

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 27th July 2021 in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK (COVID MEASURES) – All correct

PRESENT: Councillors D. Wensley (Chair), J. Tresidder, J. Carter, F. Ward, H. Houston, K. Quant & M. Smith.

APOLOGIES: District Councillors P. Jarvis, Tom Wright & Alan Dent and County Councillor C. Channon.

Nick Wright from East Devon District Planning Department . Council engaged in a discussion with him. He explained the regulations in respect of submitting an ACV application for the Sir Walter Raleigh public house. His advice was that there was no advantage to be gained at this time.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 29th June 2021 and the Planning Meeting held on 13th July 2021 were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

MATTERS ARISING from previous Minutes - none

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Councillor Channon had provided a written report. She will include the issues of yellow lines for the bus at The Pound in the list of proposals for the December HATOC meeting when the Composite list for TROs are discussed. She requested Highways to cut back overhanging trees in Kersbrooke. The memorial items on Oak Hill have now been removed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - None

REPORTS

Chair: Councillor Wensley said he has joined the LORP liaison group of interested parties who will monitor the LORP as the work proceeds, particularly in respect of the likely disruption on South Farm Road.

The Clerk reported Cllr. Ward had tracked own the probable culprit dog that barks at night. The noise has now ceased. Hedge trimming will be required on the North side of the Recreation Ground and cutting back of the newly formed hedging by the copse. Jon Roseway is checking footpath E15, to remove dangerous wire netting. He has strimmed grass on footpath E1.

Maria Malinowska of All Saints Church wishes to develop a **Welcome Pack** for newcomers to the Village. Council agreed to provide a short A4 sheet about the Council.

Yettington: Councillor Quant's team of 11 volunteers are continuing their Speedwatch in Yettington. 7 weeks of one hour per week show 1307 vehicles of which 35 exceeded 35 miles per hour. Three vehicles were reported to Police after repeat offending. The Police are launching their own Speedwatch campaign called Operation Vortex.

Cllr. Quant continues to engage with Highways over potential traffic calming measures. He is also looking at the Community Self Help program run by EDDC, which may assist with local matters such as clearing culverts or repairing finger posts as well as health and safety advice.

Cllr. Quant gave details of a new Police fund to support victims of anti-social behaviour. The Clerk will place details on the website.

Parish Pathways: Jon Roseway had sent in a report. Most paths have received their annual cut.

Councillor Tresidder submitted his report. The shop is thriving. The Management Committee are planning to fit Solar Panels. Cllr. Tresidder attended a webinar on Climate Change. He is updating the Emergency Plan. He has also strimmed The Pound.

Wildflowers: Councillor Ward has obtained some signs to discourage strimming where wildflowers have been planted. She will spend the remainder of the OVA grant on bulbs to plant in the Spring.

Traffic Matters: Discussions with Highways are ongoing. Vehicles have been discouraged from parking on the corner of Brookfield Road, near The Pound.

Councillor Carter reported difficulties for the hedge trimmers in Kersbrooke when trying to move round parked vehicles.

Planning:

Ref 21/1896/LBC Pheasant Cottage: Council approved the application

Ref 21/1960/HRN Old Gospel Hall: Council objected to the application.

The current arrangement appears to have been satisfactory for a number of years and since nothing has changed, it is difficult to see why this change of access proposal is now a priority. If access must be improved then it would be more environmentally sustainable and of greater amenity value to retain the ancient hedge in place and to move the BT pole to a different location. If the pole is moved then removal of a very small amount of hedge, perhaps just 1 metre, if any, would improve access sufficiently.

The existing hedge also acts as a very effective screen to the unpleasant appearance of the concrete and metalwork culvert complex. Removal of the hedge would reveal an ugly structure when viewed from Frogmore Road and would not be consistent with an AONB landscape. It would also be an unsightly view for the properties on the other side of Frogmore Road.

Neighbourhood Plan policy B3:- Previously Developed Land states:

e) Mature trees and hedges should be retained wherever possible, particularly along property boundaries or where they have high public amenity value or help maintain privacy.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy N1:- Protecting and enhancing the landscape, biodiversity and local countryside character states:

a) Existing hedgerows, trees and ponds are important to the setting of the Parish and provide habitats for wildlife and so regard must be paid to their retention and incorporation into landscaping schemes; any landscape and boundary treatments shall use indigenous species;

The Parish Council therefore objects to the application.

Ref 21/1985/FUL & revised 21/1992/FUL :The Farmhouse Business Centre: Council support the application.

Ref 21/1333/LBC - Tidwell Manor This application appears to be a duplication. No comment to make

Accounts & Finances: All bills and financial records were approved

Any Other Business

Cllr. Smith reported vine weed trailing onto the pavement in Brookfield Road. **Cllr. Houston** asked if recompense could be made for expenses incurred by supporters of the Community Pub. Councillor Wensley explained Council could not do that and the grant of £500.00, issued after initial costs had been funded, had been returned to the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Date of Next Meeting 28th September 2021 in the Village Hall