

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023 in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All correct

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Derek Wensley, John Tresidder, Jim Ferrers and Kathy Moyle BEM, Angela Canning and Heather Houston and District Councillor Charlotte Fitzgerald.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Louis Allan, Jim Carter, District Councillors Henry Riddell and Melanie Martin, County Councillor Christine Channon.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th September 2023 were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – See report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – Cllr. Charlotte Fitzgerald said the district is falling short on its targets for building. They are trying to increase approval of individual building applications. She said if a Local or Neighbourhood Plan is over 5 years old, the planners may not give so much weight to it when making decisions. However, to avoid conflict, the Parish Council had been advised to await review of the Neighbourhood Plan until the new EDDC Local Plan is finalised. Councillors expressed concern at the lack of affordable housing.

Items for Discussion

Resilience – This is to be discussed at the November meeting, after an informative meeting in Newton Poppleford has taken place. Cllr. Tresidder will circulate a report before the next meeting.

Cllr. Wensley – Chair: Cllr. Wensley attended the Otter to Exe Group meeting. Other Parishes are also having difficulty accessing funds from S106 and CIL. Cllr. Fitzgerald said the department dealing with CIL applications is being restructured. Cllr. Wensley said other Parishes were struggling with the riparian responsibilities within their Parish. Some have issues with sewage discharge. Newton Poppleford has suffered some vandalism recently. Advice was given to involve local schools in environment and resilience plans.

An email about Zero Hour asked for support. Cllr. Wensley said any Councillor could take up this research if they wished.

Clerk – Village Matters & Correspondence: See attached report. Councillors asked that another letter be sent to Fords, emphasising that they should meet the cost of rewiring the toilet outside lights to the correct fuseboard.

Parish Pathways – Jon Roseway: See attached report

Resilience/ Community Shop/ Climate Emergency - See attached report.

Village Hall – See attached report. The presentation of new building plans by the Village Hall was well attended. No timeline yet, but phase one will include new toilets.

Community Pub – See attached report.

Traffic Matters/ Drakes School/CDE – Cllr. Houston said she will continue to apply for 20 is plenty, and will prepare some information about it for the Parish News. The Landscape recovery group is working on issues such as re-alignment of footpaths and associated car parking.

Local Liaison – Cllr. Moyle. Reported that £2000 was raised at the Seachange fete. The Friends of Friendless Churches has carried out a survey for Salem and their decision on purchase is awaited. There will be a Remembrance exhibition from 9th to 11th November, and a Xmas Tree Festival

Yettington: Cllr. Ferrers: See attached report.

Planning:

23/2069/FUL. Bicton Earth Centre. Supported.

23/2005/FUL, 23/2006/FUL, 23/2007/FUL. Pulhayes Farm. Majority no objection, Cllr. Moyle abstained.

Monthly Transactions : Approved

Financial Reports: All records approved.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.