

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 13 July 2015.

Meeting commenced at 7.19pm.

PRESENT

Cllr C Richards (Town Mayor)
Cllr C A Kitson (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr D J Harrison
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr T D Wright

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr A J Dent, Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr M C Hilliar, Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone and one representative of the press

15.108 Election of Chairman

One nomination was received, that of Cllr T D Wright, proposed by Cllr A L Jones and seconded by the Town Mayor, Cllr C Richards.

The Town Mayor, Cllr C Richards declared that Cllr T D Wright be appointed as Chairman.

15.109 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present.

15.110 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A N Gooding (unwell) and Cllr S V Hall (holiday).

15.111 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held on 9 March 2015 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

15.112 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman reported that the railings up Coastguard Hill had been replaced and they looked very good.

He said the Foreshore was in good condition.

15.113 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone had no report to make.

15.114 Foreshore Walk

Details of the Walk carried out on 7 July 2015 were received and noted (Appendix A). The Chairman was pleased the new EDDC StreetScene Manager, Nick Christo, had come along on the Walk as he had been able to deal with one or two problems immediately. Cllr Wright said Mr Christo had forwarded a list of items that had been discussed during the Walk and he was pleased it agreed with his!

He said Mr Christo had a "can do" attitude and he had told those on the Walk that he was reviewing how the various StreetScene operatives worked – they would have area responsibilities instead of just carrying out cleaning or street sweeping. He hoped this might mean they took more pride in their work.

The Chairman then reported that recycling bins had been provided alongside the big belly bins and these were being well-used.



The Clerk then reported that item 1 would be dealt with by the Town Handyman and items 3, 6 and 7 had been reported to Devon County Council.

The Town Mayor, Cllr C Richards added that he had asked the Clerk to obtain quotations for replacement railings from Steamer Steps up to the shelter plus the small length past the shelter further up the path towards the Rosemullion. He said the railings right on the cliff edge would not be replaced but repainted.

15.115 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

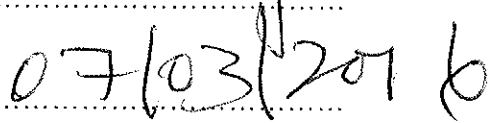
Cllr A L Jones asked what progress had been made with the lease for the Jubilee Shelter.

The Town Mayor, Cllr C Richards advised that this was still in the hands of solicitors and he hoped it would be sorted out soon.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.26pm.



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Chairman



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Date

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FORESHORE AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE

APPENDIX A

Report of foreshore walk Tuesday 7 July 2015

Present

Cllr Courtney Richards, Town Mayor
Cllr Chris Kitson, Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr Tom Wright
Mrs Jo Vanstone, Town Clerk
Nick Christo, EDDC Street Scene Manager, western area.

Apologies were received from

Cllr A L Jones
Cllr S V Hall
Cllr D J Harrison

The following points were noted:

1. Vegetation protruding through fencing between Steamer Steps shelter and Cliff Road and obstructing foot path.
2. Benches top of Steamer Steps need re-staining.
3. Stones edge of path near fishermen's area loose.
4. Boat registration sign at fishermen's area illegible due to fading.
5. Bench near flagpole needs re-staining.
6. Drains in Salting Hill blocked
7. Drain on sea front near Lime Kiln kiosk blocked.
8. Lintel above entrance to Lime Kiln shelter rotten as were other parts of the wall.
9. Railings around viewing platform near Lime Kiln car park rotten and rusted through. Wooden handrail on steps down to beach near Lime Kiln kiosk loose.



10. Area behind retaining wall full so falling cliff material gets onto path.
11. Lock on disabled toilet at Lime Kiln end faulty.

In general the foreshore is in good order. Nick Christo took the points on board and photographed items that needed attention. He also told us that he is reorganising the way his team works. There will be more evening cover to deal with overfull bins and the teams will now be working on an area basis, not task based. He hopes this will lead to greater pride in what his staff do and they will have a general responsibility for all that street scene does. We noted the provision of recycling bins at the litter bin points and he said that these were being well used and lessening the rubbish in the general bins. At weekends in the summer there will be an additional litter station at the bottom of Steamer Steps.

EDDC has now taken delivery of an electronic bathing water quality sign that is solar powered and we discussed the siting of this sign near the Jubilee Shelter. This should be in place for next bathing season.

It was decided that the town handyman would deal with item 1. Those items for which EDDC are responsible will be attended to by Nick Christo and we should write again to DCC about the dangerous state of the edging stones along the path. The Town Mayor said that we will go ahead with replacing the railings between Steamer Steps and the shelter, using the TIF.

We did not see any problem caused by the fencing on the railings between the shelter and Cliff Road, other than item 1. The railings were in quite good order and the netting was away from the path. The dense vegetation also presents a natural barrier under the railings.

Tom Wright

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Wright', with a horizontal line underneath the name.