

Otterton Parish Council

A meeting of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 11th September 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 Fudge Chair, Cllr Hiles Vice Chair, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Lister, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Young, Cllr Claire Wright who arrived during agenda item 6. Fran Mills as Clerk
4 Members of the public and the press were welcomed

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence

The Council accepted Tony Farrington's and Dcllr Geoff Jung's apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of personal and pecuniary interests from Councillors relating to items of business on the agenda.

3. Confidential Items of Business

To consider if any business should be dealt with in confidence:- A letter from a resident regarding a Councillor was considered in confidence.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2017 were reviewed and signed as a correct record.

To consider any matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda:

Note that the road sweeper will visit Otterton in the week commencing 16th October, it was resolved that as well as reminding residents in the parish magazine notices would be displayed in key positions and the members of the public present at the meeting would be informed and spread the word.

From 2 – 13th October Road traffic restrictions will apply on Church Hill.

Defibrillator training - Thursday 19th October. 7.30 in Village hall all residents welcome.

5. Public Questions and Comments - *Items for Discussion and Decision*

Gully Sucker will visit the village on a 3 year cycle for outlining areas and annually for village centre. Clerk to seek advance warning so residents can be informed.

Grass cutting needs to be shorter – specification to be inserted into next contract.

Query re levelling of graves to be directed to Orchard memorials by Clerk. Levelling of grave?

Enquiry to Orchard Memorials.

Horse poo on road. – Not an offense.

Jubilee play park request for progress – Discussed later in the meeting.

6. Chairman's Business

To receive a report from the Chairman – Verges have been cut by resident Kevin Hill and the Council offered their thanks.

To review plans for Stream Cleaning – Cllr Bennett shared previous experience about Stream cleaning. Request for tipping trailer from Ladram. Potential for 'parishes together funding' to cover the cost of stream clean. Date set for Village Working party Stream Cleaning on Saturday 7th October.

Sports Equipment Fund – Scarifying to be done shortly, Rob Batson to be reminded to give his requests for goals.

The results of traffic count were noted – See separate report from Neighbourhood Plan Update on contracts.

Grass 2015-2018 all grass cutting Wayne Ridge 11 cuts per annum, Stantyway has 5.

Hedge cutting Jubilee and Cemetery Sam Thorneywork and Wayne Ridge. Clerk to seek tenders for Grass and Hedge Cutting from Wayne Ridge and Sam Thorneywork as a matter of urgency. Work to be completed by end of September.

7. Items from Previous Meetings

To consider further the use of Section 106 funding for the Jubilee Children's Playground. It was resolved that Cllr Simpson should send details to Clerk for ordering equipment, also name of contact regarding Section 6 at EDDC for application. £1795.00 Wendy House, Seesaw £800. and wooden goals for Jubilee Football Ground.

Cemetery Bin - It was resolved that Cllr Lister will ensure that bin is outside cemetery gates for emptying. It was resolved that a bench at the cemetery in memory of Ted Leggott could be placed at the cemetery.

Hedge cutting at Stantyway Field to be completed shortly.

Maintenance by Theo – Quote to be accepted Cllr Fudge to contact.

8. Footpaths

To consider upkeep and maintenance of Footpaths and use of monies set aside for this purpose.

Dialogue with Ladram re unmettalled road. Need highways approval to deter bike riders.

Letter to Richard Spurway re rickety bridge, survey taken to see if whole bridge needs replacing.

Cycling on footpath 1, not an offence. Clearer no cycling signs to be erected but not enforceable.

Letter to Clare James re damage to fence.

9. Planning Matters – None

10. Ladram Bay - The new general manager was introduced to the Council.

11. New Notice Board

The Council offered thanks to the Management of Ladram Bay for erecting the Notice Board in the Bus Shelter. The Clerk will remind the public that notices can be placed on this notice board.

12. Parishes Together Funding

Clerk updated the Council on progress regarding wild life notices using 2017 funding. Cllr Bennett offered to review menu of signs and to suggest relevant locations which will need to be agreed by Clinton Devon. Clerk to find prices of signs and lecterns from 'NatureSigns' of Braunton.

The cleaning and maintenance of the stream was considered as a projects for 2018 Parishes Together application. Clerk to speak to east Budleigh parish Council representative.

13. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

The Village Green – Cllr Simpson. Nothing to report

The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett. Nothing to report

Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson bonfire night.
The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge – see previous messages
The Cemetery – Cllr Lister Nothing to report.

14. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

Trees – Cllr Simpson. Nothing to report
Footpaths – Cllr Young See item on PROW & Footpaths.
Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge – see review of Contracts.
Ladram Bay – Cllr Fudge Nothing to report
Football Club – Cllr Farrington
Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles .
Twinning – Cllr Bennett – Reported an enjoyable visit by French to Otterton.
Village Hall – Cllr Fudge Nothing to report
Community Shop – Cllr Val Pride

15. Police Report

This is the Police crime report for the period from 7th August -11th September 2017.

During this time 1 crime was recorded which was on 16th August at 1.45pm 2 males distracted a member of staff at Otterton Mill and money was taken. This is currently being investigated. CR/069566/17 refers.

During the same period 12 incident logs were recorded. They are as follows:

- 3 Highway related logs.
- 3 ASB neighbour logs
- 3 Concern for welfare logs.
- 1 Suspicious person log.
- 1 ASB log.
- 1 Crime related log.

16. County Council Report

Healthwatch – see Cllrs Wright's website.
Date for public meeting with Ladram is yet to be set.

17. District Council Report

To receive a report from District Councillor Geoff Jung – not available.

18. Correspondence

It was agreed that one item of correspondence should be dealt with in confidence.

19. Financial Matters

A note of payments and receipts for August 2017 was received and duly signed as correct.

20. Items for the Next Agenda

Jubilee Playground, Hedge Cutting, Stream Cleaning
Parishes Together Funding 17 and 18, Confirmation of contract of employment for Clerk.

21. Date of Next Meeting: - Monday 9th October 2017

Fran Mills - Clerk to the Parish Council: 12th September 2017