

OTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES.

MONDAY, 11th APRIL 2016
at 7.30 p.m. in the
COMMITTEE ROOM of the VILLAGE HALL.

Present	Cllr A. Bennett (Chairman) Cllr J. Fudge Cllr I. Simpson	Cllr R. Young Cllr T. Farrington Cllr J. Lister
Also Present	County Cllr Mrs C. Channon The Clerk in-waiting	2 members of the Public The Clerk

Procedural Items.

- 16.iv.1 To receive disclosures of personal and pecuniary interests from Councillors on business items to be considered at the meeting.**
No interests were declared.
- 16.iv.2 To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7th March, circulated to members and attached, be signed as a correct record.**
The minutes from the meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- 16.iv.3 To receive apologies for absence from Councillors.**
Cllr Whittingham and District Cllr Jung and PCSO Trayhurn apologised for their absence.
- 16.iv.4 Chairman's formal announcements.**
He informed the Meeting that this was his last one as Chairman. He thank all the Councillors for their support during his term of office.
- 16.iv.5 Public questions and comments.**
- The Council was informed that the hedge at the top of the Jubilee Playground was being allowed to grow too tall and consequently it was in danger of losing its screening quality.
 - The beech hedge in the Playground adjoining Vieux Close has not been cut on the Vieux Close side.
 - The hedge in the Cemetery has a large quantity of elder growing up through it. Unless that is removed, the other varieties will be choked.
 - The fence beyond the railway is "not fit for purpose". It has cost £2000 and the posts are poorly secured in the ground. If anyone leans on it it will fall over and the white reflectors should be red.
 - Cllr Channon thought the fence provided a smart entrance to the Village.

Business Items.

- 16.iv.6 Report from the Chairman.**
- The defibrillator which the Council agreed to purchase has been fitted and there will be a meeting in the Village Hall on 27th April when a member of the South Western Ambulance Service will demonstrate how simple it is to use. Parishioners are urged to attend as you may be the only one nearby who can save a life.
 - The verge at the entrance to the Village at the top of Ottery Street is in need of attention. Cllr Fudge will prune the hydrangea.
- 16.iv.7 Items from previous meetings to be resolved:**
- Cllrs were reminded that the Annual Parish Assembly takes place next Monday. He hopes all will be able to attend and has asked that they contact as many people as they can to ensure there is a good turnout. The guest speaker is Dr Sam Bridgewater who will provide an update on Clinton Devon Estates' plans to flood the Lower Otter Valley.
 - The new Chairman of the Council will have a seat at the next stake holder meeting to discuss these plans.
- 16.iv.8 Planning Application:**
- **16/0303/TCA - Tree on the Green.**
Horse Chestnut: Crown reduction to retain a tree with a height of approximately 15m and a radial spread of 5m. Lift over foot path to clear 2.1m from ground level.
- The Council have been informed that EDDC has been given permission for the work to go ahead.

16.iv.9 Safety reports from Chairmen of the following Committees:-

- The Village Green - The work on the Chestnut tree will be started on 27th May. Cllr Simpson will contact the grass cutting contractor to suggest that the Council would like him to spread a mixture of sand, top soil and seed across the whole area to repair the grass. There has been a complaint that children are playing ball games on the Green contrary to the local Bye-Law. The Chairman asked Councillors to tell them to desist if they spotted any ball games.
- The War Memorial - No safety issues. The wreaths on the War Memorial have been removed.

Cllr Davies arrived at 7.55 pm

- Stantyway Recreation Ground - No safety issues. Cllr Davies will remove the old machinery and secure the new bench at Stantyway Cross.
- The Jubilee Playground - The seat around the table still needs attention.

Cemetery - No safety issues but Cllr Lister will check on the encroaching elder in the hedge.

16.iv.10 Reports on various Village amenities from Councillors:

- Footpaths etc - Various footpaths were badly affected by the recent bad weather but Briony Sharp has reported the damage to the appropriate people and much of it has now been repaired.
The broken fence on Park Lane has not been repaired: it is nothing to do with DCC Highways or CDE. However, County Cllr Channon will put in a word.
Several pot-holes have been repaired (in Pinn Lane beyond Lower Pinn) but those in Ropers Lane are not considered bad enough.
- Trees - Some fallen trees and broken branches at Stantyway Recreation Ground have been removed.
- Contracts - Nothing to report. Council Insurance will need to be renewed on June 1st.
- Ladram Bay - Nothing to report.
- Football Club - Nothing to report.
- Garden Club - Nothing to report.
- Raleigh Federation Governors - Nothing to report.
- Twinning Association - Nothing to report.
- The Village Hall Committee - Nothing to report.
- The Community Village Shop - Nothing to report.

16.iv.11 Report from the Police.

PCSO is on leave.

16.iv.12 Correspondence received since last month requiring attention.

- There has been a request to replace the notice board on the wall of the Old Forge. That board is not a Parish Council Board. However, discussion considered a previously rejected proposition to place a board on the inside of the Council's bus shelter across the road. Cllr Simpson will investigate.
This will be placed on the next agenda for a decision.

16.iv.13 Report from County Councillor Mrs Christine Channon.

- Cllr Channon met with Hugo Swire and several others to discuss the way forward if the Clinical Commissioning Groups are disbanded. It was planned to run the Budleigh model as a pilot scheme and this had the strong support of the Clinical Director of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. Unfortunately, she has gained promotion to a different job.
It appears that the plans now are to sell various small hospitals like Budleigh. However, when the Rolle Estates (now CDE) gave the land on which the hospital could be built, a codicil provide for it to be returned to the Estate if it was no longer needed for a hospital. This is now in the hands of lawyers.
- As far as the Lower Otter Valley plans are concerned, DCC are against them as they stand because so little facts have been provided about such things as tide depths, alternative access routes for South Farm businesses and families and cost.

16.iv.14 Report from District Councillor Mr Geoff Jung.

Cllr Jung was not present.

16.iv.15 To Consider Claims for Payments and Receipts Accepted.

Payments:

South West Water d/d	5.00
Village Hall	10.00
Cllr Bennett (primulas on the Green)	10.47
Terry Tibbott	18.62
DALC (Cost of Clerk's Course)	32.00
Alan Tyson (Work on footpaths etc.)	135.00
Clerk's salary for March	200.00
Otter Parochial Church Council (service to clock)	259.20

Receipts:	TOTAL	670.29
	TOTAL	NONE

16.iv.16 To agree date of next meeting.
The next meeting will be on Monday, 9th May 2016.

16.iv.17 Items for the Next Agenda.
To decide if a notice board should be fitted to the Cross Tree bus shelter.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Bank Reconciliation at the end of the Month

Cash Book:	Balance b/fwd	14580.44
	Plus: Receipts	17385.69
	Less: payments	<u>-19146.29</u>
		<u>12819.84</u>
Bank Accounts:	Current a/c	5822.72
	Deposit a/c	7042.73
	Plus unbanked cheques	0.00
	Less unrepresented cheque	<u>-45.61</u>
		<u><u>12819.84</u></u>

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