

Otterton Parish Council

A meeting of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 9th October 2017** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall.

6 members of Otterton Parish Council with DCllr Geoff Jung attended the meeting with Fran Mills as Clerk also in attendance

5 Members of the public and the press were made welcome.

Minutes

Formal Business

1. Apologies for Absence

The PC accepted apologies from Cllr A Bennett who is on an extended family holiday and Cllr Claire Wright.

2. Declarations of Interests

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

3. Confidential Items of Business

The Council agreed to treat the matter of the continued employment of the clerk as confidential business.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2017 were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising from the minutes, which were not elsewhere on the agenda:

Please note that the road sweeper will visit Otterton on Tuesday 17th October.

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

Streams, gully cleansing a problem identified – seek assistance from Highways.

Fallen Masonry still in stream outside Kings Arms. Clerk to advise CClr Claire Wright

Garages on Glebe close the land behind is falling into disrepair.

Unmettalled road – needs cutting back. (new tenant due to move in very soon and Clinton committed to cut fences)

A member of the public reported that rubbish has been left at the end of the cemetery.

Members of the public stated concerns regarding older children playing on skateboards around the village shop and on the green. References were made to damage to property and intimidating behaviour.

Concerns were noted regarding traffic safety with children playing on green and with skate boarders.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to schools.

Concerns were stated about dogs being walked through the village whilst not on leads. This is an offense and dog walkers must have dogs on lead. Clerk to put a note in the Parish Magazine.

Members of the public stated their strong views that the Jubilee Playground is in need of urgent attention with damaged equipment, rutted surfaces and long grass. The OPC responded saying that the playground is regularly inspected for safety and with the exception of a note regarding the seesaw had been found to be good order. The renewal of contracts will give the OPC greater control on grass cutting and advise is being sought on updating the equipment when the 106 funding is received.

6. Chairman's Business

ii). To receive a report from the Chairman

A letter stating concerns regarding the installation of a phone mast has been received.

Speed of tractors should not be going faster than 25 mph.

Problems re bus reversing.

The Chairman stated that the PC will look into the cost and practicalities of creating an area for the use of skateboards for the children in the village.

The hedge has been cut on Lea road which allowed an emergency vehicle on to Behind Hayes during the week.

11 villagers attended the stream cleaning exercise on Saturday 7th, which was seen as very successful. Ladram Bay provided a vehicle to take debris away and the party were provided with refreshments from Residents.

iii). Sports Equipment Fund – await scarfing (Cllr Hiles to chase up). Request from school is awaited.

iii). Update on contracts:- Contracts will be due for renewal early 2018. The new contracts will include:

Number of cuts to be increased if necessary, ability for timing of cuts to be requested by OPC.

iv). A strimmers should be used in cemetery.

Clerk to seek information on 106 funding from Dcllr Jeff Jung and clerk to follow up. It was confirmed that a fund for £6k of sports equipment and £6k of play equipment is available and needs to be claimed before equipment is ordered. Arrangements have been made for a representative from Sovereign playgrounds to visit playground to help plan improvements. Clerk will also contact Rhino equipment in Newton Abbot (as used on the play park in East Budleigh for a brochure and to arrange a visit from a representative.)

7. Items from Previous Meetings

i). To consider further the use of Section 106 funding for the Jubilee Children's Playground.

Including wooden goals for Jubilee Football Group

ii). Hedge cutting at Stantyway:- the OPC agreed to accept the quote from Sam Thorneywork to do both Playpark & Cemetery. Cllr Fudge to ask Billy Selly to cut the Stantyway hedges.

iii). Maintenance by Theo – The OPC agreed to accept the quote for the renovation of two seats on the Green.

iv). Confirmation of contract of employment for Clerk: The OPC confirmed the ongoing employment of Mrs F Mills and thanked her for her work.

8. Footpaths

Cllr Roy Young updated the OPC on the ongoing dialogue with Clinton regarding bridges and fences. Green lane at Ladram to be considered for resurfacing.

9. Planning Matters

Planning for property at the top of Lea road has been withdrawn.

10. Ladram Bay - There will be a Public meeting on 8th November at Ladram (auditorium sits 500)

Flyer to go out to all householders.

There will be the opportunity for a discussion regarding the moving of large vehicles through village.

11. Parishes Together Funding

The clerk confirmed that Cllr Tony Bennet had reviewed the information provided by the company Nature Signs and that Fran has a meeting scheduled with Clinton Devon on Wednesday to discuss locations and content.

12. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Simpson
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett. In good order.
- (iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson. Good order, thanks to Andy Mitchell for cutting. Send note re parking/driving to football club.
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge see previous notes.
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister. Needs cutting complaints received.

13. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

- (i) Trees – Cllr Simpson n/a
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young Repairing of gates onto footpath. Fences in front of gates which have been put in to give access to private ground. Rickety bridge under repair to keep going until complete renovation in next financial year. Damaged fence in park lane remains ongoing.
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge under review.
Hand rail on bridge outside Albany Lodge is rotten and needs replacing.
- (iv) Ladram Bay – Cllr Simpson n/a
- (v) Football Club – Cllr Farrington n/a
- (vi) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles Report to come.
- (vii) Twinning – Cllr Bennett n/a
- (viii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge
- (ix) Community Shop – Cllr Pride. Business going well, investigation of CCTV for shop.

14. Police Report

Otterton Parish Council Police crime report

This the Police crime report for the period from 4th September - 5th October 2017.
During this time 10 incident logs were reported.

They are as follows:

- 3 Neighbour issue logs.
- 2 ASB logs.
- 2 Death related logs.
- 1 Concern for welfare log.
- 1 Alarm related log.
- 1 Road related log.

During the same period 1 crime was reported. Inconsiderate parking occurred and was challenged by a resident.
The male became verbally aggressive and the reporting person thought violence would be used.
CR/080275/17 refers.

15. County Council Report

To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright - None received.

16. District Council Report

To receive a report from District Councillor Geoff Jung. Resilience Group.

2 types Nuisance flooding and property flooding. The greater the likelihood of flooding the better the response from the environment agency/EDDC. Otter is responsibility of environment agency small tributaries EDDC, ditches and streams on properties are the responsibility of the land owner. Shared responsibility when stream adjoins road and property.

Resilience forum meets biannually (next meeting in Kenn 22nd November)

Feedback sought regarding recycling. PC's considered that service received in Otterton was good and reliable.

Garden waste is likely to be included in the recycling collects from April.

Parishes together suggestions include footpaths/permissive paths.

17. Correspondence

The OCESA request to use the green for Bonkers Conkers on 2nd November was granted

The Reindeer Run requests to use the green on 2nd December was granted.

18. Financial Matters

Due to the delay in receiving the OPC bank statement the monthly finances were not agreed during the meeting but will be emailed to each member and displayed as usual on website and notice board.

19. Items for the Next Agenda

To identify items for consideration at the next meeting:-

Jubilee playground & Skate park

Resilience Forum

Garages Dukes close.

20. Date of Next Meeting

To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 6th November 2017**

Fran Mills - Clerk to the Parish Council: 10th October 2017