

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.

PRESENT

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| Cllrs | Miss J D Ware | M Clarke |
| | M Smith | S Roberts |
| | A Tweedie | P Barnard |
| | D Buss | T Cantlon |
| | Mrs A Bowsher-Grief | |

District Councillors S Hall and A Dent were in attendance.

There were approximately 8 members of the public present.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and there was no police report.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Dist. Cllrs R Bloxham and T Wright. Cllr J White.
2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the February 2015 Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair. There were no declarations of interest.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Follow up on Speedwatch Initiative – No further report.

Hayes Lane car park/toilets – Cllr Clarke reported that the parish council and EDDC were ready to exchange contracts. We are waiting for the Traffic Order to be put in place. C Rooke from Highways will reinstate the order as before.

Nomination packs – The clerk reported that all nomination packs had been given out to those wishing to stand for election as parish councillors for East Budleigh, Bicton and Yettington. New rules apply in that those wishing to be nominated can live within 3 miles of the East Budleigh boundary although those persons nominating must live within the East Budleigh, Bicton, Yettington boundary.

Flooding in East Budleigh update – It was reported that a ‘Drop In’ session has been arranged by Kate Taylor of the Environment Agency. This will take place on 23 April when residents will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns they might have regarding flood risk in East Budleigh. It is expected that Kate Taylor will give a comprehensive report following the Drop In session. Kate Taylor is in discussions with Clinton Devon Estates regarding the siting of a rain monitor.

5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Proposed installation of defibrillator machine for East Budleigh – A report is awaited from Cty Cllr Mrs Channon.

Traffic calming and impact of 9 Middle Street, East Budleigh – Cllr White was not in attendance therefore this item will be on the Agenda for April.

Ground maintenance quote – The new quote has been received from EDDC regarding ground maintenance work for the coming year 2015/16. The clerk was instructed to contact EDDC about the increase (£219) to see if a more reasonable increase could be negotiated.

Toilets in Hayes Lane quote – Streetscene have quoted a price for cleaning only of the toilets when they are handed over to the parish council. The clerk has been instructed to ask for a ‘like for like’ quote also which will include maintenance.

Replacement chairs for the Village Hall – Mr J Shaw presented the current Village Hall accounts and gave a report on the need for replacement chairs. He stated that the present chairs which were obtained at a large discount, were considered too heavy to comply with Health & Safety rules. Although the Village Hall accounts showed a large surplus (£42,000) Mr Shaw said that this money was needed for several urgent projects: the roof is in need of repair/replacement, outside tarmac is in need of attention due to tree roots breaking it up, several windows need replacing and resurfacing is also needed. Mr Shaw also pointed out that half of the Village Hall rent is derived from Little Otters Playgroup. Cllr Tweedie asked if the chairs could not be re-sold but they were bought at such a large discount that the manufacturers were not interested in buying them back. Mr Shaw had originally asked if the parish council would be willing to pay for the chairs so that the VAT could be reclaimed for the Village Hall. The Village Hall would have to pay the parish council the full cost of the new chairs before this could be implemented. Mr Shaw also presented 3 quotes obtained for the new chairs. The VAT claim was proposed as acceptable by Cllr P Barnard, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed by councillors.

Finances on website – Cllr Clarke proposed that future audited accounts should be available on the village website, this would include last year’s accounts.

6. PLANNING – Cllr S Roberts

| | Plan no. & Type | Location | Proposed Development |
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| 6.1 | 15/0601/FUL | Highfield, Middletown Lane, East Budleigh | Construction of two storey side extension and pitched roof over existing flat roof. No objections |
| 6.2 | 15/0402/FUL | Little Oak Hill, Oak Hill, East Budleigh | Construction of single storey side extension. No objections. |

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

| Reference | Location | EDDC Decision |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 14/2342/FUL | 21 High Street, E.B. | Decision awaited |
| 14/2794/LBC | The Old Forge, Bicton College | Decision awaited |
| 14/2959/MOUT | Frogmore Road Development | Decision awaited |

*** recommendations put forward by EBPC**

Cllr Roberts submitted a report concerning the Outline Planning Application 14/2959/MOUT.

“The East Budleigh PC has raised objections to the Outline Planning Application 14/2959/MOUT. The Council’s views were endorsed by Hugo Swire who wrote.....’I have written to the Chief Executive of EDDC, Mark Williams, to convey the concerns that you and other local residents have expressed about the potential over-development of East Budleigh. I have also referred this matter to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles MP. I have asked the Secretary of State to look into this matter and comment on the concerns expressed’.

Cllr Roberts reported that a new Local Plan was agreed by the EDDC on 25 March and has been forwarded to an Inspector. If accepted by the Inspector the document will go out for consultation (to the parish councils etc....) for a period of eight weeks. Already published is a document entitled Strategic Housing Market Assessment, for Exeter and East Devon *inter alia*. East Devon will be required to build about 700 houses per year. In towns such as Exmouth affordable housing should comprise *ca* 25% of the total, within the Built Up Area Boundaries (BUABs) of villages such as East Budleigh *ca* 50% of the total, and outside such Boundaries *ca* 66% of the total. Building within the BUAB will be subject to the usual Planning Regulations. Building outside the BUAB will be in response only to local need or within the terms of a Neighbourhood Plan. A section of the new Local Plan (Strategy 27) the BUAB for East Budleigh ‘will be designated in the East Devon Village DPD though it will not have land specifically allocated for developmentIf the community wishes to promote development other than that which is supported through this strategy and other strategies in the (Local) Plan, they will need to produce a Neighbourhood Plan justifying how and why, in the local context, the development will promote the objectives of sustainable development.’ The BUAB will be the subject of further consideration and consultation when the Villages Development Plan has been drafted. Cllr Roberts believed that, at the relevant time, it will be very important for the EB Parish Council to inspect the BUAB proposed for the village. Cllr Roberts proposed that a Neighbourhood Plan for East Budleigh with Bicton should be compiled and requested assistance from fellow Councillors. Cllr Roberts reported that a letter from the Minister of State for Housing and Planning (dated 27 March) indicated that grants were available for support of the scheme i.e. for the preparation of the Plan.” Proposed actions included....(a) Cllr Roberts to write to the Clerk of Otterton PC to ascertain how far the Otterton group had proceeded in compiling a Neighbourhood Plan. (b) Cllr Roberts to obtain an Application Form from the EDDC to apply for a ‘Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area’.

7. REPORTS

Chairman – No report.

Clerk – No report.

Drakes School – No report.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr David Buss gave his report which is in the Minute file.

Recreation – No report.

Britain in Bloom – No report.

Village Hall - As reported in 5.5

East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum - No report.

East Budleigh Relief in Need – No report.

Public Conveniences – In a satisfactory condition.

Neighbourhood Health Watch – No report.

Any other reports – None.

8. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

The Clerk gave out the monthly cash statement and report. She asked for several cheques to be passed for signature. These were proposed, seconded and carried.

- JRB Enterprises (dog gloves)
- North Devon Council – clerk’s salary and expenses
- A & J Carpenters – 106 money
- EDDC Ground Maintenance work
- EDDC Toilet maintenance and cleaning
- EDDC Annual dog bin emptying
- CDE Rec Field rent
- Morgan & Pope Solicitors
- East Budleigh Village Hall hire
- Xylem Holdings Ltd – 106 money

9. 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.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 28 April 2015 at East Budleigh Village Hall. A presentation will be given by Mr Rob Jones and Dr J Mejzner with details of the proposed plans for The Hub project. This will begin at 6.45pm followed by the April Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm. Plans to view at 6.30pm.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Cllrs Barnard and Cantlon will make a note of the traffic including horse boxes driving through Yettington towards the Arena over the Easter holidays. They will then pass their findings to Clinton Devon Estates.

SignedChairman Date

OPEN SESSION

TOPICS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND BY COUNTY
AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

It was noted that no decisions could be made, but matters were discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information.