

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Virtual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2020

PRESENT: Councillors D. Wensley (Chair), J. Tresidder, J. Shaw, M. Walters, J. Carter, F. Ward and H. Houston, District Councillor T. Wright, County Councillor C. Channon. Apologies from M. Smith, District Cllr. Alan Dent and P. Jarvis.

The **MINUTES** of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 28th October 2020 were approved by all.

There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

County Councillor Christine Channon reported a speed limit of 30mph has been requested from Brick Cross to the River Otter. A speed check in East Budleigh found the average speed of vehicles was 20mph, but careless parking was causing problems. Drakes School is thriving and is using e-schools to help pupils catch up.

District Councillor Tom Wright reported that two of our District Councillors were attending an Extraordinary Meeting tonight to discuss supporting the “Ocean” business in Exmouth, to help keep the business afloat. Cllr. Wright also congratulated the Council on having the attendance of Sam Bridgewater of CDE and Mike Williams of the Environment Agency at the last meeting, to aid the discussion on LORP.

District Councillor Alan Dent sent in a report.

1. The prime minister will announce today the revised lock-down measures.
2. The A303 upgrade via a tunnel at Stomehenge has been approved.
3. Exeter Airport is considering the re-opening of Flybe. Current proposals for Cranbrook Centre have been rejected.
4. There is an urgent need for Social Housing in East Devon.

MATTERS ARISING from the previous Minutes: None

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Telephone Box.** Cllr. Tresidder brought costings for the 3 proposals. After a discussion the choice was to develop the Phone Box as a mini museum and walkers’ information point. Other ideas of a Seed exchange and Book swap, to be considered for the Information Room.
2. No progress to date on Sec 106 play equipment in the Village Playground.

3. The contractor, Skinners, will set a date soon for refurbishment of the toilets. The toilets will close from 1st January to 1st April 2021

REPORTS:

1. **Chair** – Nothing to report
2. **Village Matters.** One wash facility in the toilet has broken. The clerk has placed a notice to confirm refurbishment will take place soon. She reported the failure of street lights in Chichester Way. Barriers have been erected on The Pound to protect trees during building works. A Bat Box has been erected by CDE. See the website.
3. **Recreation & Dog Forum.** Nothing to report
4. **Parish Paths** Jon Roseway will apply for further funds. However the expense of replacing gates may now be met by EDDC as part of their work in the Lower Otter.
5. Councillor John Tresidder reported:
 - a. The **Village Hall** is closed, but reviewing options to re-open in the New Year.
 - b. The **Community Shop** is doing well under lockdown and continues to provide a delivery service.
 - c. EDDC will launch their **Interim Carbon Plan** on 7th December. Councillor Wesley asked if Cllr. Tresidder would draft a brief report on the plan, to be discussed at the January meeting. The clerk will display posters online and on notice boards
 - d. The **PCC** is discussing their budget for the next 12 months and invites the public to add their own comments on what is needed or could be improved. A link to their survey is on the Parish Council website.
6. **Green Corridor:** Councillor Fiona Ward reported that talks have been held with the local farmer, CDE Tree specialist and other groups to discuss ideas. It is proposed that spring flowers might be incorporated in 2021 and other plants later in the year.
7. **Nature Trail:** Cllr. Ward said confirmation of the project was awaited from the fund-holders. A letter from a concerned member of the public, who has concerns over the proliferation of notice boards and benches, was discussed in detail. Cllr. Ward will write a reply to explain the consultations and activities carried out in respect of the scheme.
8. **Traffic Calming:** Councillor Houston had nothing further to report but will continue to keep us informed on developments. Councillor Shaw expressed disappointment at the lack of Police attention on East Budleigh's issues. District Cllr. Channon said if they chose to, a team of local people could run a Speedwatch system similar to the one in Knowle and they would then be included in reports.

9. **Emergency Plans:** Cllr. Walters presented a report. There may be less need for assistance to persons this Christmas, as the Government has relaxed rules on visiting. Waitrose may be willing to help with gifts of festive food if a need is identified.. Devon Communities Together require confirmation from the Parish Council that our Emergency Plan is now the final version. He asked that members read it and a vote be taken to adopt it at the January Meeting. Cllr. Wensley said close co-operation with other groups was to be welcomed.
10. **Cllr. Carter** gave advice on the species of trees that might assist development in the Green Corridor. No other matters to report currently.

Planning

20/2405/FUL: Council agreed to repeat their comments that were given on the original application.

20/2562: A late application was considered. This was a repeat of an earlier application, which was approved by EDDC. Our requests for adherence to local materials & restriction of studio to non-residential use, had been included. The Council chose to repeat their advice on this proposal. Fulll remarks are available on the Planning Portal.

Monthly Transactions: All invoices and grant requests were approved, including those for future payments to arise before the Council reconvenes in January.

Financial Statements: All were approved. Cllr. Wensley asked for a minor amendment to the wording on historical Capital Funds which may not be CIL.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th January 2020