

**Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday, 28 February 2017
in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.**

PRESENT

Cllrs	P Barnard	M Clarke (V. Chair)
	Lawrence Booth	Mrs P Hayman
	M Smith	T Cantlon
	J White (Chair)	A Tweedie
	Valerie Lister	D Buss (P3)

Present: District Cllrs T Wright, G Jung, A Dent and S Hall.

There were 2 members of the public present.

Professor Stanley Roberts gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan:

The NP has been accepted by the EDDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer. Some paragraphs in Chapter 14 of the NP, which were deleted by the Examiner, have been restated, with the agreement of the EDDC.

The NP is scheduled to go before the EDDC Cabinet on 8th March. If accepted a Referendum will be scheduled to take place within 56 days.

EDDC organise and pay for the referendum. It is anticipated that for this exercise, the EDDC will work directly with the PC. The NP Working Party will provide support in helping with advertising etc.

The NP Working Party has been reduced to 10 members and it is anticipated that the remainder of the WP will be disbanded on April 30th.

As part of the ensuing discussions it was clarified that Frank's Patch is outside the BuAB, hence if an Application for development was to come forward, Frank's Patch would be regarded as an Exception Site and that there would be a requirement to provide at least 66% affordable housing. Professor Roberts will make a further report at the April meeting.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and there was no 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 23 January 2017. 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.

A resident spoke regarding the thoughtless parking by car owners which severely limited the ability of those with mobility scooters/pushchairs to use the pavements safely. Cars which are part-parked on pavements (very often over the graduated kerbs) do not allow for scooters or prams/pushchairs to be manoeuvred prompting the necessary use of the open roads. Whilst appreciating the lack of official parking areas it was agreed that more consideration should be undertaken when parking cars.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cty Cllr Mrs Channon. Cllr Channon sent the parish council an email she had received from Claire Rodway (EDDC) regarding the travellers at present sited on the layby between Budleigh Salterton and East Budleigh:

“I understand that you are concerned that Travellers have been unlawfully camped in a County Council layby for a number of months and would like to know what action could be taken. As the layby is owned by DCC we would usually work with them to find a resolution (and they, as landowner could take legal action to evict the unauthorised occupants).

As I understand it, DCC will tolerate unauthorised camping by Gypsies or Travellers on their land in some circumstances, particularly where there are no ‘authorised’ sites to move them on to. I have attached their handbook which explains more, as does this link to their website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/gypsies-and-travellers> .

At present I am not aware of any spare capacity on private or local authority sites in East Devon (indeed our recent housing needs assessment shows there is an immediate need for 16 extra pitches) or within neighbouring authorities. This means that, if the Travellers were to be evicted, there is nowhere for them to be directed to and so it is quite possible that they will move onto another, unauthorised, layby locally. We are actively seeking sites but, despite numerous approaches to landowners, have not yet found land which is suitable and available.

The Traveller Liaison service at DCC is aware of this problem and the specific Travellers who you are concerned about. If you haven’t already spoken to them, please could I suggest that you contact Jenny or Sabrina (through the DCC main number or on 07967397618) to see whether they can help. If this isn’t successful, then I think you will need to speak to our Enforcement Team.”

2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the January 2017 Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Cllr Tweedie declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 6.2 and the clerk in Agenda item 5.3. Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Drain clearance difficulties in Hayes Lane – Cllr Tweedie reported that he is trying to discover the reason for the blocked drain in Hayes Lane in order to clear it. It seems that there is a telegraph pole blocking the drain as well as part of the

drain under the car park having collapsed. Cllr Wright said that SWW must take responsibility and when an official report of the situation is obtained a copy will be sent to SWW. He also commented the road drainage is the responsibility of Highways.

5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

East Budleigh Childrens' Play Area – Cllr Booth reported that East Budleigh Village Green Committee will be holding an Information Morning at the Village Hall on Saturday, 18 March. Plans will be on display showing how the play park will look when completed. Donations have been received from the Village Hall, Community Shop and and general fund raising which is going well and thanks go to various local businesses including the Sir Walter Raleigh, the Rolle Arms and East Budleigh Garage for their help. Play equipment will soon be ordered. The Village Hall own the land and the Village Shop will help to maintain it on a 5 year contract.

Yettington Recreation Room – Cllr Cantlon reported on progress. Work on the installation of the cesspit will begin on 11 March by Bradfords of Sidmouth. 4 Trustees are now in place. A donation of new sanitary ware has been donated.

Clerk's pay – The clerk left the meeting while discussions took place regarding the clerk's pay scale. The clerk's pay was agreed in accordance with the NJC Pay Scales for 2016/2017. It was also suggested that a monthly fixed payment for the use of the clerk's home as the parish council office should be made. These decisions were agreed and approved by councillors.

6. PLANNING – Cllrs M Smith and L Booth

	Plan no. & Type		Proposed Development
6.1	17/0282/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Park, Bear Lane, EX9 7AQ	Retrospective application for 14no hard standing bases and access road. No objections.
6.2	17/0167/FUL	Brookside Lodge, High Street, East Budleigh, EX9 7DU	Over-clad existing rough cast render to front and part of the side elevations at first floor level with White Marley Eternit Cedral Lap weatherboard. No objections.
6.3	17/0338/TRE	Applehayes, Oak Hill, East Budleigh	T1-T7 Lime trees: re-pollard and reduce the height of remaining trees by 3 metres. No objections as long as the Tree Officer is in agreement.
6.4	17/0196/LBC	Sandy Cross Barn, Yettington	Installation of escape

		window at 1 st floor level on south elevation. No objections.
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Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
17/0055/FUL	Bicton Arena, Bicton Park	Approved
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision
16/2916/FUL & 16/2917/LBC	Temple Hill House, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision
16/2828/FUL	Pastures, Vicarage Rd. EB	Refused
16/2983/LBC	Hill Farm Cottage, Hayes Lane	Awaiting a Decision
17/0235/FUL	1 Chichester Way, East Budleigh	Approved

7. **REPORTS**

Chairman – The Chair commented on the on-going situation regarding the travellers in the layby and Cty Cllr Channon’s email from EDDC.

Clerk – The clerk reported that she had obtained an extension of the Parishes Together funding until the end of September.

Drakes School – There are currently 64 children on roll. This term’s learning is “Code: Puzzles and Patterns”. Children are also learning orienteering skills. Exeter Chiefs are coaching some of the pupils in Tag Rugby. Waitrose supermarket are helping the school by including them in their ‘green token’ scheme.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr Buss has had a meeting with representatives of Bicton College regarding the help available from Bicton College students which could include maintenance and clearing of P3 paths etc. Bicton College would undertake all of the official needs; insurance, supervision etc. Clare James (CDE) has been asked to liaise with Emma from Bicton College and Richard Bell from the Village Hall committee.

Recreation – No report.

Britain in Bloom – No report.

Village Hall – No report.

East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum – No problems.

East Budleigh Relief in Need – No report.

Public Conveniences – No problems.

Any other reports – The first Flood Resilience meeting will take place on 1 March. The committee consists of Cllr Cantlon, Kevin Quant (Yettington), Clare James (CDE) and Mr R Bushell (resident)

8. **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive a synopsis of correspondence received and not covered elsewhere on this Agenda.

- 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 7.30pm. Plans to view prior to the Planning section, Agenda item 6.**

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.