

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 12 June 2017, on the rising of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee.

Meeting commenced at 8.02pm.

PRESENT

Cllr A J Dent (Town Mayor)
Cllr T D Wright (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A N Gooding
Cllr D J Harrison
Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone
Cllr C A Kitson

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr A L Jones

17.074 Election of Chairman

Only one nomination had been received, that of Cllr D J Harrison, proposed by the Deputy Town mayor, Cllr T D Wright and seconded by Cllr A N Gooding. The Town Mayor, Cllr A J Dent declared that Cllr Harrison be appointed Chairman.

17.075 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present.

17.076 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S V Hall (holiday)

17.077 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held on 11 July 2016 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

17.078 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman, Cllr D J Harrison, welcomed Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone to the Committee. He then reported:

1. It was lovely to see the foreshore alive with pebble builders/artists over the bank holiday. It had been a fiercely contested competition marshalled expertly by the Lions Club! The competition had broken records with an estimated 300 participants and the highest towers ever recorded.
2. Budleigh Brook should soon be cleared to alleviate the risk of flash flooding should there be a heavy sustained down pour.
3. The marker buoys had been in place, but had washed ashore during the recent high winds and hopefully would soon be back out for the summer in the bay.
4. East Devon District Council (EDDC) had levelled the tractor tyre tracks so there were no unsightly ridges on the west end. This would allow Simon Wood to commence his eagerly awaited pebble art.
5. He asked all to make an effort to attend the Lower Otter Restoration Project drop-in exhibition being held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday 5 July 2017 between 12noon and 7.00pm.
6. The next Foreshore Walk would take place on Wednesday 1 November 2017, meeting at the Public Hall at 10.00am.

17.079 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone reported:

1. The Public Access Defibrillators would be installed in the next week. Funds from Budleigh in Business and the Lions Club had been received as well as a donation from a resident. She would inform Members when they were up and running.
2. To follow on from Cllr Harrison's report, she had, that morning, been informed by EDDC that the stream in Fore Street was to be cleared.
3. EDDC had also informed her that there had been an issue with the magnetic locks on the gents' toilets at Steamer Steps but this had now been sorted out.
4. The path to Donkeys Turn had been cleared of stone and a new bench was to be placed there, facing inland.
5. The bin by the beach café at Steamer Steps had been moved to a different location following complaints that wasps were causing a problem.

17.080 Seafront

A request for more "No Cycling" signage on the seafront was discussed. It was

Resolved: EDDC had offered a "no cycling" stencil to be used by the Town Handyman but as he was no longer used, the Clerk will ask if EDDC could carry out the work and recharge the Town Council.

17.081 Foreshore Walk

A report of the outcome of the Foreshore Walk which was carried out on 11 April 2017, was received (*Appendix A*)

Cllr C A Kitson said it had been a good walk and it was good to meet the new Area Manager.

17.082 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

1. Cllr M L Kenneally-Stone asked if any further thought had been given to her suggestion for secure cages on Lime Kiln car park which could be rented out to beach users to store equipment etc.

The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr T D Wright said a new beach safety manager was being appointed and he would seek his/her thoughts once in post. He said if there was a beach users club they could perhaps manage the cages.

The Chairman, Cllr D J Harrison said that a number of kayaks were stored on the beach amongst the boats, using chains set in concrete buried in the pebbles.

2. Cllr Harrison then thanked Cllr A L Jones for his years of service on the committee.

Cllr Jones said he would be happy to help in any way he could in the future.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.23pm.

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Chairman

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Date

Budleigh Salterton Town Council Foreshore & Footpaths Committee.

Foreshore Walk: Tuesday 11th April 10am start.

Cllr C Kitson (Mayor)
Cllr H Harrison (Chairman)
Cllr A Jones
Cllr S Hall
Cllr T Wright

Nick Christo (StreetScene Manager)
Richard Martin (StreetScene Area East)

Apologies:

Cllr A Dent: Previous commitments.

Cllr A Gooding: Previous commitments.

Top shelter above Steamer Steps: Re-pointing needed on some of the stone work supporting the metal hand rails on the upper level.

Lower level; tidy up of the area to include repainting the non-combustible metal waste bin.

Memorial benches: Nick & Richard explained that as the benches were becoming beyond repair that the "owners" are contacted & the new composite plastic bench put in place. Budleigh is to have the solid Black type. Councillors were all in agreement that it was a shame that they couldn't be Budleigh Green!

Beach Hut spacing: It was explained that there is to be a slight increase in the space between huts to allow owners to paint/stain/repair their huts.

Big Belly Bins: Nick explained that there has been some issues with the furniture and hinges becoming excessively corroded due to the sea air & detracting from the appearance of the bins. East Devon District Council (EDDC) have tried to source some replacements to be in place for the summer.

Beach Hut hard standing east end: EDDC would try to budget some scalplings to go under the beach huts. When the huts are removed in October the area is very muddy & being the winter the grass doesn't grow back. This detracts from the usually clean & tidy walkway.

Cliff inspection. East Devon District Council carried out 'routine' inspections on the east cliffs, below Coastguard Hill and Salting Hill, on Friday March 31st.

Stone Gabions: It was noted that there are lots of sharp & jagged wire protruding from the gabions which could result in injury. EDDC said they would get their engineering side to look at repairing & making safe any potential hazards.

Donkey Turn: The site of a potential new seat facing up the Estuary was discussed.

During the walk the cleanliness & appearance of the Public conveniences on Brook Road, Steamer Steps & the east end. The east end toilets have had a few "minor" issues where the public have become locked in. EDDC were hoping to rectify this fault.

12.25 the walk finished back at the Public Hall.