

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2024

RISK ASSESSMENT BY CLERK – All correct

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Derek Wensley, Jim Ferrers, Louis Allan and Kathy Moyle BEM, District Councillors Henry Riddel, Charlotte Fitzgerald, Melanie Martin and County Councillor Christine Channon

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors Jim Carter, Angie Canning & John Tresidder.

The **MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2024 were approved.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:- Councillor Channon spoke to John Varley of Clinton Devon Estates about metalling the cricket ground path. CDE has no spare funds but an approach could be made to Lord Clinton's Trust. She said urgent concerns such as potholes deemed especially dangerous, flooding or road blockages can be reported to 0345 1551004. She expressed her support for Speed Indicator Devices and the Speedwatch teams.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:- Councillor Riddell and Councillor Fitzgerald will attend a meeting on 4th July with Southwest Water to discuss concerns such as sewage and leaks. Councillor Riddell is removing his involvement with the Local Plan and Green Wedges due to a conflict of interests.

Councillor Martin said flyers have been delivered to Budleigh residents to encourage opinions on the Local Plan and Green Wedges. In respect of the Corsican Pines which have been felled, the Forestry Commission have a six-year licence but with a duty to mitigate damage to wildlife. They waited for drier conditions before felling. John Wilding of CDE inspected the area. The trees were not suitable for raptors nor for Woodpeckers. Dead trees are left in place because these are the preferred nesting places for woodpeckers. Night Jars will be attracted to the new growth of shrubland. Replanting will take place after Christmas. Councillor Wensley pointed out that trees have been cleared along the bank on either side of Spring Cottage. Councillor Martin will raise this with the Forestry Commission. Councillor Moyle said several residents had written to the Commissioner but received no reply.

District Councillor Fitzgerald said a Local Government Association Peer Review Challenge has been undertaken by EDDC and she has been encouraged to see that one of the recommendations coming out of this has been to involve Parish Councils more in

the work of EDDC and provide forums for them to share information and ideas (point six within the full summary report here: <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/council-assurance-and-peer-challenge/peer-challenges-we-offer/corporate-peer-8>). She reported that consultation on small additional works on the emerging Local Plan will end on 27th June 2024. She said there is a proposal to reduce the Green wedge between Knowle & Budleigh Salterton (N.B. She later confirmed the Green Wedge in that area will not be reduce). Councillor Wensley pointed out that land adjacent to the cycle track to Exmouth is in a Coastal Protection Area, and potential development is of concern to local residents.

Siting of Speed Indicator Device.

After discussion it was agreed to move the mobile SID to its second location by Yettington Hall for the time being. They accepted the quote of £150.00 from Sam Storey to place a new pole and move the SID from the four firs end of the village. Councillors thanked Tracy Payne for her excellent work with the Yettington Speedwatch team.

Response to Local Plan Discussion

A detailed discussion took place and the following responses were agreed, to be entered into the online consultation at <https://eastdevonplanspring24.commonplace.is>

Option 1 – preference for 8 houses. All agreed the previous response.

Green Wedges: 1: Is the wording of the policy appropriate – YES

2: No view

3: No and No

Green Wedge between Budleigh and Knowle: 1 (Not at all satisfied) We are very satisfied with the Green Wedge that currently exists but not at all satisfied with having the Green Wedge built on.

Reports

Cllr Wensley :- None

Clerk's Notes – see Report. Councillors agreed to refer back to East Budleigh in Bloom, the matter of tidying the cobbles by the Church gate.

Parish Pathways – Jon Roseway: See report. No further funds have been allocated by EDDC this year.

Resilience/Community Shop/ Climate Emergency/Recreation Ground – Cllr. Tresidder: See report. Councillor Ferrers said the Scarecrow Festival had helped the Shop, which is suffering from lower footfall and higher costs.

Village Hall/Drakes School –See report. Councillor Allan and one other will be joining the Trustees of the Village Hall. New led stage lights will be fitted in the Hall.

Community Pub. - Cllr. Canning: See report.

Local Liaison/Salem Chapel – Cllr. Moyle – A podcast about Salem Chapple is being produced, to explain its unique structure and history. She thought permission was unlikely to be given for conversion to residential use.

Cricket Club/ Kersbrooke – Cllr. Carter – Not present. No report.

Yettington - Cllr. Ferrers: See report

Financial Reports: Council approved the bills and financial records for June.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

The next meeting will be on 15th July 2024 at 6.0 pm in the CHURCH HALL