EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 February 2015 in the Village Hall, East Budleigh.

PRESENT

Cllrs Miss J D Ware M Smith A Tweedie D Buss M Clarke J White P Barnard

District Councillors R Bloxham and T Wright were in attendance as was Cty Cllr Christine Channon.

report was read out by the clerk before being put on the notice board.

There were approximately 3 members of the public present.

- PCSO Chantalle Major was not in attendance and the police report was read out by the clerk before being put in the Notice Board.
- 1. **APOLOGIES**: Dist. Cllrs A Dent and S Hall. Cllrs Mrs Ami Bowsher-Grief, T Cantlon and S Roberts.
- 2. MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 2015 Parish Council meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.
- **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & RISK ASSESSMENT**: Risk Assessment was checked by the Chair. Cllr Tweedie declared an interest in Agenda item 6.1.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Follow up on Speedwatch Initiative – No further report due to Cllr Roberts' absence. This item will be on the March Agenda.

5. MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Proposed installation of defibrillator machine for East Budleigh – The Village Hall committee were agreeable to a defibrillator being installed in the Information Office. However it was agreed that access needs to be available 24/7 and it had been suggested officially that installation should be on an outside wall. Cllr Channon has agreed to enquire into the possible procedures needed.

Traffic calming and impact of 9 Middle Street, East Budleigh – Cllr White reported that there was ongoing enquiries involving Highways and EDDC Planning. Further information will be relayed when received.

Contact with Devon Highways was suggested regarding an assessment for local 30mph signs.

Devon Highways will contact the owner of the boat in Brookfield Road and ask for it to be removed.

Parishes Together Fund – East Budleigh will join with Otterton Parish Council to provide extra books for the combined Drakes School and Otterton School. This has been enthusiastically accepted by the Headteacher Carron Saunders.

East Budleigh Flood Plan – Mr Roger Bushell was thanked for all of his hard work and suggestions for the improvement to the present Flood Plan. These suggestions were discussed in detail with Cllr Alan Tweedie and Ms Kate Taylor from the Environment Agency. The suggestions included a proposed rain gauge on the common (this would have to be with the approval of the landowners Clinton Devon Estates). Initially Kate Taylor has suggested organising an Open Day in the village to enable residents to voice any concerns they might have about flooding and to gain information about the risks of flooding and the precautions they can take as well as those already in place for such an occurrence. A further suggestions was the placement of sand boxes sited in a suitable location where residents could fill their sand bags. The area suggested is also owned by Clinton Devon Estates and would require their agreement. Cllr Tweedie has volunteered to fill the sand boxes.

Cllr Channon suggested that the Environment Agency should look into water drainage from a nearby local lake as this might contribute to excessive flooding into the village.

	Plan no. & Type	Location	Proposed Development
6.1	15/0189/FUL	Pooh Cottage Holiday Site,	Construction of
		Bear Lane, Budleigh	reception/shower/toilet block
		Salterton	with manager's
			accommodation over.
			No objections. Regrettable
			retrospective planning.
6.2	15/0227/FUL	2 Wynards Road, East	Construction of single storey
		Budleigh	side extension.
			No objections.
6.3	15/0207/FUL	Bicton Old Rectory, East	Detached stable & storage
		Budleigh	building, detached hay barn,
			construction of timber fences
			& associate works.
			No objections.

6. PLANNING – Cllr M Clarke

Decisions made by EDDC Planning Department

Reference	Location	EDDC Decision
14/1234/FUL	Garathatch, Bear Lane	Appeal upheld
14/2342/FUL	21 High Street, E.B.	Decision awaited
14/2770/FUL	11 Brookfield Road	Approved
14/2794/LBC	The Old Forge, Bicton College	Decision awaited
14/2959/MOUT	Frogmore Road Development	Decision awaited
15/0029/FUL	Two Hedges, Lower Budleigh	Approved

* recommendations put forward by EBPC

7. **REPORTS**

Chairman – The Chair and clerk attended a guided tour of Budleigh Hospital by Rob Jones (the manager) and were shown the potential of the "Health and Well Being Centre". Attendance was also at the Otter to Exe Parish/Town Meetings. The next meeting will be in East Budleigh at the Church Hall in June.

The Chair commented on a notice she saw last Saturday advertising a Protest Rally at Frogmore Road indicating that a "councillor and prospective councillor" would be present. It was felt that this gave entirely the wrong impression and suggested that the rally had been organised by the parish council. The Chair contacted a resident who had been involved in the printing of the flyers. He apologised for the error in wording as the "councillors" were to be a district councillor and prospective district councillor. It is important to remember that the parish council have been supportive in every respect to carry residents' concerns to EDDC. The Chair's full report is in the Minute file.

Clerk – The clerk reported that the Scarecrow Festival which will take place in June this year is inviting local groups to put forward proposals for contributions they would organise and manage themselves. This could be in the form of plants, cakes, bric-a-brac or promoting work produced by its members. The next committee meeting in on 3 March. Mr David Buss is the organiser.

Drakes School – No report.

Parish Paths Partnership – Cllr David Buss gave his report which is in the Minute file.

Recreation – Areas of the ground giving access to the Football Club have become churned and muddy with cars using it to gain access. It was suggested that the Football Club be reminded of their Terms of Reference whereby cars should not be driven over the field.

Budleigh Salterton Health & Care Team – Cty Cllr Mrs Channon gave her report regarding the closing down of the Health and Care Team meetings because of the development of the Budleigh Project Board. Cty Cllr Mrs Channon thanked everyone for their contribution and stressed that there is a representative of the Patient Group on the Community Board.

Village Hall – Cllr Tweedie reported that new, light-weight chairs were needed for the Village Hall activities. The present chairs were heavy and awkward to move and stack. The Village Hall committee was asking the parish council for various forms of

financial support and this will be an Agenda item for the next meeting. Britain in Bloom – No report. East Budleigh Dog Owners Forum - No report. East Budleigh Relief in Need – No report. Public Conveniences – In a satisfactory condition. PACT – There are no longer any PACT meetings. Neighbourhood Health Watch – No report. Any other reports – None.

8. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

The Clerk gave out the monthly cash statement and report. She asked for several cheques to be passed for signature. These were proposed, seconded and carried.

- JRB Enterprises (dog gloves)
- North Devon Council clerk's salary and expenses
- New computer and accessories
- DALC courses for clerk and councillor
- Morgan & Pope Solicitors (car park & toilets)
- East Budleigh Village Hall hire

9. CORRESPONDENCE

A synopsis of correspondence, magazines and brochures received and not covered elsewhere on the Agenda was received and read out. The clerk suggested that councillors who were interested in any of the correspondence should take it away to read and return it to the clerk at a later date.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 31 March 2015, 7.30pm in East Budleigh Village Hall. 7.00pm to view plans.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

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.