

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on 26th July 2022 in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All checked

PRESENT Cllr. John Tresidder, Cllr Derek Wensley (Chair), Cllr. Angie Canning, Cllr. Kathy Moyle and County Councillor Christine Channon.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Heather Houston, Cllr. Jim Carter. District Councillors Paul Jarvis and Alan Dent

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th June 2022 and were approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

County Councillor's Report – Councillor Channon said she had pursued concerns over Airband, the fibre optics company, who plan to erect poles around the Parish. There are no planning rights to permit the erections and the parish is in an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB). A cabinet member at DCC is dealing with the matter. She said that contrary to their statement, Airband do not have a government directive. The contracts are issued by “Connecting Devon and Somerset”. Any permitted development would require notification to the planning department, with the usual 28-day delay for consultation. Councillor Channon believes the work will not be able to go ahead.

Councillor Channon asked Councillor Tresidder to forward his information on blocked drains in the village, so that she can instigate action to clear them.

Councillor Channon reported on an increase in burglaries in Budleigh and two cases in East Budleigh. The police believe the same criminals are visiting the area every six weeks. Their advice is for residents not to advertise when they are away – and to get their post collected, to close downstairs windows, to keep keys out of sight, to lock their doors and to not post on social media any holiday snaps whilst away.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Airband. Councillors debated the issues and the concerns raised by several residents. All voted to send a letter immediately to East Devon Planning, Connect Devon & Somerset, Jorvik Design and Airband. The Council request confirmation that poles will not be erected in the Parish.

REPORTS

Chair: Cllr. Wensley reported the light at Salem Chapel has been turned off. Messrs Williams & Burrows spoke to Councillor Wensley on site. They will report back to the Church Conservation Trust about the continuing deterioration of the building.

Councillor Wensley expressed regret that the viewing area at Estuary View by Woodbury Castle has been closed off and there are very limited places for parking nearby.

No further planning application has been received in respect of the Rolle Arms.

The long overdue repairs to the road in Yettington are taking place this week.

Councillor Wensley reported that the Jubilee Oak donated by EDDC has definitely died. The clerk will ask for a replacement to be planted in the autumn.

Cllr. Wensley expressed concern at the potential for flooding and / or soggy ground on the footpath from Frogmore Road to the river following the extensive lowering of Little Bank and it is likely to be unusable at certain times of the year.

Councillor Canning raised concerns about the access point by Bicton Church, which opens directly onto a busy road, with no warning to approaching vehicles. The Clerk will raise the matter with Highways.

The Clerk: The Clerk is investigating potential training for the defibrillator sited at Yettington

Recreation & Dog Matters No report

Parish Pathways: Jon Roseway submitted a report; available on the website

Shop, Village Hall, Climate Change: Councillor Tresidder submitted a report – available on the website. No problems identified. Councillor Tresidder is stepping down as the Village Hall representative. The matter will be raised at the September meeting.

Traffic Matters/ Drake's School: The Clerk reported she is meeting with James Anstey of Vision Zero to choose the sites for placing the SID.

Planning:

Ref 22/1279/FUL: Land at Frogmore Road. Erection of proposed detached dwelling. All voted to submit this report to Planning:

“The flint stone walls in East Budleigh are highly regarded and are one of the key characteristics in the Neighbourhood Plan (11.7). Neighbourhood Plan sections 12.13, 12.14, 12.15 reinforce the desirability of stone wall boundaries for new developments to retain the village vernacular. The application seeks to breach the existing flint stone wall in three places: entry to new dwelling drive; pedestrian entry to new dwelling; entry to Orchard Cottage drive. Although stonework will be retained to build a new wall section where the existing gateway is located, it would be desirable to eliminate the separate pedestrian entry in order to maximise the run of stone wall and preserve its integrity. The whole retained wall should be strengthened as it is reportedly compromised currently.

It is noted that this development falls outside the Built Up Area Boundary, but as the larger adjacent development (21/0163/RES) has already been approved, this small development forms an infill between the larger development and Orchard Cottage. Policies D1 and D2 of the Neighbourhood Plan call for affordable housing of up to 3 bedrooms in the context of development of this land parcel. However, the Parish Council is advised by the applicant that the plot was of insufficient size to accommodate a pair of semi-detached properties.

Tidwell Barton: Planning enquiry to determine if they need planning permission to erect solar panels on agricultural buildings: A majority voted with no objection to the proposal should it become a full planning application.

Accounts and Finances: All bills and financial records were approved.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Date of Next Meeting 27th September 2022 in the Village Hall