

## **BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 9 March 2026.

The meeting commenced at 8.23pm

### **PRESENT**

Cllr P Manfield – Acting Chair

Cllr A Chaplin

Cllr C Cunningham

Cllr P Lewis

**In Attendance:** Mrs A Gater-Wildgust (Town Clerk) & Cllr R Doorbar.

### **25.487 Public Speaking Time (15 minutes max)**

There were no public speakers.

### **25.488 To receive any Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cook and Cllr Jones.

### **25.489 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda**

There were no interests declared.

### **25.490 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held on 10 November 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that they be signed as a true record.

### **25.491 Chair's Report**

Cllr Manfield (Acting Chair), reported that there appears to be missing 'dogs on lead signs' in the area next to 50 degrees café on the sea front. They expressed a desire to have these reinstated and to look at the possibility of having it noted on signs what the penalties are for breach.

### **25.492 Abandoned Boats on Budleigh Beach**

An update was received and it was agreed that the Clerk would write again to EDDC Beach Safety Officer, Peter Blyth, to seek clarification on what actions could be taken to rectify the situation.

Additionally, the meeting offered by Cllr Jung (EDDC) would be arranged, and DCC Cllr Hookway would be invited to attend along with District Councillors.

It was noted that the importance of honouring and respecting the fishing tradition of Budleigh Salterton should be recognised in any discussions regarding this matter.

### **25.493 Any Other Business at the Chair's Discretion**

- Committee report for APM: Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would prepare a summary and circulate it to the Committee on 10 March for agreement prior to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on 12 March.

- The Town Clerk advised that works were currently taking place on the beach in the environs of Steamer Steps as part of EDDC's preparations to ready the area for the summer season. The level of the beach had been significantly reduced due to recent storms and required rectification before beach huts could be placed in this area. Works to the cliff behind this location were also required.

- Benches: Progress was being made towards BSTC being granted permission by EDDC to recondition the seafront benches, and an agreement was pending.

- Beach Debris: A query was raised regarding debris that had washed up on the beach, which was reported to extend up to and beyond the level where the beach huts are

located. This is within the area for which EDDC is responsible. The Town Clerk will write to EDDC regarding this concern.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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Chair

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