

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All correct

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Derek Wensley, John Tresidder, Angie Canning, Jim Ferrers and Kathy Moyle BEM. District Councillor Henry Riddell

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillor Louis Allan, District Councillors Charlotte Fitzgerald and Melanie Martin. County Councillor Christine Channon. Absent – Jim Carter

Councillor Wensley stood down as Chair. Cllr. Canning proposed and Cllr. Tresidder seconded All approved his re-appointment as Chair.

Councillor Tresidder stood down as Vice-Chair. Cllr. Wensley proposed and Cllr. Canning seconded. All approved his re-appointment as Vice-Chair.

Declarations of Acceptance of office as Parish Councillors were accepted by the Clerk from Cllr. Wensley, Cllr. Tresidder, Cllr. Ferrers, Cllr. Moyle and Cllr. Canning. Cllr Allan and Cllr. Carter were not present so their appointment will be confirmed at the June meeting.

Registers of Interest were received by the Clerk from all Parish Councillors present. She has received one from Cllr. Allan also.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd April 2023 and were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

County Councillor's Report – Councillor Channon. See attached report.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – Cllr. Wensley welcomed the appointment of new District Councillors Charlotte Fitzgerald, Melanie Martin and Henry Riddell. Cllr. Riddell reported that the new Committees and duties following the election were not in place yet and political alliances had not yet been formed. This will happen within the next few days.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Councillors were appointed to roles as follows:

Planning – Cllr. Wensley. Councillors were unanimous in saying he carries out this important role to a very high standard.

Community Shop Rep/ Climate Change/ Resilience – Cllr. Tresidder

Community Pub Rep – Cllr. Canning

Local Community Rep – Cllr. Moyle

Yettington Rep – Cllr. Ferrers

To approve rent charge of £30.00 from the Football Club and £30 from the Tennis Club. **All approved**

Discussion on Breach of the River Otter. Councillors instructed the Clerk to write to LORP. There is a dispute between several parties over responsibility for repairing breaches of the River Otter. Councillors suggest that monies saved by changes to make the temporary routing of Budleigh Brook permanent might be used by LORP as a gesture of goodwill, without liability, to make permanent repairs to breaches of the river Otter.

REPORTS

Chair: See attached end of year report for 2022/2023

The Clerk: See attached report

Parish Pathways: See attached report

Shop, Village Hall, Climate Change: See attached report. Cllr. Tresidder confirmed that the river flow has reduced, probably due to Beaver activity and thus prevented serious flooding in East Budleigh Parish.

Community Pub – see attached report. Cllr. Canning confirmed trade has picked up since Easter and the Holiday Let will soon be available to hire.

Local Liaison: See attached report. There are continuing concerns about loneliness, especially for young men.

Yettington: No issues to report

Planning:

Ref 23/0852 – Uphams Car Park. Cllr. Wensley's recommendations were approved.

Ref 23/0868/FUL – Wheathill Car Park. Cllr. Wensley's recommendations were approved.

Ref 23/0851/FUL – Yettington Model Aircraft Car Park. Council made No Comment. However, as it was a late application, Councillors will contact the Clerk this week if anyone would like a separate meeting to discuss.

Approval was given to the end of year accounts. The Clerk thanked Jim Bick, the internal auditor for his considerable assistance in preparation of the documents. The AGAR was signed by the

Chair. The Clerk will submit documents to the external auditor. Accounts are available for scrutiny from today. The Public Notice will go out at the end of June.

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

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm