

## EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in the Church Hall

**RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK** – All checked

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Jim Carter, Cllr. John Tresidder, Cllr. Mike Smith, Cllr. Heather Houston, Cllr Derek Wensley (Chair), District Councillor Tom Wright and County Councillor Christine Channon, Cathy Moyle

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Angela Canning, District Councillors Paul Jarvis and Alan Dent

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and were approved.

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr. Wensley expressed concern that despite some road patching, there is still a large pothole and water seepage on the Yettington Road. County Councillor Channon offered to talk to Highways and get the matter expedited.

Cllr. Wensley asked if the gift to the Company supplying road signs for the Platinum Jubilee had been approved. Councillors confirmed it was approved at the last meeting. Cllr. Houston will present a receipt for refund.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none

County Councillor's Report – Councillor Channon had conversed with Mr. McVee, who is concerned about water runoff from Oak Hill. Highways have suggested he builds a “trap” to redirect the water away from his property. Cllr. Channon will check the situation during the next heavy downfall.

Cllr. Channon said the weeds on the footpath between Budleigh Salterton and East Budleigh have only been cut to half way. Cllr. Moyle said the hedge in the footpath from Middletown Lane had been cut a month too early. Councillor Channon will investigate both matters.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT** – None

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Operation London Bridge** – The Clerk presented a document for approval, which sets out the steps to be taken on the death of a Monarch. This was approved.

**VIP Room & Toilets** – Mike Pulley, a representative of the Village Hall, has asked for the premises to be kept in better order. Following investigation by the Clerk and Cllr. Tresidder, it

was understood the Shop had originally been in charge of notices and flyers plus cleaning in the VIP room. This stopped following lockdown. Cllr. Tresidder is happy to do occasional hoovering and tidying up. He has also removed all stocks of DVDs. Council agreed that they should not be responsible for the toilet, which is used mainly by parents and children who use the Playground. Insurance and maintenance of both rooms should be covered by the Village Hall. The Snooker players frequently tread in mud and gravel when they use the room for a coffee-break. It was agreed the Clerk should present Council's views to the Village Hall Committee and report the result at the July meeting.

## **REPORTS**

**Chair:** Cllr. Wensley spoke to the representative from English Heritage about switching off the outside light at the Salem Chapel. The representative is seeking an electrician to attend to this. In respect of the LORP project, Cllr. Wensley confirmed the embankment will be lowered to 2 1/2 metres above road-level in due course.

**The Clerk:** The Clerk reported Skinners have repaired further lighting in the Public Toilets. She has purchased the SID and stored it. Insurers have confirmed cover for it during storage and as Street Furniture. The Yettington Phone box now holds a defibrillator. This is also insured. Articles will appear in the July Parish News and the Budleigh Herald.

**Recreation & Dog Matters** – Councillor Smith said there were no problems on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk and Councillor Houston reported problems with dog mess in Wynards Road and the High Street.

**Yettington:** See Clerk's report

**Parish Pathways:** Jon Roseway reported the annual cut is under way

**Shop, Village Hall, Climate Change:** Councillor Tresidder submitted a report – available on the website. No problems identified and the Shop is thriving.

**Traffic Matters/ Drake's School:** Councillor Houston has no new traffic matters to report. County Councillor Channon said the pupils at Drake's School are doing exceptionally well and have just taken their SATs. A new pre-school in Otterton may help swell numbers in due course. Councillor Houston said the school now offers a breakfast club and after school club, which makes it more attractive to working parents.

**Kersbrooke/ Cricket Club:** Councillor Carter reported Open Reach have completed the electrical work and installed new electricity poles. The **Cricket Club** has put their approved plans out to tender. A special event will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, attended by famous former members.

## **Planning:**

**Ref 22/1381/FUL:** Rose Cottage. Councillors agreed that remarks made on the previous application were still valid, but they would wait until 20<sup>th</sup> July before submitting, in case there was an opportunity for further discussion at a Planning meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

**Date of Next Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in the Village Hall**