

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 13 November 2023 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.10pm.

PRESENT

Cllr D J Hayward (Town Mayor)
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A F Chaplin
Cllr D Walsh

In attendance: Cllr M C Hilliar, Cllr Mrs C M Cunningham, Cllr R J Doorbar, Cllr Mrs M P Lewis, Cllr W K Wood, Cllr Ms G Woodcraft, Mrs J E Vanstone (Town Clerk) and Mrs L R Ward (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

23.267 Election of Chairman

Only one nomination had been received, that of Cllr A F Chaplin, proposed by the Town Mayor, Cllr D J Hayward and seconded by Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt.

The Town Mayor declared that Cllr A F Chaplin be appointed as Chairman.

23.268 Public Speaking Time

No Members of the public were present.

23.269 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs L D Evans.

23.270 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No interests were declared.

23.271 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held on 10 July 2023 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

23.272 Chairman's Report

The new Chairman had nothing to report.

23.273 Disabled Beach Access

Consideration was given to the provision of disabled access to the beach.

The Clerk explained that the suggested area of matting would be approximately 50m x 1.5m with a 10m "T"; the matting would be installed/removed and stored by East Devon District Council and would be installed at the eastern end of the beach near Donkeys Turn.

This Council's contribution would be in the region of £2000.

It was

Resolved: This Council is willing to contribute 50% of the cost of matting as long as EDDC are able to install/remove and store the matting.

23.274 Outstanding Matters

A list of outstanding matters, which had been suggested by the previous Chairman, Roger Sherriff, had been circulated prior to the Meeting and it was

Resolved: The following projects will proceed:

- Railings along Fore Street – these should be repaired and repainted.
- ‘Budleigh Welcomes You’ signs – these should be repaired and repainted. The Clerk should attempt to obtain a second quotation for comparison and also ask if there is any coating which can be applied to keep the signs in good condition for longer.
- Footbridge from Upper Stoneborough Lane to Copp Hill Lane – the bridge is part of railway history and should be kept. The Clerk should contact East Devon District Council advising that the Town Council would consider making a contribution to the repainting of the bridge. It was also suggested that some sort of solar lighting be installed.
- Former Gas Lamps – the Clerk should obtain quotations when it is felt they need to be repainted.
- Madeira Walk – the Clerk should obtain quotations for the clearance of the vegetation along this path.
- Pretty Corner – removal of leylandii and clearance of gully. The Clerk should inform the Council’s contractor to go ahead with this work.

Further information is required for the following projects:

- Plastic Bottle repository – further investigation is needed before a decision is made. Exmouth and Scarborough Councils should be contacted to ascertain the cost of their containers.
- Update the flower bed adjacent to the Library path. The Clerk should contact Budleigh in Bloom for some suggestions on replacement planting and then obtain quotations for the project.

The following project will not proceed:

- Kayak Store – this Council does not wish to proceed with the suggestion to install a kayak store at Lime Kiln Car Park.

23.275 Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.57pm.

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Chairman

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Date