BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Foreshores and Footpaths Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 9 November 2026.

The meeting commenced at 8.14pm

PRESENT
Cllr S Cook
Cllr A Chaplin
Cllr G Woodcraft

In attendance: Mrs A Gater-Wildgust (Town Clerk) and seven members of the public.

26.301 Public Speaking Time
There were no public speakers.

26.302 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Manfield.

26.303 Declarations of Interests
There was no interests declared.

26.304 Minutes
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held on 8 June 2026 were approved.

26.305 Chair's Report
The Chair thanked the recently retired Town Handyman for their hard work and contribution to the town. An update was provided on the Road Warden Scheme, noting that the Budleigh Salterton Traffic & Transport Group developing a recommendation for consideration by the Town Council.
It was noted that EDDC had done a good job in clearing and cleaning the foreshore.
The Committee discussed the remedial works required at Steamer Steps, and it was agreed that further information would continue to be sought.
A query was raised regarding EDDC's programme of works for 2027 and what works were planned. The Committee was also reminded of EDDC's requirement for all boats to be registered. The Chair reiterated the restrictions relating to cycling and the requirement for dogs to be kept on leads along the foreshore.

26.306 Benches
It was noted that BSTC had allocated £7,000 of its budget on improvement to seafront benches (sanding and staining). These are an EDDC asset.
The committee consider that there are fifteen benches between Jubilee Shelter and Lime Kiln Car Park that still need sanding and painting, plus there are fifteen missing benches. It was welcomed that the viewing area at the top of Steamer Steps now had four benches in place. It was:
RESOLVED: the committee would bring forth a recommendation for this piece of work to be undertaken by BSTC.

A further discussion ensued regarding the five raw wood benches on the green. The Clerk confirmed that these were not a F&F issue but would make investigations as to who has jurisdiction over them and establish what plans are in place to maintain them.

The Town Clerk will confirm with EDDC if there is a strategy to reduce the number of benches in the town, as they deteriorate.

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26.307 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

Cllr Chaplin provided a report on the recent foreshore walk conducted with Cllr Manfield and officers from EDDC. It was noted that there is ongoing concern with the ongoing siting of the refuse and recycling bins on the esplanade, from Rockfish Restaurant. EDDC officers advised that they have spoken with the establishment

It was further agreed with EDDC officers that signage needed an improved. The large signs at Limekiln Car Park and Jubilee Shelter will be updated to include a shaded area to show where cycling is restricted. The committee intend to bring forth a proposal to the Town Council to pay for additional signed related to dogs and cycling.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.37pm.

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