

Otterton Parish Council

A meeting of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 5th March 2018** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall.

The following members of Otterton Parish Council were in attendance: Cllr John Fudge, Cllr Tony Bennett, Cllr John Lister, Cllr Tony Farrington, Cllr Val Pride, Cllr Laura Wilson, Cllr Roy Young, Cllr Ian Simpson With DCllr Geoff Jung and 3 members of the public.

Minutes

Formal Business

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were given and accepted from Cllr John Hiles, DCllr Claire Wright,

2. Declarations of Interests

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

3. Confidential Items of Business

It was decided that an update on the Grass Cutting Contract would be dealt with in confidence.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2018 were signed with the following amendments.

It was noted that Cllr Ian Simpson declared a pecuniary interest in the bids for the Grass Cutting Contract.

It was noted that Richard Spurway work for DCC not EDDC as minuted.

It was noted that the pooling of water occurs at **Bredon Lane, Lea Lane & Piscebebe Lane.**

5. Public Questions and Comments

Bredon Lane, Lea lane, Piscebebe lane remain an issue.

Recreationl field – Litter on field/illegal tipping. Discussion about where this rubbish has come from – birds or fly tipping. Thanks to Mr Roy Dowling for pointing out a hole on the field. This is actually a broken lid to a septic tank so his vigilance has potentially prevented an accident. Cllr Fudge will request that Lyne Bay landscapes repair this cover and erect a fence around it as a matter of urgency. It is believed that this damage has been caused by cars parking on top of the cover.

Ivy growing and sticks lying around, grass being cut to short on football pitch

Lymbay landscapes have been asked to mend the fence on the triangle.

DCllr Wright has agreed to a meeting to review the junction at the bottom of Bell Street.

Rickety Bridge signs are not in evidence on the River. Cllr Fudge to revisit directional signage.

Dog poo bags continue to be a cause for concern. Clerk to remind owners through parish magazine again.

It was also noted that Ladram Bay offered to help clear snow in the village and delivered essential supplies to the shop.

6. Chairman's Business

Neighbourhood Plan Public Meetings

Held in February. The findings from The Neighbourhood Plan survey were displayed in the village hall and although the turn out was disappointing some useful comments were received.

Pothole Action Fund

Mike Brown (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) has stated that further monies will be allocated to Devon from the Government Pothole Action Fund.

Keep Britain Tidy

E-mail from KBT asking if we want to register for 'The Great British Spring Clean' over 3 days on 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March. Unfortunately we only received 12 days notice. Postponed due to weather to 25th March..

Devon County Council Traffic Notice

DCC have issued an access only notice on South Farm Road from 12th March to 14th March for road maintenance work.

Parishes Together Meeting- 6th March has been rescheduled for 20th March.

EDDC Road Salt

John Hiles has kindly collected a quantity of road salt from EDDC.

Ladram Bay offered to help the village on Friday 2nd.

7. Items from Previous Meetings

- (i) To receive a progress report on the proposal to the Parishes Together Fund for plant and animal signage;
Communication. with Sam Bridgewater. Project delay proposed due to FAB project Lower Otter Restoration
- (ii) To consider further the use of Section 106 funding for the Jubilee Children's Playground/Skateboard Park **This item is now Concluded**
Action Clerk: Skateboard park proposals need to be investigated with a specialist supplier. Need also to ensure insurance is sufficient for this type of installation.

8. Planning Matters

To consider any planning applications

Hayes House 17/2796/FUL -

Appeal to be heard at Exmouth 6th March. This will be attended by Cllr John Fudge & Dcllr Geoff Jung.

Permission was granted erroneously in the opinion of the PC. Planning officers have signalled approval.

Planning Application was approved for 17.2647.RES Behind Hayes for a single dwelling.

Although the Application was approved all the conditions we requested where added to protect the Lane, the Hedge and landscaping, removing further development rights, Working hour restrictions on the development, and restrictions for visitors to the dwelling for business activities. (You can run a business from the premises because that could reduce vehicle movement, but you could not run a business that required customers or clients to visit)

May Tree Barn Stantyway Court 18/0307/LBC

Change of thatch from Wheat to water reed no difficulties with this.

Query Change of gateway into field in Behind Hayes. Planning permission is not necessary for agricultural use but purpose for this is no known. Action: **Cllr Fudge to see advice.**

9. Stantyway Recreation Field

To consider parking at Stantyway playing field, the placing of a gate at the field and planting of trees on field.

It was reported to the meeting that Andy Mitchell is now blocking the gate on match days to ensure that footballers do not park on the field. It was therefore agreed that on this basis there is no need to put in a gate but the situation will be monitored.

10. Pathways and PROW

To consider any expenditure needed on maintenance and upkeep and to progress the repair of signs. Lea Lane signs have been mended and then broken again.

Kissing gate at Water treatment works has been mended – sign was also broken.

Action Clerk: SWWA to be contacted to arrange for sign to be repaired.

Broken fence at Park lane also needs mending.

11. Ladram Bay

Cllr Fudge informed the meeting that he and Cllr Hiles will be meeting with the management of LB on Wednesday.

It was also noted that the management of LB had offered assistance in clearing snow from the roads last week and that they offered stock to the village shop to ensure that villagers did not have to travel for supplies. The Planning Dept. have given the Architects for Ladram Bay until Friday to submit a planning application for the enlarged service yard. If one is not received then an “Enforcement Notice” will be submitted for the building to be modified to the original plan.

Action Clerk: Letter of thanks and mention in the Parish News

12. Britain in Bloom

To receive feedback from the meeting, gauge interest and plan future action.

Ambitious plan starting at Brick Cross, on Bridge on Green, Allotment, and many other sites including the Church throughout the village. There will be a need for large amounts of manpower to achieve this.

Lack lustre interest in the village despite personal invitations.

It was agreed that the green would benefit from better containers with planting. Request made for Lyme Bay Landscape to build rustic pots.

Action: Cllr Fudge will prepare costings for next meeting and feedback to Ms Martin. Cllr Simpson will cost sleepers for pots.

Top dressing on Green to be completed by new contractor.

13. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

(i) The Village Green – Cllr Simpson see 12 above.

(ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett None

(iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson.

Action: Need for new cover on Septic Tank Cllr Fudge to ask Lyme Bay Landscapes to investigate and repair/renew as necessary

(iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge. Investigation into small jumps for scooters and skate boards.

(v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister

14. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

(i) Trees – Cllrs Simpson – Grant information obtained by Cllr Simpson. Agreement that additional planting would benefit the village. Application needs to be made by 22nd March. Clerk to complete application.

- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young see agenda item 10
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge
- (iv) Football Club – Cllr Farrington Concrete base for dugouts agreed
Action: Cllr Farrington to communicate with Football club.
- (v) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles
- (vi) Twinning – Cllr Bennett AGM 12.3.18.
Action: Cllr Bennett to resign from committee a new representative will need to be elected following council elections.
- (vii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge
- (viii) Community Shop – Cllr Pride reports ongoing business is good. Cameras are now in place and can be accessed remotely.

15. Police Report

No Police report was available. It was resolved that PCSO Justin Willis should be invited to the next meeting.

16. County Council Report from Cllr Claire Wright

Application for a 20mph zone in Otterton

I have now formally applied for a 20mph zone in Otterton and am waiting to hear from highways officers on the next steps. I look forward to discussing the issue at the next Otterton Parish Council agenda where there will be hopefully an item. I will be delivering a letter around Otterton for a general update on traffic issues in the next month. My apologies that progress has been slow on this.

Freedom of Information request on health winter pressures data

I have submitted an Freedom of Information request on all aspects of the local NHS's winter pressures data. This follows my frustration on extracting information from the NEW Devon CCG on this issue. As a member of DCC's health scrutiny committee this information should be readily available, but the latest information we have is dated November, which is not acceptable, especially when local NHS managers receive daily updates on a whole range of issues yet refuse to share this information with the committee, despite my repeated requests.

It is especially important for the health scrutiny committee to keep track of this information, given the loss of over 200 Devon community hospital beds since 2012. I have now been left with no option but to resort to the Freedom of Information Act. My FOI deadline expires later this month.

Sustainable and Transformation Plan (NHS plan for cuts and centralisation)

I have asked for an agenda item on the above process at the next health scrutiny committee meeting on 22 March, following an announcement in the NEW Devon CCG's newsletter that it expects to achieve financial balance by 2020/21. The last time the CCG presented to the committee they were still projecting a £500m deficit with only a vague plan to tackle this. I very much hope that chair, Sara Randall Johnson, will accede to my request as we need to look very carefully into where these cuts are being made.

Spotlight review into care at home prompted by Dr Mike Slot (Sidmouth GP)

I am working with officers to prepare for this review, that I will chair. I have now submitted questions for a possible survey to all GPs to establish their views on the care at home system. I am expecting a scope for the review shortly and have today chased for a date for the review, which is a one-off meeting.

I was surprised and disappointed to see that when officers issued a call for councillors to take part in this review, two East Devon conservative members of the committee wrote to chair, Sara Randall Johnson to oppose it taking place on the spurious grounds that Dr Slot may be a lone voice.

The review was of course, a resolution of the committee and will go ahead as agreed.

17. District Council Report

To receive a report from District Councillor Mr Geoff Jung.

Listed Building consent – very complicated.

Planning Enforcement & licensing (Ladram Bay). Splash area built without planning plus several other areas, retrospective applications to be made.

Service yard planning still awaited. (Deadline 1st Feb)

Enforcement questioned at public meeting. Little history to date. One enforcement currently in place for Greendale (took 3 years to achieve)

18. Correspondence

To deal with any correspondence received:

- Dog Fouling – 2 letters
- Tree notice 6 Ottery Street
- GB Spring Clean
- Traffic Sensitive Street Review – sent to Councillors 6.3.18

(Please note that during the period 5th February – 25th February 91 pieces of correspondence have been received which the clerk has not brought to the attention of the PC due to the content not being applicable)

19. Financial Matters

To receive a note of payments and receipts for March 2018.

Statement not yet received from bank – report to come.

20. Items for the Next Agenda

Pots on Green/Britain in Bloom

Application for tree grants.

Planning re Hayes House

Ladram Bay

Skate Board/Scooter activities in Jubilee.

Cemetery Guidelines

21. Consider alternative date for the Parish Assembly 2018 – Clerk to propose a date in April.

22. Date of Next Meeting

To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th April 2018**

Fran Mills - Clerk to the Parish Council, 8th March 2018.