

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON & YETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

BORED WITH BREXIT? – MAKE YOUR OPINIONS COUNT LOCALLY!

At the beginning of May 2019 elections will take place for parish councillors. There will be several vacancies on East Budleigh Parish Council and I would like to take this opportunity to ask community conscious residents to consider applying for these interesting and important vacancies.

In every city, town and village at the heart of these communities are the residents; they are the backbone and support of all councils. East Budleigh is lucky in having many community groups which very often need and can expect support from the parish council. This support usually is in terms of finance which comes from our precept and is allocated to several areas within the village. These areas include the free car park and toilets, general maintenance, grants, flood prevention, dog bins, care of the Rec field and tennis courts, community transport, EB in Bloom, the Village Green and many more. The council reviews all planning applications and together with residents' views and/or objections reports these to EDDC. Many applications can be very contentious and the parish council always refers all concerns to East Devon District Council Planning. The Neighbourhood Plan is referred to constantly where planning applications are concerned.

At the present time there are several projects within the village boundary under consideration and the parish council is in a position to source funding from various organisations willing to help financially with suitable projects.

The parish council has endeavoured over the past year under the guidance of our Chair, Valerie Lister, to be as transparent in all of our dealings as is possible. Councillors have revised our Health & Safety, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct etc. to the highest possible standard – these are available to view on our website.

Without a full parish council we could no longer act as a voice for the community and the village needs and concerns would be returned to EDDC who would ultimately make decisions. This would include return of the car park (which at present is free) and toilets which at present belong to the village, grant applications, new project considerations and planning applications. (It should be noted that the many of the surrounding villages have had their public conveniences closed, and car parks if any could become metered).

As the parish clerk I know how important parish councillors are and know that the village would lack its heart without our 200 year old parish council. Residents living within a 3 mile radius of East Budleigh boundary are eligible to apply. If you are interested in joining us please send an email, letter or 'phone for details. Thank you.

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