

## EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th October 2021 in the Village Hall

**RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK (COVID MEASURES)** – All correct

**PRESENT:** Councillors D. Wensley (Chair), J. Tresidder, J. Carter, K. Quant & M. Smith.  
District Councillors Alan Dent and Tom Wright.

**APOLOGIES:** County Councillor C. Channon, Cllr. F. Ward and Cllr. K. Quant. Absent – H. Houston

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September and the Planning meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 were approved.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none

County Councillor's Report – Councillor Channon has requested DCC Highways to cut the verge between East Budleigh and Budleigh Salterton, which is often use by mobility vehicles. She is monitoring this. She has asked Cllr. Wright to arrange removal of the fading memorials from Budleigh Hill. Drakes School pupils have caught up their learning since Covid lockdown.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT** – Councillor Alan provided a written report. EDDC has published a new "Council Plan" which will act as a practical road map in respect of living conditions, the environment and job creation. A number of energy-saving aspects are being addressed against a general concern about Climate Change. He asked for individuals to continue following Covid rules, particularly as the number of cases in Devon has doubled. Councillor Paul Wright had previously circulated a report on the improved collection of waste and recycled goods. He pointed out that bottles are expensive to recycle, whereas aluminium cans are not and are a valuable resource. Cllr. Wright has asked the LORP contractors for an explanation as to why they took no precautions to safeguard their equipment before the heavy rainfall this month, which resulted in much of their equipment being flooded. There will be a meeting of the LORP representatives in the Village Hall on Wednesday.

**MATTERS ARISING from previous Minutes** - Cllr. Wensley raised the matter of the Village Tidy up that is planned for the Spring. He thanked the Clerk for her research on this. He pointed out the need for continuous appraisal of conditions within the village, which could best be met by the appointment of a Village Warden. Such as person, once they had completed the training, would be covered by insurance from EDDC and be able to draw down funds for equipment. They would not necessarily be expected to carry out extensive clean-up alone but could rally volunteers or report major problems to the Parish Council. The Clerk will advertise the post again in Parish News.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. To Consider Availability of Reports to the Public before a meeting:** Following a detailed discussion, Councillors agreed that straight forward reports may be released to the public before a meeting, if submitted in time, but documents of a sensitive nature or designed to stimulate a discussion, should not be released. Any discussions arising from such documents would be reported in the Minutes in the usual way.
- 2. Churchyard Maintenance Funding:** Councillors discussed the shortage of revenue currently being suffered by the All Saints Church for the upkeep of the Churchyard. They discussed potential problems over time, should more burial space be required. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation and approved an exceptional further donation of £250.00 from the Council's limited funds.

## REPORTS

**Chair:** Nothing further

**The Clerk** reported that following a Flood Alert, Flood Wardens Cllr. Tresidder and Cllr. Quant checked on the brook and cleared drains. Council recorded their appreciation for the action taken. The EDDC sweeper has made several visits to the village, to clear weeds from the roads. The replacement defibrillator has been purchased and the borrowed machine returned with thanks to Newton Poppleford Parish Council.

**Yettington:** Councillor Quant reported that the number of vehicles has dropped to 124 and the number exceeding the speed limit has dropped to 3.5 per hour. The bench in Memory of Peter Barnard has been delivered and will be installed soon. **Finger Road Sign:** Councillor Quant has obtained a grant of £250.00 from EDDC towards repair of the Finger Post.

**Recreation & Dog Owners:** Councillor Smith persuaded one resident to pick up after her dog.

**Parish Pathways:** Jon Roseway reported that the broken stile on footpath EB15 into Frogmore Road has been removed. The farmer will install a suitable stock/pedestrian gate.

**Councillor Tresidder** submitted his report. The Shop CCTV has now been extended to cover the box containing the defibrillator. Cash payments will be trialled for three months. The Devon Climate Emergency Team has published the Devon Climate Assembly report, which reflects views of individuals across Devon and will feed into the next iteration of the Devon Carbon Plan.

**Traffic Matters:** In the absence of Councillor Houston, the Clerk announced a late notice of a funding source for traffic signs. Council agreed that she should make a bid, based on quotations obtained.

**Councillor Carter:** Replacement of some telegraph poles will enable better clearance and widening of Kersbrook Lane. The Clerk reported that gas pipes are due to be replaced in Kersbrook in early November.

**Planning:**

**Ref 21/2724/Sandon.** No Objection.

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

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**Date of Next Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in the Village Hall**