

# EAST BUDLEIGH WITH BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 July 2017 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh

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### PRESENT

Cllrs	T Cantlon (V. Chair)	Valerie Lister
	D Buss	Mrs P Hayman
	J White (Chair)	P Barnard
	A Tweedie	

There were over 40 members of the public present. District Cllrs T Wright and S Hall were also present.

PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and did not submit a 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 a 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 24 June 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.

### **2 applications to speak were received by the clerk.**

The two residents concerned spoke for 3 minutes each regarding the suggested erection of a football pitch enclosure fence. They both expressed concern and reservations about this proposal and what they felt was the lack of involvement between residents and the parish council.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** District Cllr Dent, Jung and Cty Cllr Mrs Channon. Cllrs M Smith and L Booth also submitted apologies. Cllr M Clarke was not in attendance.
- 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the June 2017 Parish Council meeting were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT:** Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 **Drain clearance** – Drains throughout the village had been cleared and Cllr Barnard is to continue with clearance in Otterton when arrangements have been confirmed with Otterton parish council.

4.2 **Football pitch enclosure fence** – As agreed at the May Parish Council meeting the Chair presented his findings on the requirement for a low lying fence around the playing field. The Chair presented his findings with a Power Point presentation covering all aspects of the proposal including: plans of the playing field in relation to the Recreation ground; dangers of infection from dog/fox faeces; Neighbourhood Plan guidance; governance; The EDDC recreation fields that have restrictions on dogs (on a lead only and total exclusion); current situation and related costs; solutions and EBBPC intent; follow-on actions. The full presentation is available to view on the parish council website. All Cllrs agreed with the follow-on actions presented by the Chair and will await the plan of the fencing from East Budleigh Football Club, before agreeing to the proposal. The plan will need to be agreed by the Parish Council and Clinton Devon Estate before any work is undertaken.

The agreed actions were as follows:

- Keep it a space for all the community to use - a place people want to play sport in and relax.
- Support the continued use of the field by the school, tennis club, football club and annual dog show
- The Playing field is to be a dog exclusion area,
- The Recreation ground will allow dogs off the lead
- Enforcement: a PSPO will be issued by EDDC and once agreed a low lying Picket fence up to 1m with two self closing gates – not locked to allow access for all – will be erected.
- To reduce the number of fox faeces prune fruit trees back to deny food source for the foxes.
- Issue Terms of Use with map and display at the two entrances to the field.

The follow on actions were:

- CDE and EBBPC to approve EBFC plan for fence
- EBBPC to provide guidance to EDDC for PSPO
- Issue Terms of Use and communicate to community
- Prune fruit trees
- Review glove policy and cost
- Re-invigorate Recreation Ground and Playing Field Committee – Cllr Smith to Chair

- 4.3 **2018 Action Group for WW1 and Sir Walter Raleigh** – Prior to the parish council meeting an informal discussion took place with residents who agreed to set up a 2018 Action Group to co-ordinate events to commemorate the two occasions. Further details will be published in the village shop and on the website.

**5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED**

- 5.1 **Yettington Recreation Room** – No further reports as a decision has been reached to rebuild the building.
- 5.2 **Little Otters pre-school accounts** – to be reported in September.

**6. PLANNING – Cllrs M Smith and L Booth were not in attendance**

6.1	17/1641/FUL	Vernbank, Lower Budleigh, East Budleigh	Loft conversion with rear dormer and enlargement of front dormer. <b>No objections.</b>
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**Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department**

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
16/1673/OUT	Frogmore Lane, East Budleigh	Awaiting a Decision
17/0282/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site	Awaiting a Decision
17/0707/FUL	The Bower, Middle Street	Approved
17/1049/FUL	18 Brookfield Road, EB	Approved
17/0562/CPE	Syon Barn, Frogmore Road	Awaiting a Decision
17/1121/FUL	East Budleigh Village Hall,	Approved
17/1200/LBC	4 Bridge Cott. East Budleigh	Approved
17/1170/FUL	Thornmill Farm, Frogmore	Approved
17/1167/FUL	EB Village Hall – playground	Awaiting a Decision

**7. REPORTS**

- 7.1 **Chairman** – *The Chair* commented on a comprehensive report received from CDE (John Wilding) regarding removal of the Horse chestnut tree at the Pound following a query from a resident. All aspects of the removal and reasons for replanting a different type of tree were thoroughly explained and justified. Mr R Slade, a village resident attended EDDC garden party recently where he was presented with a certificate thanking him for all of his voluntary work maintaining the football pitch, often at his own expense. Mr Slade expressed his delight in being nominated by the parish council. The Chair also discussed his meeting with Mr Leigh Rix, CDE in which they discussed the Recreation ground and Playing Field, The Neighbourhood Plan, Flood Defences and Bicton Arena traffic. In

regards to the traffic through Yettington, the problem is recognised by CDE and they are determined to ensure that the village suffers from the minimum of disturbance during events. A schedule of the meetings will be in the Parish Magazine and on the website.

- 7.2 **Clerk** – The clerk reported that the VAT refund of £1964 had been received into the bank account.
- 7.3 **Drakes School** – No report.
- 7.4 **Parish Paths Partnership** – Cllr Buss read out his report and said there were no footpath problems. He is attending a meeting at Bicton College in September to ask about further projects the students could help with.
- 7.5 **Recreation** – No report.
- 7.6 **Britain in Bloom** – No report.
- 7.7 **Village Hall** – No report.
- 7.8 **East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum** – No report.
- 7.9 **East Budleigh Relief in Need** – No report.
- 7.10 **Public Conveniences** – No problems. Cllr Tweedie has replaced and fitted new external signs and will review the condition of the external door in the men’s toilets.
- 7.11 **Any other reports** – The Flood Resilience Team will be sending out a presentation to the community in October.  
**Badger Sett.** All Cllrs expressed their concern that a badger sett, on land behind Cranes Lane, had been disturbed by developers. It was agreed that the Chair would visit the site on completion of the meeting and ensure that the Police and EDDC Planning Department were informed and an ecological survey was conducted ASAP.

**8. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES**

The Clerk had given out the monthly cash statement and Bills for Payment monthly report. She asked for several cheques to be passed for signature. These were proposed, seconded and carried. Cllr Mrs Hayman has been asked to review the bank reconciliation on a regular basis in keeping with the transparency regulations.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 26 September 2017. Plans to view prior to the Planning section, Agenda item 6.

Signed .....Chairman      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.*