

# Otterton Parish Council

A meeting of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 6th November 2017** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall.

8 members of Otterton Parish Council attended the meeting, Members of the public and the press were made welcome.

## MINUTES

### *Formal Business*

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

In attendance Cllr John Fudge in the Chair, Cllr John Hiles deputy Chair, Cllrs Simpson, Farrington, Lister, Young, Bennett and Pride. Fran Mills attended as Clerk.

Also in attendance DCllr Geoff Jung and CCllr Claire Wright.

#### **2. Declarations of Interests**

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

#### **3. Confidential Items of Business**

It was agreed that no business on the agenda should be dealt with in confidence

#### **4. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2017 were accepted with the addition of Cllr Farrington's apologies for absence and it was resolved that they should be signed as a correct record of the meeting.

#### **5. Public Questions and Comments**

##### *Items for Discussion and Decision*

- *Feedback on the Knowle speed camera is disappointing which means that B/S PC continue to do manual counts.*
- *Discussion regarding cause of leak in high street it was conjectured that it may be caused by heavy vehicles going through the village.*
- *Work on Church Hill causes concern re width of tarmac - refer to Claire Wright.*
- *Junction at the bottom of Bell Street continues to give concern and a member of the public is taking this up with parliament. He has promised to keep us posted.*
- *It was suggested by a member of the public that the planting in the village could be improved. An offer was made to research an RHS award, speak to the gardening club and report back to us.*

#### **6. Chairman's Business**

The Chairman gave a report as follows:-

Parishes Together meeting:- Fund based on the basis of number on the electoral role, therefore if Parishes work together then more money can be gained. Landing strip for air ambulance is a hot topic.

Fire brigade have powers to stop traffic etc if they need to access a building.

Plant pots on green:- Offer of donation from a resident to refurbish plant pots. Offer from Melaine Martin to obtain discount on plants.

#### **7. Items from Previous Meetings**

- (i) To receive a progress report on the proposal to the Parishes Together Fund for plant and animal signage; (information from TB attached)

- (ii) To consider further the use of Section 106 funding for the Jubilee Children's Playground Fran to obtain quotes for replacement of seesaw and wendyhouse and arrange installation. Send 3 quotes to EDDC for funding. If there is money left then the PC will consider new equipment after a survey of the village children.  
Skateboard Park – to feature on next agenda.
- (iii) To consider attendance at Resilience Forum: Cllr Fudge will attend.
- (iv) Parking at Stantyway Playing Field continues to be a problem. Cllr Farrington to speak to the football club.

## **8. Planning Matters**

No planning applications were considered.

## **9. Garages at Dukes Close**

To consider upkeep of land behind garages on Maunders Hill:-the grass on this area has now been cut.  
Garages on Dukes close:- Home owners have been asked to remove loose tiles whilst acknowledging that some damage is caused by large vehicles.

## **10. Pathways and PROW**

To consider any expenditure needed on maintenance and upkeep.  
Clinton to be approached due to the washing away of the pathway on river  
New contact at Clinton who is very helpful.  
Drainage channels on park lane have been cleared.  
Query with Clinton re fences and shed branches which are being cleared promptly.

## **11. Ladram Bay**

The public meeting to be held at Ladram bay on 8<sup>th</sup> November was discussed and the objective agreed to open dialogue between the owners and the village, air concerns and seek solutions.

## **12. Budget and Precept for 2017-18**

To consider the draft 2018-19 budget and precept.  
Discussion re grass cutting contracts. It was agreed that Cllr Lister will draw up a new contract for which we can obtain bids.

## **13. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities**

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Simpson. Nothing to report
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett. Request that the grass is cut before Remembrance day. Cllr Hiles agreed to help power wash the memorial in time for Saturday.
- (iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson. Hedges have been cut by Billy Selley.
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge Quotes to be obtained as per agenda item 7.
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister. Grass cutting continues to be a problem

## **14. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies**

- (i) Trees – Cllrs Simpson. Nothing to report
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young. See agenda item 10 above.
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge. Cllr Lister has agreed to draw up a new contract for grass cutting. Clerk will invite bids as soon as new contract has been agreed.

- (iv) Ladram Bay – Cllr Simpson
- (v) Football Club – Cllr Farrington - Receipt obtained for £500 donation.
- (vi) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles - Reindeer Run on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, plea for volunteers to act as marshalls.
- (vii) Twinning – Cllr Bennett. Nothing to report
- (viii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge. Nothing to report
- (ix) Community Shop – Val Pride. Some disruption still being experienced from lads on skate boards.

### **15. Police Report**

To receive the Police Report – None available.

### **16. County Council Report**

To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright

Cllr Wright confirmed that she has received correspondence regarding the junction at Bell Street and has notified Highways who have confirmed their previous position.

### **17. District Council Report**

To receive a report from District Councillor Mr Geoff Jung  
Government rethink on housing.

### **18. Correspondence**

To deal with any correspondence received:

- i). Email from East Budleigh Parish Council regarding the East Budleigh Recreation Field.  
Nothing to ass
- ii). Christmas Tree – No Christmas tree needed on green. The Kings Arms provides a beautiful tree for the Village in it's car park.

### **19. Financial Matters**

To receive a note of payments and receipts for October 2017.  
Attached

### **20. Items for the Next Agenda**

- Skate board
- Progress play park
- Feedback from Ladram bay Meeting
- Parishes together funding.

### **21. Agree dates for meetings in 2018**

Meeting will continue to run monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month except in April when the meeting will be held on. *1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April.*

### **22. Date of Next Meeting**

To agree that the next meeting will be held on Monday 4th December 2017  
Meeting closed at 21.35.

Fran Mills - Clerk to the Parish Council, 30th October 2017.

Newsletter.

Reindeer run marshalls.