
**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday, 27 October 2015
in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

PRESENT

Cllrs	P Barnard	D Buss
	A Tweedie	T Cantlon
	M Smith	Mrs P Hayman
	M Clarke	J White

District Cllr A Dent

There was 1 member of the public present.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance but sent in her police report.

The Parish Council Meeting began at 7.30pm.

It has been proposed and agreed that members of the public be allowed to speak for **3 minutes** at the beginning of the meeting. This time scale will run to maximum of 30 minutes, therefore allowing 10 people to speak. This will bring EBPC in line with other town/parish councils. Members of the public wishing to speak on an Agenda item are requested to inform the clerk no later than 26 October. It should be noted that this is **NOT** a question and answer session, it simply provides a vehicle for the public to make the council aware of views of the public before discussing agenda items.

The clerk had received no requests from residents to comment on any Agenda item.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Dist. Cllrs. S Hall, G Jung, T Wright and Cty Cllr Mrs C Channon. Cllrs Mrs A Bowsher-Grief and Valerie Lister.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the September 2015 Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** There were no Declarations of Interest and Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING**

Visit to CDE regarding traffic through Yettington – A proposed visit to CDE regarding ongoing problems with traffic through Yettington to and from the Arena had not taken place. Cllr Cantlon felt that there had been a “cooling” of relations between the parish council and CDE as a result of unrelated difficulties

still being discussed between CDE and the parish council. The hope of working together on the traffic issues was not happening in spite of several letters being sent to CDE. There is also a safety issue which needs discussion and it was suggested that a petition from the residents of Yettington be sent to CDE and also a letter be sent to our MP Hugo Swire. Further discussion regarding a way forward will take place at the next meeting.

Telephone box in Yettington – Cllr Cantlon reported that the telephone box has now been decommissioned and offered to the parish council for the sum of £1. Cllrs agreed to this take-over and suggestions are invited as to its possible use.

Flooding Issues – Cllr Tweedie is the Flood Warden and will report back to the council with any future flooding issues.

Emails and Freedom of Information – The Chair reported that as a parish council we are fully accountable regarding emails under the Freedom of Information Act. Each councillor is responsible for storage of his/her emails. Cllr Clarke said that a mouse server was needed as a central point for the storing of emails. It was agreed that Cllrs Clarke, White and Cantlon would come together to find a solution.

5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

9 Middle Street Pinch Point – Cllr White expressed his frustration at the lack of progress regarding this area of contention. Further discussions seem to offer no solutions although it was agreed that double yellow lines were needed. Funding seems to be the reason for lack of progress in this respect.

Rain gauge for East Budleigh – DCC are going to draft a written agreement between Clinton Devon Estates and East Budleigh with Bicton parish council to formalise things. Once this is completed and signed, HydroLogic Services will be asked to install the rain gauge. This will take place this financial year.

Village WiFi connection for Village Hall – Cllr Clarke reported that the Village Hall and the Village Shop are keen to cooperate with installation of this “hot spot”. Cllr Clarke estimated that the overall costs would be quite small and it was hoped that the shop would make this payment. Cllr Clarke has agreed to sit on the Village Hall and Village Shop committees to discuss payment for overhead projector usage and installation. Cllrs agreed to the proposals being put forward when Cllr Clarke has confirmed details.

30mph in East Budleigh – Cllr White reported that following a recent meeting there was no indication that the 30mph limit would be changed as DCC said there was no justification for change. A Complaints Procedure was offered by Amanda Pitchford (DCC) if this decision was unacceptable. Cllrs agreed that Cllr White should write to DCC (cc to Hugo Swire, MP) laying out the facts and reasons for the proposed change. It had been suggested that “lack of funds” was the real reason for the decision by DCC.

East Budleigh Children’s Play Area – Alan Rainford, Treasurer of East Budleigh Village Hall has asked for funding towards the maintenance of the play area and equipment. Cllr Tweedie gave brief details of the Village Hall accounts and details of their monetary commitments regarding repair and maintenance of the

Village Hall itself. Cllr Buss was asked by councillors to consult with the Village Hall committee as to the actual costing needs for the Children’s Play area and report back at the next meeting.

Parishes Together Funding – We have been reminded that the closing date for the Parishes Together Fund is approaching. We have suggested joining with Otterton Parish Council to continue with the gulley cleaning work which was started last year. This should be an on-going procedure to keep the villages safe from flooding due to blocked drains and gulleys. The clerk will contact Otterton Parish Council for their thoughts on this suggestion.

6. PLANNING – Cllr T Cantlon

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
6.1	15/2286/LBC	Sandy Cross Barn, Yettington, ED9 7BW	Removal and repositioning of internal wall between kitchen & dining room and retention of works involving installation of additional roof light and modifications to floor plans approved under LBC ref: 03/P2427. No objections.

Additional correspondence and reports. Hayes Lane Building information

Cllr Alan Dent has been making enquiries into the progress regarding the collapse of Hill Farm. There seems to be an impasse between all parties concerned ie insurance, owners and builders, with no one willing to accept responsibility. Cllr Dent is now pursuing the Environmental Health Department as there have been complaints of vermin near the property.

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
15/1981/FUL	Southern Ting Tong, Inner Ting Tong, EX9 7AP	Awaiting Decision
15/0888/FUL	Rowley Regis, Oakhill, EB	Awaiting Decision
15/2178/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site, Bear Lane, Budleigh S’ton	Awaiting Decision
14/2959/MOUT	Land at Frogmore Road, EB	Awaiting Decision
15/2136/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site, Bear Lane, Budleigh S’ton	Awaiting Decision

7. REPORTS

Chairman – The Chair reported a 40% response to the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. An initial analysis is being put together by Dr Stan Roberts with a meeting to be arranged in January which will involve all residents. Reference has

been made to other Village Plans put together by different communities for consideration. No response has been received from Lord Clinton or Clinton Devon Estates to correspondence sent by the parish council. The Chair will consider writing again.

Clerk – At the last meeting resident complained about dog fouling at the far end of Bear Lane/cycle path and asked if a dog bin could be allocated. It was suggested that the problem might arise from dogs on the camp site itself and Cllr Clarke will talk to the owner re possible signage regarding this problem.

Drakes School – No report. The Chair reported that Cllr Mrs Bowsher-Grief has resigned with immediate effect as she and her family are leaving the area (The Rolle Arms) to return to Somerset. The Chair will write to Mrs Bowsher-Grief to thank her for her work and commitment to the parish council. Council agreed that adopting a new councillor who could continue the link with the school was worth considering. The Chair agreed to contact the Head Teacher of Drakes School to invite applications from staff or parents.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr David Buss reported that unofficial signs had appeared in the bird hides near White Bridge indicating that ‘dogs must be kept on a lead’. This is not the case, as dogs are allowed ‘off lead’ under supervision.

Recreation – No report.

Britain in Bloom – No report.

Village Hall - Tarmac surfaces and drainage requires attention.

East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum - No problems.

East Budleigh Relief in Need – No report.

Public Conveniences – As the car park and toilets now belong to the parish council, the meters will have to be read for payment and new cleaning only arrangements will come into force from 22 October 2015. An emergency plumbing service will have to be obtained also.

Neighbourhood Health Watch – No report.

Neighbourhood Plan – As discussed above.

Any other reports

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)
- East Budleigh Village hall hire
- North Devon Council – clerk’s salary
- Neighbourhood Plan – B Martin
- Neighbourhood Plan – Plan
- Value House Plants

The Clerk reported that a new Internal Auditor will need to be appointed before the end of the financial year. The position is paid on an annual basis. Anyone wishing to apply should contact the clerk Mrs Judith Lumsden.

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 next Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 24 November at 7.30pm. Plans to view at 6.30pm. Mr Mike Williams, Lower Otter Restoration Project Manager (CDE) has been invited to give a talk and will speak from 7pm until 7.30pm. This will be the last meeting of the year 2015.**

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.