

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr S V Hall (Chairman)
County Cllr Mrs C Channon
Cllr J White (East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council)
R Henderson
E Stamp (DCC Highways)
R Elliott (DCC Highways)

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

355. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Alan D, Alan J, Alan T, Tom and George.

356. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 11 October 2017 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

357. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- Min 348 – East Terrace. Christine said this was still not complete. Emma will speak to Lee Cranmer and see if it can be sorted soon.

358. Lay-by on East Budleigh Road

Christine advised that Clinton Devon Estates (CDE) did not want to take on the lay-by.

Jon said that local farmer, Tom Pyne, had filled both ends with soil and would be happy to look after it.

Christine said the area looked much better but asked that Mr Pyne remove his farm equipment.

Jon said Mr Pyne will do this but wondered if Devon County Council (DCC) would be happy to reduce the size of the sign by the entrance to his farm.

Emma added there was no documentation to show the lay-by was owned by DCC or CDE and she was happy that Mr Pyne take this on.

Christine asked that the Highways sign be removed from the lay-by.

Once this was done, no further action will be needed.

359. Exmouth Road Bus Stop

Jo updated members on the idea to construct a path to enable safe access to the bus stop at Pretty Corner. She advised that she and the Town Mayor, Cllr A J Dent had met with Mr Leigh Rix from CDE recently. Mr Rix had suggested constructing a path behind the wall which would mean the wall would not have to be taken down. CDE will contact the tenant who rents the field and see if they are amenable to this idea.

360. Chapel Hill

Christine said nothing had still been done to the hedge and wall at Dial House.

Emma advised she had met with the contractor. The hedge cannot be flailed so would have to be cut by hand to a height of 4 metres.

Emma then updated members on the wall. There had been no considerable further movement and she would be speaking to the owner in the near future.

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361. Potholes

Emma said the pothole gang was behind schedule because of a number of issues; the recent bad weather had not helped!

Christine advised of locations around the town which needed attention – Greenway Lane/Barn Lane/cemetery. Emma said she would take a look.

Emma reminded members that potholes needed to have a minimum diameter of 300mm with a vertical side of 40mm. The public did need some education on what constituted a pothole!

362. Additional Bus Stops – Marine Parade/East Budleigh Road

Correspondence from Stagecoach had been circulated prior to the meeting. No further action had been taken since the date of the letter. Jo will chase the request for a new stop on Marine Parade and a replacement sign at East Budleigh Road.

363. Bus/Coach Stop – Station Road

Emma said that the Civil Parking Enforcement Technician, John Hodgson, had asked about the lining for the bus stop outside the Public Hall. He wanted to make sure it was correct and had queried the waiting time.

Emma will speak to him again and report at the next meeting.

364. Grit Bins

Christine updated members on the grit bins around the town. She had bought extra bins for her ward.

There was some discussion on the state of the grit inside the bins. Emma asked for the locations of the bins and she will investigate.

365. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

1. Jon asked Emma about progress with Tidwell Lane. She said that they were having difficulty in removing the water because of the height of the land. Jon suggested it become a green lane as it was better to walk along it rather than drive up it.
2. Jon also asked about the plan to move the 30mph limit. Emma said she will speak to Lee Cranmer.
3. Christine thanked Jon for his persistence with the hedges in Middletown Lane – they had now been cut back.
4. Christine advised there were a lot of furrows on The Green – they appeared to be from buses/vans. Jo said there were also a lot of furrows on the verge on East Budleigh Road, near Granary Lane which had been created by Western Power. She will ask Western Power to reinstate the area.
5. Jon asked about the ownership of Brick Cross, near Otterton. He was concerned about the safety of the structure. Emma said she will check with Kevin Dentith at DCC.
6. Steve wondered if a Police representative was missed on the Group. All agreed it was good to have an officer present. Jo will write to Insp Weekes asking if it is possible for an officer to attend future meetings.
7. Christine asked if there had been any progress with the signage for West Hill warning of pedestrians in the road. Emma will look into that.
8. Steve said EDDC had been contacted by DCC regarding the future of the two taxi ranks in the town (Station Road and Fore Street). Emma will speak to John Hodgson about this.

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366. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3.15pm.

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Chairman

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