

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 15 July 2024 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.13pm.

PRESENT

Cllr A F Chaplin (Chairman)
Cllr C M Cunningham
Cllr M C Hilliar (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr D Walsh

In Attendance: Cllr S J Horn, Cllr M P Lewis, Cllr W K Wood, Cllr G Woodcraft, Mrs J E Vanstone (Town Clerk) and one member of the public

24.088 Public Speaking Time

No Members of the public wished to speak.

24.089 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Town Mayor).

24.090 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No interests were declared.

24.091 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held on 11 March 2024 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

24.092 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Cllr A F Chaplin reported:

- The refurbishment of the Lime Kiln toilets was due to start in "a couple of weeks" but no firm date had been agreed.
- The beach access matting was also due to be delivered soon, but again no firm date had been agreed. He would be meeting with the East Devon District Council (EDDC) Beach Safety Officer to agree a suitable location. It was agreed that suitable signage should be installed advising beach users that the matting was not for general use.

Following the recent cliff falls it was suggested that better signage be installed to warn beach users.

24.093 Fore Street Railings

Cllr Chaplin gave an update on the possibility of replacing the railings along the brook in Fore Street.

He explained that he had approached three contractors to ascertain if they complied with Devon County Council Highway regulations. Only one was compliant but they had refused to quote as they were unable provide an exact match for the existing railings. He suggested the Council should consider an alternative style of railings.

Cllr C M Cunningham asked about the planters which are attached to the railings. Cllr Chaplin explained these were not his primary consideration at the moment but it would be prudent to budget for replacement planters as well.

It was suggested that the Clerk contacts her Town Clerk network to see if any other Councils had had a similar problem and if they could recommend a supplier.

Cllr Chaplin will report back to the Committee when alternative contractors/suppliers have been sourced.

24.094 Seafront Benches

The repair/repaint of the seafront benches was discussed.

The Chairman explained that some benches were in a poor state with some being much worse than others. He explained that EDDC only had one operative for the Exmouth and the surrounding area so unless Town Councillors painted the benches themselves, they were not going to get done!

He suggested that the Clerk obtained quotations to repaint them and then ask EDDC to provide the paint and split the labour costs with them 50:50.

It was suggested that the Community Workshop be approached to see if they might be able to help.

Cllr D Walsh asked if the bench outside the library could be repaired and repainted as well. The Clerk said this was on her radar and she would be arranging for the bench to be repaired etc very soon.

24.095 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.37pm.

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Chairman

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Date