EAST BUDLEIGH COMMUNITY SHOP

The Community Shop is steadily working its way back to normal working, and carefully building up the volunteer roster. The shop is now open from 9-5 on weekdays, 9-4 on Saturday and 9-12 on Sunday and newspapers are now paid for in the shop, by token or contactless card.

Under the Health Protection Regulations 2020 it is mandatory for face coverings to be worn by customers in the shop, and we have a very good stock of these. We do have some customers who are isolating, so we will continue with our collection/delivery service as long as necessary.

VILLAGE HALL

Following advice received from ACRE (Action with Communities In Rural England ), the Trustees of the Village Hall, have opened the Village Green, and now the playground. Supplies of sanitiser are available.

The position of the Hall itself, which of course includes the Visitor Information Point, is the subject of detailed risk assessments with the hall users, and some small groups may now be able to return safely

CLIMATE CHANGE

I attended a webinar organised by the Energy Saving Trust and Devon County Council which discussed how rural communities can catch up with the drive to provide a county-wide charging network for electric vehicles.

If we find there is a demand for charging points from residents without off-street parking, or from visitors, these could be installed in a council-owned car park with a 75% government subsidy, and possibly the remaining 25% paid by the commercial operator. I will be submitting a more detailed report after some further research.

COUNCILLOR ADVOCATE SCHEME (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner)

I have now been registered as a Cllr Advocate for East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council. This will provide the following facilities:-

1. Access to a quarterly meeting with the police at a local level

2. Access to councillor advocate themed seminars each year

3. Access to a named contact within the commissioner’s office

4. A bespoke advocate information directory

5. Quarterly key topic briefing documents specifically for advocates

6. Quarterly newsletter from the commissioner

7. Monthly Citizens in Policing newsletter

8. Notification of press releases issued by the police and the commissioner.

9. Access to police campaign materials (e.g. posters and leaflets)

10. Prior notification of and invitation to police arranged community engagement activities

***Cllr. John Tresidder.***