the Shop staff and Management for their hard work. The gravel area beside the shop has been tidied and planted up with herbs by East Budleigh In Bloom.

Cllr. Tresidder reported that the **Village Hall** hopes to open soon.

Emergency Action Plan: Cllr. Walters said there is a local Outbreak Plan. Devon County Council is one of 11 beacons who will get a share of a £300 million fund to supplement the Test & Trace process in the area.

Neighbourhood Plan & Lower Otter: Cllr. Carter reported that Sue Cooper, a Chartered Town Planner, who had assisted in the development of the original Neighbourhood Plan, has offered her expertise again. There is also a wider “Greater Exeter Project” and a National Framework, which will feed into our plans.

PLANNING

Ref 20/1081/FUL The Wedge, Inner Ting Tong – No Objections

Ref 18/2445/FUL Elgarth, Dalditch Lane – No Objections but a comment to be added asking planners to take note of the East Budleigh Neighbourhood Plan Community Action 27 (d) at the end of Chapter 12 about house extensions: “Materials are sympathetic with the materials of the existing building”.

Ref 20/0972/FUL Sapplings Day Nursery – No Objections to planning consent as a dwelling.

20/115/FUL 5 Collins Park – No Objections

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: All bills and bank statements were approved. The Clerk said she has now opened a Savings Account with Santander. Capital sum can now be swiftly transferred from the Current Account. The former Clerk is arranging to transfer funds from the old Nationwide Treasurer’s Account to Santander. Cllr. Wensley explained that although our bank balance changes all the time, we have an average surplus of around £10,000.00 as our emergency fund.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 09.08 pm
The next Virtual Meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 7.30 pm