

Otterton Parish Council

A meeting of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 7th August 2017** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall.

All members of Otterton Parish Council were summoned to attend the meeting

In attendance Cllr John Fudge in the Chair, Cllr John Hiles, Cllr Tony Bennett, Cllr Tony Farrington, Cllr John Lister, Cllr Val Pride, DCllr Geoff Jung, and Fran Mills as Clerk. 3 Members of the public were welcomed

Minutes

1. Accepted apologies for absence

CCllr Claire Wright sent apologies as she has injured her knee and cannot drive.

Cllr Roy Young has a hospital appointment at short notice.

Cllr Ian Simpson gave his apologies for tonight as he has been working for 21 days on the trot and is 'absolutely burnt out'

2. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of personal and pecuniary interests were noted.

3. Confidential Items of Business

No business needed to be dealt with in confidence

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2017 were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, not elsewhere on the agenda:

(i) New Councillors. Valerie Pride who was elected at the last meeting was welcomed. The clerk has spoken to another local regarding becoming a Councillor and she is considering it.

(ii) Arising from M17/34, to note the outcome of the Parishes Together Fund application – plant and animal signage. It was agreed that Clerk will take on co ordination of project. ***offered details of production and cost of Ladram bay signs which are in a similar design to those sought.

It was agreed that Will Tottle will send photos of signs from Ladram and with Sam Bridgewater we will decide on how they would be populated, Visuals need to be sent to Claire James before any decision is made. No concern from council on what material signs are to be made of.

It was agreed that all correspondence will be copied to Woodbury PC as partners in of Parishes together funding.

5. Public Questions and Comments

A member of the public reiterated his concerns about the junction at the bottom of Bell street and Lea Road, as this has been referred already to Highways and found to be satisfactory no further action will be taken.

A member of the public requested that villagers are given advance warning about road sweepers visits to Village to enable cars to be moved. Clerk to ask Street Scene @EDDC to email in advance and a notice to be put on notice board and in parish News.

Request that Parish News includes more details of what was discussed at PC meeting- Clerk to action.

Disappointment expressed that public, whilst invited to give views on Lowers Otter Restoration Project will not be part of the decision making.

6. Chairman's Business – Cllr Fudge introduced Will Tottle from Ladram to the meeting and thanked him for coming.

i). Defibrillator training to take place in October (dates John F)

Discussion about how to encourage more people to help. Suggestion that letter is sent to all residents living next to the stream seeking support with stream cleaning.

Clerk to obtain letter from Woodbury as guidance.

Clerk to advise Highways re falling masonry outside Kings Arms.

ii). Sports Equipment Fund. Await quotes from Rob Batson.

iii). Feedback from NP questionnaires:- 600 letters went out 210 replies (31 children)

Issues raised Traffic – 76% want car park. 75% want speed control, specifically a 20mph speed limit. Minimise heavy traffic

There is planning to undertake a traffic count analysing traffic to Ladram and to Sidmouth.

A public meeting will be held prior to publishing of plan.

iv). Masonry to fall into stream – Highways to be advised see note above.

v). Lower Otter restoration project feedback analysis was read out

7. Items from Previous Meetings

- i). To consider further the use of Section 106 funding for the Jubilee Children's Playground.
Cllr Simpson sent this report:- I am awaiting a catalogue for play park equipment but it looks like the seesaw will be approx £800 and the Wendy house about £1500 not including installation. Matt Lynch is going to look at the jubilee football ground this week and i have asked him to quote for aeration and top dressing. Agenda item to seek agreement at next meeting.
- ii). Renewal of wooden goals for Jubilee Football Ground in wood more expensive than anticipated. Cllr Hiles now looking at metal as an alternative or exploring whether existing goals could be repaired.
- iii). To consider new correspondence from Woodbury PC re defibrillator. Otterton PC remain unwilling to enter into a partnership with any other PC in relation to a defibrillator.
- iv). To receive feedback from meeting at Ladram Bay – see item 10
- v). Feedback on Flashing Speed sign in village. Cost of these run to about £3000 and although there may be a contribution from Cllr Claire Wright the rest of the funds would need to be covered by the PC. DCllr Jung mentioned that the process to install is arduous. Await feedback from NP traffic count before further action is taken. Worth noting that routes with shared cycle path have preference.

8. Footpaths

Cllr Roy Young reported by email that:-

Rickety Bridge is in a very poor state, one of the steps is unsupported and is in danger of completely disappearing. The badly damaged step is up the flight from the Bicton side then there is a flight of 3 steps then another set of 3 steps and it is the middle one of that three. If you stand on it the whole step and the riser drops a couple of inches and if you look underneath the bridge you can see it is unsupported. Many of the steps up from the Bicton side are very worn and on the approach to the bridge from Anchoring Hill a large hole has appeared which is a trip hazard. I know there is a department that looks after bridges in the county so could you please pass this info to them. This email has been sent to Richard Spurway for action.

Point raised about problems with mud in winter months as much as a problem as undergrowth.

It was agreed that Cllr Val pride will also report on state of paths as she walks them often.

9. Planning Matters

17/1502/FUL Land to the rear of Hayes House

Outline planning application passed previously. The matter was subject to written complaints by Cllr Bennett due to the following:- Position of 'Line of built up boundary' under dispute. Original position shown in all village maps (ref goat hut and hedge.) Cllr Bennett spoken to planning and chief executive but was overruled. Built up area boundary is now not in place as all planning is deemed to be in the countryside, highways have set many conditions.

Outline planning already in place for one story dwelling built into hill, planning application now seeks permission for a 2 storey House. Other issues include - Entrance on green lane with condition to put right any damage within 3 weeks of completion. Flooding issues on site. **Objected to unanimously Cllr Bennett to formulate response to EDDC**

17/0879/Anchoring Barn – Listed buildings objecting to this lean to extension. No objection from PC

17/1800/LBC Otterton Mill – Flood risk analysis attached towards Listed building planning application, request to enlarge shop and add offices. PC to visit site Friday 11.8.17

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10. Ladram Bay

Conclusions from meeting:

It is clear that Ladram Bay is here to stay and as Bell St and Ladram Bay Road are public highways we can do very little to alleviate the flow of traffic.

I therefore recommend we maintain a friendly working relationship as only by doing so can we try and work with them to overcome some of the issues.

We must also remember that they have been most helpful in the past by carrying out work, often at short notice, that The Parish Council would have found difficult to complete.

Zoe House asked me to stay in touch which I will do. On a subsequent visit Robin Carter said that if we have any future issues we should talk to them which I welcome.

However, all of this does not mean that we will not object to future planning applications should they arise.

Finally, there have been some accusations that lodges have been erected without the required permission. This may be true but we have seen no evidence that this is the case. Nigel Barrett (the EDDC Planning Officer) said he will look into the past history of planning applications. We await his report.

11. New Notice Board

New notice board is still not positioned as suggested. It was agreed to seek professional help to erect the notice board in the bus shelter. Offer of help made from Ladram bay.

12. Emergency Plan

Cllr Farrington has amended Emergency plan to include the storage of sand bags and filler in Philip Greenhows garage. To ensure Emergency plan details are known appropriately **it was agreed** that Clerk would summarise main points and display on Notice Board and in Parish News.

13. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Simpson (Hornbeam tree has died may need removal in winter)
Quote to be sought for refurbishment of benches, an anonymous donation will cover cost.
It was agreed that Theo should be asked to quote
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett Nothing to report all in good order.
- (iii) Stantway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson:- Contract to be put in place for hedge cutting.
Cllr Val Pride to check on damage to gate and report to John Fudge.
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge All good.
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister Clerk at advise re duration left for grass cutting contract as this needs to be renewed soon and bids sought. It was agreed that Cllr Fudge will review existing contract and work with Clerk to issue new grass cutting & hedge cutting contracts after bids are sought.

14. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

- (i) Trees – Cllr Simpson See note 13.(i) above re Hornbeam Tree
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young. See note 8
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge
- (iv) Ladram Bay – Cllr Simpson. See note 10.
- (v) Football Club – Cllr Farrington. Ongoing issues re the club seeking sponsorship before obtaining support from PC.
- (vi) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles. School on Summer holiday, nothing to report.
- (vii) Twinning – Cllr Bennett 4 day programme with 24 folk coming due to commence 25th August 2017
- (viii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge. At the request of the Clerk Cllr Fudge explained to PC concerns re the storage of valuable documents in non fireproof containers in domestic situation. A lockable fireproof cabinet has become available at no cost and it was proposed that this be positioned in the committee room of the VH to house documents. With the agreement of the PC Cllr Fudge will take the matter up with the Village hall management.
- (ix) Community Shop – Cllr Fudge New shop sign in place on Bridge on River. Business going well.

15. Police Report

Otterton Parish Council Police Crime report

This is the Police crime report for the period from 12th June – 5th August 2017.

During this time 5 Crimes were reported:

A Public order offence occurred on Monday 12th June, where someone was threatened. CR/046408/17 refers.

On Monday 16th June at 11am a fruit machine was damaged and the money inside was stolen.

CR/048349/17 refers.

Between 6th July at 9am and 10.30am on 7th July a handbag was left behind at the Kings Arms and was taken by unknown persons. CR/055946/16 refers.

2 assaults were recorded and linked with a domestic incident.

During the same period 7 incident logs were recorded. They are as follows:

2 Concern for welfare logs.

1 Alarm related logs

1 Antisocial behaviour log.

1 Road related log.

1 Crime related log.

1 Suspicious person log.

16. County Council Report

To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright – not available.

17. District Council Report

To receive a report from District Councillor Geoff Jung.

More information sought re Ladram bay planning application.

Devon Communities Together/Resilience Groups (flood or snow) Geoff Jung on committee.

Recommendation to take part in meetings 22.11.@ 10.00 Devon Communities. Possible need to set up flood group.

18. Correspondence

To deal with any correspondence received: No correspondence received.

19. Financial Matters

To receive a note of payments and receipts for July 2017: These can be seen on separate sheet and the bank reconciliation was agreed by Cllr Fudge during the meeting.

20. Items for the Next Agenda

To identify items for consideration at the next meeting

Flashing sign, Section 106 money, Parish together Funding, Planning, Police report to include incidents at Ladram bay, Gate at Stantyway, Flood group, Contracts for hedge cutting to be issued, Contracts for grass cutting to be looked for specification, Parishes together funding next application November.

21. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 11th September 2017

Fran Mills - Clerk to the Parish Council: 7th August 2017