

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 8 July 2019 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.09pm

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt (Town Mayor)
Cllr M C Hilliar (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr P W R Duke
Cllr D J Hayward
Cllr R D Sherriff

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr Mrs L D Evans, Cllr A L Jones, Cllr H L Riddell and one member of the public

19.123 Election of Chairman

Only one nomination had been received, that of Cllr R D Sherriff, proposed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt and seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr M C Hilliar.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt declared that Cllr R D Sherriff be appointed as Chairman.

19.124 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

19.125 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone (holiday).

19.126 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Foreshore & Footpaths Committee held on 11 March 2019 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

19.127 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported:

- A Foreshore Walk had not been undertaken prior to this Meeting. He explained to the new Committee Members that there were usually just two Walks per year – one in March and the other in October.
- He was pleased to advise that there had been no reoccurrence of the moth infestation. He felt the actions taken by East Devon District Council (EDDC) officers in clearing areas where the moths were nesting, seemed to have worked. However, officers were monitoring the situation and would clear those areas on a regular basis.
- The new handrail at the steps near the Gentlemen's Club had been installed and the old handrail removed.
- The railings by the Gentlemen's Club had been repaired and repainted. He said there was a slight issue with one of the railings which was broken and needed welding. He hoped this would be done soon, along with the broken railing behind the Jubilee Shelter.
- The flagpole had been removed in early June as two bolts had sheared off resulting in a Health and Safety issue. He was pleased to report this had now been reinstalled.
- Two new picnic benches had been installed by EDDC at Lime Kiln and once the grass had grown up around them, they would be visitor-friendly.

- The “Dogs on Leads” signs would be repainted on the seafront once EDDC had a new stock of paint!
- A large amount of weed was growing out of the wall on the seafront between the Gentlemen’s Club and Steamer Steps. He had asked EDDC to spray with weed killer and remove.

Cllr D J Hayward advised that the No Cycling signs needed repainting as well. The Chairman said he was aware of this and it was on the work list for EDDC officers.

- The windows in the Jubilee Shelter had not been replaced yet. He had advised EDDC of the vandalism but had been informed it was now a Town Council responsibility.

19.128 Clerk’s Report

Mrs J E Vanstone reported:

- The vandalism at the Jubilee Shelter had been reported to the Police. She was waiting for the Crime Reference. She was also waiting for quotations for the repair work to enable an insurance claim to go ahead. Once the quotations were received, she would liaise with the Chairman to ascertain whether it was sensible to go ahead with an insurance claim.

19.129 Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

- The Chairman said that whilst it was impossible to make the town completely vandal-proof, he wondered if it was possible, when looking at the High Street CCTV system, to add another camera for the seafront. The Clerk advised that the High Street system would be a stand-alone system monitored by the Police. She had wondered whether a webcam, similar to the one on Exmouth seafront, could be installed somewhere and would speak to the company which had installed that one to see if it was feasible.
- The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt said that someone (possibly an EDDC officer) had cleared all the weeds in Tidwell Close and wondered if they might work their way around the town.
- The Chairman said there were a number of areas in the town where hedges etc were overgrowing onto the footpaths. He would supply a list of addresses to Clerk so that “hedge letters” could be sent to the owners.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.23pm.

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Chairman

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Date