

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June in the Village Hall

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All correct

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

APOLOGIES: District Councillor Charlotte Fitzgerald. County Councillor Christine Channon.

The Clerk confirmed receipt of Declarations of acceptance from Cllrs. Louis Allan and Jim Carter and Register of Interest from Cllr. Carter.

The Clerk received a certificate of suitability to be a Parish Councillor from Heather Houston. She was co-opted onto the Parish Council, signed the Declaration of Acceptance, and submitted her Register of Interests.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

County Councillor's Report – None

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – The attached report was submitted by District Councillor Fitzgerald. DC Cllr. Riddell said he was supporting an application to the Lottery Fund for a grant – to be submitted by Seachange, to assist lonely or isolated people and would welcome suggestions on how to find the target groups. The Chair welcomed District Councillor Melanie Martin. She reported that new District Councillors had completed the induction process. She is working on a group which aims to assist homelessness, the backlog has been dealt with and future applications would be turned round within ten days.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Councillors were appointed to roles as follows:

Cllr. Jim Carter – Cricket Club and Kersbrooke

Cllr. Houston – Traffic matters and Drake's School

Cllr. Allan - Village Hall rep.

Local Community Rep – Cllr. Moyle

Yettington Rep – Cllr. Ferrers

PC Meetings: Councillors agreed to a change of meeting date to the third Monday in the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting to be **Monday 17th July at 7.30 pm**

A discussion was held on ideas to commemorate the King's Coronation. The Clerk was instructed to consult East Budleigh in Bloom about potentially purchasing a tree to replace the holly tree near the bus stop.

Council discussed an estimate received from David Pester for regular maintenance of the grass verge at the entrance to East Budleigh. The Clerk will investigate the availability of a volunteer but if unsuccessful, will accept the estimate.

Holly Tree in High Street. This tree, which has a TPO, is in poor condition. The Clerk reported that David White is trying to grow cuttings as the tree appears to be dying. Cllr. Wensley said the Landowner had a duty to replace it but could apply to dispense with that requirement. The Clerk will monitor progress.

Chair's Report: A letter has been received from Sam Bridgewater of CDE, indicating that plans for the Otter valley South of Newton Poppleford will be considered to address landscaping, biodiversity and the issue of flooding of the River Otter. The Council appointed Cllr. Houston to attend the meetings, which will start in September.

Clerk's Notes: See attached.

Maria Melanowski of the East Budleigh History Group, is arranging to check the utilities at the Salem Chapel, to obtain necessary insurances and safety certificates, with a view to opening the Chapel on an interim basis, whilst plans are made for its future. Cllr. Moyle confirmed all such steps would be taken.

Cllr. Tresidder has kindly repaired the flushing mechanism in the Public Toilets.

Resilience\Community Shop/Climate Emergency:- See attached report. Cllr. Tresidder was given permission to purchase cork tiles to smarten up the village notices boards. The Council thanked him for revarnishing and refreshing them.

P3:- See attached. Cllr. Wensley confirmed the footpath on the west side of the river is now open.

Village Hall: See attached Report. Cllr. Allan said they had been approached by Devon County Council who have funds under the DRIP project to assist local businesses with flood prevention. The Clerk will pass details to Budleigh Garage. Cllr. Wensley asked for re-assurance about the projector, which failed this evening. The Clerk will approach Paul Hartnett for assistance.

Community Pub: See attached Report

Traffic Matters: Cllr. Houston has applied a 2nd and 3rd time for the 20 is Plenty speed restriction, but not yet been successful.

Community Liaison: Cllr. Moyle provided a written report. See attached. Seachange are successfully engaging with local groups in need of assistance and will apply for a National Lottery Grant. Matched funding will be required. The new Youth Club in Budleigh is proving very popular. County Councillor Christine Channon has joined the Seachange group.

Cricket Club: Cllr. Carter suggested there will need to be a managed scheme for parking in due course. District Cllr. Riddell said he is also monitoring the situation. The 30mph sign may be moved, to be more visible.

Yettington: Cllr. Ferrers cleared weeds to improve access to the phone box/defibrillator.

Planning:

23/1127/FUL Council had no objection.

23/1135/FUL Council agreed the following response: The Parish Council supports the proposals in general as they provide an improvement to the property and would provide a more modern style accommodation whilst retaining the aesthetic external characteristics in keeping with the main house and semi-detached property and the street scene in general.

The proposed extension is to be 280mm above the floor height of the main house as with the existing kitchen extension, so no new flood risk is introduced. It remains to be seen, however, whether the Kersbrook link to the LORP project leads to any change in flooding potential.

Monthly Transactions : Approved

Financial Reports: Approval was given to pay for the carpark lights out of Capital, as this is a refurbishment and upgrade and not just a repair. The invoice for repairing the toilet lights will be set against the Extraordinary Toilet / Car Park Funds budget. All records approved.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.