

## **EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of East Budleigh with Bicton held on Tuesday, 28 April 2015 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh**

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<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Cllrs</b>	<b>Miss J D Ware (Chair)</b>	<b>M Clarke</b>
		<b>S Roberts</b>	<b>J White</b>
		<b>Mrs A Bowsher-Grief</b>	<b>P Barnard</b>
		<b>D Buss</b>	<b>M Smith</b>
		<b>T Cantlon</b>	

There were 15 members of the public present and a member of the press. District Councillor S Hall, and Cty Cllr Mrs Channon was also present.

Mr Rob Jones (Manager of The Hub) gave a talk on the new Hub, formerly Budleigh Salterton Hospital. Dr Mejnzer was unable to attend.

The plans for Budleigh Hospital involve developing a Health and Well-being centre or 'Hub' that will offer a range of NHS and other health and welfare services to people of all ages from October 2015. The project's formal name is The Budleigh Salterton Hospital Health and Wellbeing Hub. However a shorter name and logo will be decided with community input.

A Hub is a term used to describe a place where many different services and organisations are based. This usually has focus on a building, but can be virtual – internet or literature based.

Around 60% of services at the hospital will be NHS led clinics, with the remainder covering welfare, Mental Health, Services for older people, Healthy living support, Carers support, services to young people and many others.

The Hub covers all villages and towns around the Woodbury, Exmouth and Budleigh (WEB) areas. A population of some 48,000 people. Anyone can use the Hub. People would be able to refer friends, family or neighbours to the Hub via phone, email or in person. We see this as being especially effective for the elderly living alone, and those feeling isolated or unsure who to speak to about health and welfare related issues.

It is anticipated that a range of social activities, such as arts, sport, dances and other social events will provide opportunities for people to socialise, there will also be an internet café, Gym, public WiFi and health education space.

Community engagement is key and the project would seek to connect with local communities at all levels. Continuing consultation will ensure that the most appropriate services are available and that effective transportation is in place for those that need it. The Budleigh Hospital Health and Well-being centre will be open to anyone of any age or background.

We welcome suggestions and ideas for the Centre. Please contact Rob Jones on Tel: 078954 10642. Email: [R.Jones@westbankfriends.org](mailto:R.Jones@westbankfriends.org) for more information. Alternatively our website has more details on the potential services available: <http://budleighhospitalhub.org/>

## 1. **CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2014/2015:**

The Review was given by Cllr Miss J D Ware. A full and comprehensive review is available in the Minute File. The following is a summary of the last year. The Chair commented on the many meetings and functions she had attended; Full Council Meetings, Cabinet, Overseeing and Scrutiny which gave an insight into the workings of the local District Council. One of the meetings prompted the Chair to contact the CEO of "Silver Line" a charity which supports the bereaved. The CEO arranged for an article to be published in the parish magazine to enable residents in need of help to have a contact life-line.

The Chair was also most impressed with her visit to Millwater School (for children with special needs, some with a terminal illness). The facilities and care offered were outstanding and she felt that the cost of Millwater School (7.9 million) was worth every penny. The school is funded by DCC and the Education Authority.

**PLANNING:** Over 40 planning applications were considered by East Budleigh Parish Council. This included the outline plan to construct up to 21 dwellings on the Frogmore Road site (CO59). Concern was also expressed at the number of retrospective Planning Applications and a letter was sent to EDDC to this effect.

**RECREATION GROUND:** Dog bins and a free supply of dog gloves are provided by the parish council in an effort to keep the area clean for use by children as well as adults.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** The parish council have now embarked on the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan. One of the main advantages is that it gives the parish a "say" into planning applications that could all too easily encompass the village.

**PRECEPT:** The Precept for 2014/2015 was £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds). The precept for 2015/2016 is £20,539 (twenty thousand five hundred and thirty nine pounds) but £568 of this had to be included for election costs which we will not need to use as there are no contested candidates.

**DONATIONS AND GRANTS:** A total of £1,167.70 was given out in grants which included Cherrybrook Cancer Unit, Royal British Legion, Christmas tree for the Community Shop, East Budleigh Church bell appeal, Exmouth & District Community Transport, and East Budleigh in Bloom.

**HAYES LANE CAR PARK AND TOILETS:** Completion is held up due to legal requirements but should take place within the next few weeks.

**P3:** Our P3 co-ordinator (Cllr David Buss) gives a comprehensive monthly report on the condition of the network of Rights of Way. New equipment has been bought and a Health and Safety course in the use of the new equipment has been

attended by Cllr Buss to enable him to keep the pathways clear and useable for the general public.

**PARISHES TOGETHER FUND:** This allocation of money from EDDC equates to £1.10 per elector in the district. Towns and parishes are working together and involving their communities to try to solve local issues. East Budleigh has joined with Otterton Parish Council to use the “funds” to buy new books for their respective schools which works out at £509.50 per school.

**106 AGREEMENT FUND:** Last June parishioners voted for an outdoor table-tennis under the sport side of the agreement. The table has now been installed in the grounds of the Village Hall and thanks go to Brian Martin for all of his input to the project.

**ONGOING PROJECTS:** The review of the East Budleigh Flood Plan is ongoing with the help of Kate Taylor from the Environment Agency. An open meeting was held at the Church Hall on 23 April for the parishioners to ask and receive information that could be relevant in the event of a flood within the Village.

Traffic calming in the village is also a dominant factor and with help from County Councillor Christine Channon and input from parish councillors we will hopefully achieve in the near future a good result.

**FLOODING IN EAST BUDLEIGH UPDATE:** An open session was held by Kate Taylor from the Environment Agency at the Church Hall recently to inform/advise parishioners of areas within the village considered at risk. Over 40% of those properties considered at risk were represented by parishioners. Kate Taylor has been asked to bring her findings to the parish council as there is quite an expense involved to install a flood gauge monitor and long term maintenance, possibly on Woodbury Common.

2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 27 May, 2014 were received and confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.
3. **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS** by Public and Press: There was none.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....