

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All correct

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Derek Wensley, John Tresidder, Jim Carter, Louis Allan, Angie Canning, Jim Ferrers, and Kathy Moyle BEM, and District Councillors Melanie Martin and Henry Riddell.

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillor Heather Houston, District Councillor Charlotte Fitzgerald and County Councillor Christine Channon.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th January 2024 were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – See report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – See reports from District Councillors Martin and Riddell. Cllr. Martin said that next time there was a discussion on “Green Wedges”, EDDC will be consulted. Cllr. Riddell said any examples of anti-social driving should be forwarded to him for action.

Items for Discussion:

1. **Public Toilets:** The Clerk confirmed the carpark and toilet are owned directly by East Budleigh Parish Council. The article for the March Parish News, to gauge residents' interest or concerns, was approved. Further developments by the Village Hall are awaited.
2. **Bus Service/Vicarage Road obstruction:** Stagecoach have had difficulty driving along Vicarage Road on several occasions because of careless parking. The problem increases when there is a funeral or a Football match. Suggested resolutions were: 1. to place double yellow lines by the shop to enable the bus to turn. 2. The bus to turn at the bottom of Middletown Lane. 3. Stagecoach to use smaller buses. Councillors agreed to send a letter to Stagecoach, to start a discussion about ensuring there continues to be a bus service in the village.
3. **Football/Tennis Club Rents:** Cllr. Wensley explained that if rents are adjusted, there must be a minimum of three months notice. We are too late to change them this year. The Clerk was directed to investigate the rents charged by similar Councils. Councillors will then decide on rents for 2025.

Reports

Chair – Cllr Wensley reported on the Local Plan. There will be consultation on the designated neighbourhood requirements for East Budleigh. Cllr. Wensley has discussed this at length with a local specialist. East Devon has a target for the whole area and will break it down into each designated area. Development in Frogmore Road would be outside the built-up area boundary. The main area of development in East Devon will be around the Farringdon Area.. 300 houses are one option planned for Budleigh Salterton in an area beside the graveyard. Councillors emphasised that any large development would put a strain on existing services, which would need to be expanded. Cllr. Wensley has planted the Lime Tree in the recreation ground, to replace the tree that was felled 18 months ago.

Clerk's Notes – see Report. Item 3. Councillors gave permission for parking on the Recreation Field during the June Scarecrow Festival. Item 4. Penny & Paul Kurowski were given permission to put a contractor's vehicle and skip in a corner of the Recreation Ground whilst replacing their hedge. Item 10. Cllr. Wensley suggested that when the Football Rent is due, they be reminded of their obligations, including repair of the large pothole at the top of the drive. The ancient Holly Tree in High Street has been cut down, after permission was granted by EDDC, also exempting them from providing a replacement. District Councillor Martin will investigate why the Parish Council was not given time to have a proper consultation. Cllr. Wensley confirmed he has a list of other trees with TPOs around the village.

Parish Pathways – Jon Roseway: See report

Community Shop/ Climate Emergency - See report.

Village Hall –Trustees Meeting due on Thursday 29th February 2024.

Community Pub. Cllr. Canning – See report.

Traffic Matters – Cllr. Houston – no report

Local Liaison – Cllr. Moyle – nothing to report.

Cricket Club – The Cricket Club restaurant is providing Sunday lunch/tea and cake. They need better signage near the road. He said Open Reach are working slowly in Kersbrook to avoid having to close the road completely.

Yettington: Cllr. Ferrers: See attached report. There are serious problems with potholes. The repairs only last a couple of weeks before they are washed out again. He will contact County Councillor Channon about this.

Monthly Transactions : Approved

Financial Reports: All records approved.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.