

Otterton Parish Council

A meeting of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 4 December 2017** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall.

8 members of Otterton Parish Council were present with Francesca Mills acting as clerk.

13 Members of the public were present

Minutes

Formal Business

1. Apologies for Absence - No apologies for absence were received.

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 – It was agreed that one matter should be dealt with in confidence

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2017 were received and were signed as a correct record of the meeting. No matters were arising which were not covered by the agenda or had been agreed to move forward to the next meeting.

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

- *Meeting at Ladram, behaviour towards Cllr Wright was unacceptable. 50% of planning applications are retrospective and 95% are approved. Cllr Fudge reiterated that in his opinion the best way to work with the Directors of Ladram Bay is to have a positive relationship.*
- *Query regarding wording from the Plan which Cllr Fudge read out – ‘essential’ development which it was agreed was open to interpretation.*
- *Query regarding the number of months the licence at Ladram Bay covers. The licence is for 11 months annually.*
- *Need for a Chairman to manage any future meetings constructively and to ensure the objectives of the meeting are clear.*
- *Licence for Ladram bay states 542 static homes 54 touring (2010) confirmed by plan. Clarification is to be sought regarding the actual number on site.*
- *New development at Ladram is 3 times the size of that for which planning was granted. Retrospective planning application to be considered as an agenda item.*
- *Query regarding regular meetings with Management of Ladram - a request was made that such meetings should be minuted and available for public scrutiny. Cllr Fudge once again said that the objective of the meetings that have taken place is to gain a spirit of cooperation between the village and the Ladram bay through dialogue.*
- *It was suggested that a village Email group is set up to advertise meetings and planning issues. Currently the dates of meeting are displayed on the Otterton Village website along with meeting agendas and minutes. These are also displayed on the Parish notice board outside the Kings Arms.*

6. Chairman's Business

Devon resilience forum took place unfortunately none of the Councillors were available to attend. A report will be sought from Dcllr Geoff Jung.

The Otterton Neighbourhood plan committee will be holding a public meeting in 2018

A service request has been made for leaflets and posters reminding residents of their responsibility regarding poo bags.

Request to environment agency for stream to be cleared to limit potential for flooding.

7. Planning Matters

Planning Application 17/2647/RES - Highways have stated an objection regarding green lane.

Planning does not include access on un-metalled road.

Initial application thought to be fraudulent as application spans the building line. Reiteration that planning application is contradictory as it is building in open countryside.

Sue McGregor, who lives next door to the site asked for photos to be submitted which shows that site will look as if property will be in her garden, building is too close to her property.

The Parish Council unanimously voted against the application.

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Parish Council objected to the original plan. This was later approved by EDDC

New and amended plan 3 times the size of original application therefore PC must object due to the direct impact on village and the environment.

Loop hole enables businesses to make the most of retrospective planning. New construction is outside of

Boundary perimeter but remains on private land in an AONB

Sewerage infrastructure is insufficient for the number of people at Ladram. It is believed that the likelihood of environmental problems are mounting.

Unanimously voted against

8. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Simpson. Seats are being refurbished also requires topdressing and re-seeding. Welcome offer from a member of the public to help with reseedling and topdressing
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett. It was agreed to send a donation of £100 to Royal British Legion as a donation from Parish Council
- (iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson. Hedge has now been cut but building supplies are appearing around club house Cllr Farrington to investigate.
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge ongoing.
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister ongoing

9. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

- (i) Trees – Cllrs Simpson. Nothing to report
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young. Contact from Clinton is none committal regarding the responsibility for fallen boughs and damage caused Cllr Young will continue to report as necessary.
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge. Amended contract for grass cutting to be circulated to members of Parish Council
- (iv) Ladram Bay – Cllr Simpson. Nothing more to report than those comments already made during the meeting.
- (v) Football Club – Cllr Farrington. Nothing to report

- (vi) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles. Formally thanked the volunteers from the village for helping to make the Reindeer Run happen. Profit in the region of £3k with very positive feedback
- (vii) Twinning – Cllr Bennett - nothing to report.
- (viii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge – Nothing to report
- (ix) Community Shop – Cllr Pride. Ongoing problem with youths, money & goods have been stolen. Youths around the village hall are causing a problem and using the area behind the village hall to congregate. The Community Shop wishes to work with other businesses in the village to explore the possibility of installing CCTV

10. Police Report

To receive the Police Report. Not available.

11. County Council Report

Cllr Claire Wright & Dcllr Geoff Jung to organise public follow up meeting regarding planning at Ladram Bay in village hall. Date to be issued.

Scrutiny committee exploring closure of hospital beds in area.

Concern re closure of NHS buildings and possibility of selling off these to provide finance.

12. District Council Report

Resilience meeting – Dcllr Geoff Jung to provide a report at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Dcllr Geoff Jung added his objection regarding the Behind Hayes planning application.

Dcllr also added his objection to the retrospective Ladram Bay planning application stating that the construction is 8/9 meters longer than original application and expands into the surrounding area.

An addition to the current recycling provision will become available in the New Year with Green bins for garden waste which will have a fortnightly collection. Cost £48, available from early 2018.

13. Correspondence

Cllr Fudge read a list of the correspondence received.

14. Financial Matters – To follow

15. Items for the Next Agenda

Items for consideration at the next meeting.

- Planning – Scrutiny - one hard copy should be made available to PC. Enhancement sought to make system more user friendly.
- Skate board
- Progress play park
- Feedback from Ladram bay Meeting
- Parishes together funding.
- Contracts

16. Date of Next Meeting

To agree that the next meeting will be held on Monday 8 January 2017

Fran Mills - Clerk to the Parish Council

10 December 2017

Correspondence

Could I draw the Parish Councils attention to the use of fireworks in Otterton which is now out of control. We have had residents having big firework displays from November 3rd over lots of different nights right through and there is another one tonight November 17th. Several have been in the Maunders Hill area.

Small children, elderly people and animals are not enjoying this, many are terrified - it is outrageous. Can we not have some consideration and mindfulness? People have become selfish and could not care less in their arrogance.

Please can we have some consideration - I imagine they will be at it again for New Year. It is making Otterton an impossible place to live.

Bonfire night should be November 5th - end of.

Yours sincerely

James