

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 27 June 2022 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

PRESENT

Cllr M C Hilliar (Town Mayor)
Cllr D J Hayward (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr Mrs L D Evans
Cllr R A Harris
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr Mrs M P Lewis
Cllr R D Sherriff
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: County Cllr Mrs C Channon and one member of the public

22.073 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

22.074 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A F Chaplin (family commitments), Cllr R J Doorbar (working), Cllr A J Harris (working), Cllr D Tate (holiday), District Cllr A J Dent, District Cllr P M Jarvis and District Cllr T D Wright.

22.075 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

- The Town Mayor, Cllr M C Hilliar declared a personal interest in Min 22.085 – he is a member of the Carnival Committee
- Cllr Hilliar also declared that he had received a gift of four bottles of wine from the Lions Club of Budleigh Salterton as a thank you for attending various events during Gala Week

22.076 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 23 May 2022 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

22.077 Reports of Committees

The Minutes of the following Meetings were noted:

- Public Hall Committee held on 13 June 2022
- Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held on 25 May 2022
- Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group held on 20 June 2022

22.078 Chairman's Report

The Town Mayor, Cllr M C Hilliar reported that since his inauguration, he had attended several engagements on behalf of the Town Council:

- On 28 May he had officially opened Gala Week, which was well attended by the community and thankfully the weather held off for the Fete. He had visited various stalls, including Budleigh in Bloom,
- Cancer UK raised a large sum of money from the Big Breakfast and the Force Cancer Charity had organised its popular Cream Tea during the afternoon.

- He also visited the Community Workshop and was pleased it was being well used with the upstairs space now accessible for those with mobility issues following the installation of a stair lift; this had been one of the concerns this Council had had during the planning stages.
- Also during Gala Week, he had started the Fun Run, judged the Children's Pavement Art, Pebble Building and Children's Fancy Dress Competitions with his wife, Lizzie. They had visited the Art Club exhibition and he had opened the Race Night event, which was raising funds for Budleigh Salterton Carnival. He had presented prizes and sweets to the children and adults at the Children's Cycling Competition and had drawn the main raffle prizes at the Jubilee Street Party organised by the Chamber of Commerce; the party had been very well attended with everyone enjoying themselves – he congratulated Helen Warren for organising the event.
- He said it was nice to see so many town councillors out and about during Gala Week, chatting with the community and it was especially nice to be attending events not only with his wife but also with the Deputy Town Mayor - he thanked Cllr Hayward for coming along.
- He had officially unveiled the plinth on the seafront in honour of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee; he thanked those councillors and residents who had attended and taken photos. He felt there had been a good response from the town's residents. He then thanked the Clerk, Cllr R D Sherriff and Orchard Memorials for organising and installing the plinth.
- On 30 May he had attended a Zoom meeting with the Chairmen and Clerks of each of the East Devon towns. The aim of the group was to discover if there were ways all could work together on common goals such as climate change, S106 and CIL monies and other issues the towns might be facing which were not covered under other groups or organisations. He was pleased the next meeting would be in person and would be hosted by Budleigh Salterton.
- On 8 June he and his wife represented the Council at the Royal Marines Commando Cocktail evening. The Council had been thanked for its continued support of the MOD and the use of the shooting ground at straight point and the use of common. The evening concluded with a routine from the Royal Marine Band who had just returned after taking part in the Jubilee celebrations in London.
- On 25 June he had attended the library to present two children with prizes for a Poetry competition which they had entered during Gala Week.
- During Gala Week the Lions presented him with four bottles of wine. Whilst he had declared the gift he had decided to donate the bottles as raffle prizes.
- He concluded by thanking the Lions Club for all the hard work the members had put in during Gala Week, it was not an easy event to organise but they did make it look easy and it was especially harder after two years of covid.
- He concluded by advising that the annual Civic Service would be held at 3pm on Sunday 21 August at St Peter's Church.

22.079 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone reported:

- Following comments received from councillors and residents, she had contacted Tom Wood at East Devon District Council StreetScene regarding the poor condition of The Green. She had commented on the changes to the agreed rewilding scheme, the lack of a new plan and had asked when the picnic benches would be installed and the rustic benches relocated and when the commemorative trees would be planted. Mr Wood had explained that due to a lack of maintenance operative, these tasks had been put on the back-burner but he hoped to get them done soon. She promised not to let them be forgotten!

- On 29 June, she would be meeting with Jayne Souter from East Devon District Council to discuss the Heads of Terms for the Station Road and Brook Road toilets. She asked if councillors had specific questions for her to raise, to let her know by 5.00pm on 28 June.
- She had attended a Training Seminar at the end of May and one of the speakers had updated attendees on Operation London Bridge. She felt the Council's policy needed a slight amendment which she would be attending to shortly. She had also met with the Clerks from East Budleigh and Otterton as she felt it was important that the parishes worked together.
- She had emailed Councillors earlier in the day regarding the email migration. All being well this would happen on 18 July with drop-in support available on 19 July between 12.00pm and 3.00pm.

22.080 Reports of Council Representatives on Other Bodies

Friends of Budleigh Salterton Library

Cllr Mrs M P Lewis advised that the author Graham Hurley would be giving a talk at the library on 9 July and if anyone was available to help move the book racks at 1.00pm that day, they would be most welcome! She added that they needed some chairs and usually borrowed them from the Venture Hall. County Cllr Mrs C Channon said she felt the Venture Hall would be happy to help but as far as she was aware, no-one had contacted the Hall about this.

Budleigh Salterton Nursing Association

Cllr A L Jones gave his usual reminder that the Nursing Association was there to help residents and asked Councillors to keep the Association in mind if they heard of anyone who may need some assistance.

22.081 Reports of County and District Councillors

County Councillor

County Cllr Mrs C Channon reported:

- Traffic Orders had been advertised and would hopefully be passed at the East Devon Highways & Traffic Orders Committee meeting to be held on 22 July. She had received one letter about the Order for Cliff Terrace but felt the majority of residents were behind the proposed changes.
- St Peter's Church Car Park would be closed from 18 July to 11 September to sort out drainage and improve the surface. She was concerned that disabled church-goers would not have access to the Church whilst the work was carried out but advised Blue Badge holders could park outside on The Lawn for up to three hours. She had asked that Civil Enforcement Officers be a bit lenient!
- She had received a letter from the children at St Peter's Church asking that Devon County Council provide a bus for children travelling from Exmouth to Budleigh Salterton. The children felt this was more environmentally friendly than each family driving a car to the school. Cllr Mrs Channon said that unfortunately DCC did not have the budget to fund this but she had offered to speak to the school/parents to see if they could hire their own bus which would be cheaper than driving and more environmentally friendly. She would also suggest that the local children look at reviving the virtual bus.
- She understood that the monies from the sale of Shandford had now gone over to the new Trust. There was a lot of discussion going on as to how this could be used and as with the Nursing Association she felt it was important that residents were made aware of the funds. She said it was particularly noticeable that some people could drop through the net, which can in turn lead to a deterioration of their health.

Cllr Mrs L D Evans asked if there was any progress with the installation of a footpath at Evans Field.

Cllr Mrs Channon advised that she had been asked how much a footpath might cost, but the main issue was that it had to be of a certain standard for DCC to adopt it. She explained that DCC solicitors had contacted the developer with documents to sign but to date nothing had been returned. She assured Councillors that this would not get lost and she appreciated the seriousness of the situation for residents. She added that the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group discussed progress at every meeting!

Cllr D J Hayward asked who controlled the virtual speed limit on Devon's roads.

Cllr Mrs Channon was not sure but would try and find out.

Cllr Mrs M P Lewis added that DCC had different classifications for urban and rural roads – a road would not be classed as urban unless there were 6 front doors opening on to the road. She felt the Town Council should remember this when discussing planning applications in the future.

Cllr Mrs Channon said she had had three speed limit requests turned down because they were on rural roads.

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt added that the idea for a bus was good and a similar scheme had previously been instigated to enable pupils to travel to Kings School in Ottery St Mary. She said it was a good idea for Cllr Mrs Channon to speak to the PTA

22.082 Finance Inspection

- (i) Payments for the month of June 2022, in accordance with Appendix A, were noted.
- (ii) It was noted that the Chairman of the Finance Committee had carried out the internal finance inspection for May 2022.

22.083 Audit 2021/22

- (i) It was agreed that the Annual Governance Statement, which forms part of the Annual Return, be completed.
- (ii) The Accounts (plus Supporting Notes and Risk Assessment) for Financial Year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, all of which have been the subject of Internal Audit, were received and noted.
- (iii) It was noted there were no matters the Internal Auditor wished to bring to the attention of the Council.
- (iv) It was agreed that the Accounting Statement 2021/22, which forms part of the Annual Return, be completed.

The Town Mayor, Cllr M C Hilliar thanked the Clerk for her work with the accounts.

Cllr A L Jones also thanked the Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee for all their work in making sure the Town Council finances were kept in order.

22.084 Public Hall Committee

The decision made by the Public Hall Committee at a Meeting held on 13 June 2022 to replace the six dormer windows in the Public Hall plus the black-out blinds and associated motors was agreed.

22.085 Budleigh Salterton Carnival

The Road Closure application (previously circulated) was received and it was

Resolved: No comments will be made.

22.086 Correspondence Received

- Exmouth & District Community Transport Group: Letter of thanks for Grant
- Mr and Mrs Cornes: Letter re Jubilee Plinth
- Mr and Mrs Parkers: Letter re Jubilee Street Party
- Vision ICT: Three-year plan
- Devon County Council:
 - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking – Dalditch Lane: 5 September to 14 October 2022 (repair to wall)
 - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic & Parking – Granary Lane: 12-16 September 2022 (new gas service)
 - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Stoneborough Lane: 19 September 2022 (overhead wire transfer)
 - Notification of advertisement of Traffic Order: East Budleigh Road/Fore Street/High Street/Cliff Terrace

22.087 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- Cllr Mrs L D Evans said that there was just six months until Christmas and it would be great if some agreement could be made regarding this year's plans for lighting and trees! She realised that Clinton Devon Estates donates the trees but last year's were very sad!
- Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt said it was nice to receive some positive letters about the Jubilee Street Party and installation of the Jubilee Plinth.

22.088 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning Committee:	11 July 2022 at 7.00pm
Foreshore & Footpaths Committee:	11 July 2022 on the rising of the Planning Committee
Community Gardens Committee:	11 July 2022 on the rising of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee
Planning Committee:	25 July 2022 at 7.00pm
Town Council:	25 July 2022 on the rising of the Planning Committee
Finance Committee:	25 July 2022 on the rising of the Town Council

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

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Chairman

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Date