

# Otterton Parish Council

A **Meeting** of Otterton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 6th August 2018** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall. All members of Otterton Parish Council are summoned to attend the meeting. Members of the public and the press are also welcome.

## MINUTES

- 1. Apologies for Absence:- Apologies already accepted for Cllrs Bennett & Wilson, apologies also sent by Cllrs Farrington and Pride.**
- 2. Declarations of Interests:** No declarations of interest were received. JH declared that he had received a free paddle board ride at Ladram Bay.
- 3. Confidential Items of Business:** None.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 were signed as a correct record of the meeting. To consider any matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda:
- 5. Public Questions and Comments: *Items for Discussion and Decision***

Man hole on Hayes road is discharging white liquid from pipe/environmental department to be notified. Clerk to notify SWWA. Directional and speed signs in the road have been turned around. Neighbourhood plan needs chasing up/ updated comments from last times meeting/planning application.

Drains from Ladram Bay smelling in road, Management from Ladram to investigate.

Thanks were given for the planters on the Green.

Advertising signs re Ladram Bay caravan park need planning permission as currently a permanent fixture. Management at Ladram will investigate.

Request for life saving devises on river – clerk to contact Clinton Estates office.
- 6. Chairman's Business:** Attached

**Complaints:-** The Chairman has received several complaints with regards to the attendance at our last meeting of 3 councillors, 2 town councillors and one parish councillor.  
The complaints refer to the attendance of;  
Councillor Alan Dent – Town Councillor Budleigh Salterton/ Conservative Councillor EDDC  
Councillor Tom Wright – Town Councillor Budleigh Salterton/ Conservative Councillor EDDC  
Councillor Patsy Hayman – Councillor East Budleigh Parish Council  
The Chairman read out one of the e-mails which included all of the reasons for the complaints. The Chairman did not disclose the name of the sender.  
The implication being that the Chairman invited these Conservative Councillors to our meeting to lobby for changes to ward boundaries in which they believe and for their selection as future ward councillors. The Chairman replied to all of the e-mails in the following manner:  
1) The Chairman did not invite these councillors. He received a phone call from Councillor Alan Dent on the afternoon of our meeting asking if he and 2 other councillors could attend our meeting to introduce themselves and discuss local issues. The Chairman said that they could but that if they wanted to speak they would have to wait until the end of the meeting as their attendance was not on the agenda.

2) As Councillor Geoff Jung is to retire in May of next year The Parish Council will of course give other candidates the opportunity to attend our meetings and in future the attendance of potential candidates will appear on the agenda.

3) Otterton Parish Council is a non partisan body and The Chairman has no idea how the members of this council vote as it a private matter for them.

4) The accusations imply that 2 of the councillors present were also Conservative District Councillors and may have given the impression that they represented this parish. Only councillor Geoff Jung is appointed as our District Councillor and The Chairman has apologised to him and he has accepted his apology.

5) We will not be publishing these complaints as The Chairman has replied to them and the comments that he has made will appear in the minutes of this meeting.

6) Finally, The Chairman read out a line from the Society of Local Council Clerks.

*"Principal authority councillors have no special rights at local council meetings, but it may be courteous to set aside time for them to report on current affairs."*

He thought that this is what took place.

**Development Behind Hayes:-** Several Councillors have shown concerns regarding the changes to Lea Lane.

Coincidentally, the Chairman has received an e-mail from Mr Chris Petit, the developer, saying that comments made by The Chairman at our last meeting were inaccurate.

The Chairman said that "the development had started and that the lane must be returned to its original condition following completion of the development."

The Chairman read out an e-mail from Mr Petit which stated that the lane will need to be repaired of any damages or defects and at no time suggests returning it to its original poor unusable state. Mr Petit has met with officers from Highways and DCC who are happy with his proposals and given written acceptance of the developers intentions prior to the commencement of any work.

**Highways Matters – Highways Officer Report:-** Concrete blocks – Bell St

The Highways Officer stated that this is not a safety issue. He did remove a piece of dislodged concrete backing as it may have blocked a pipe inlet.

30 mph sign – Old Railway Station, Repaired by Highways.

The Highways Officer has written several letters to landowners regarding overgrown signs in Otterton.

**Stream Cleaning:-** A date will be agreed at the next meeting.

**Anonymous Donation:-** A parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated £200 to our new plant boxes on The Green. Both The Parish Clerk and The Chairman have written thanking them for their donation. The donation is also mentioned in The Parish News Letter.

**Bus Routes:-** Councillor Claire Wright has sent The Chairman an email stating that Stagecoach have launched a public consultation with regard to local bus services. Apparently, the evening service of route 157 is supported by DCC and there will be no changes.

7. **DPO** – Consider further the requirements of GDPR, nothing more to report this meeting.

## 8. **Items from Previous Meetings**

- To consider further the use of Section 106 funding to provide skateboard/scooter facilities for the older children in the village.

Clerk reported that in light of the findings of the neighbourhood plan survey which showed a real desire for a skateboard/scooter facility to be provided for the young people in the village she has commenced researching costs and considerations. A discussion took place regarding possible siting of such a facility. It was agreed that there is insufficient room in the Jubilee Play Park and that the

Recreation Field at Stantyway may be seen as too remote. The Council requested that a conversation takes place with CDE to see if any land could be made available for this purpose.

- Dog bins & rubbish bins - await update from Val

9. **Ladram Bay:** Consider any further developments regarding retrospective planning application.

Update on further/outstanding planning applications.

Retrospective planning application:- Contains 3 separate areas.

1. Splash zone – Visible from footpath for a short time.
2. Pillared area on the beach – Visible from footpath, constructed in AONB without plans.
3. Standing for additional caravans – Rotation of caravan by 90% and extra site created.

Lodge building has replaced 2 caravan standings with the addition of 1 caravan which is thought to be outside the original boundary of park. It seems that additional land has been purchased to house this but planning was not obtained for this.

**Objection to caravans outside boundary without planning.**

Voting – Splash area all in favour.

Voting - Decking extension (World Heritage Site) – Unanimously against

Voting – Re-orientation of site has taken the new unit outside the existing boundary – Unanimously objected.

Voting caravans moved to comply with licence requirements subject to the caravan being within the boundary – 3 approved/2 against.

**Planning application unanimously objected to.**

Licence for 850 caravans, planning is separate issue and site must comply with planning.

Review to take place at site to ensure numbers and sites for units are compliant.

Urgent survey needed to take place to monitor sound levels, speed and levels of disturbance.

The problem is twofold one is amount of traffic and second speed and noise level.

10. **Planning:** 18/1624/LBS Thimble Cottage:- **Unanimously in favour.**

11. **Cemetery Guidelines:** Consider progress in drawing up guidelines.

12. **Stantyway Recreation Field**

Consider progress with Tenancy Agreement & report on current maintenance of field.

Consideration was given to quotes obtained for oak tree.

Stuart Baker British Oak Sessile oak up to £59.00.

Bench with back £995, without back £625. Hope to sow wild flowers in the area and make a statement which will be displayed. Also need to remove the dead tree on the Green.

Regarding parking:- Discussion re granting Permission to be given to allow footballer club, school to use field for parking when matches in progress. Decision to made at the next OPC Meeting.

13. **Pathways and PROW:** To consider any expenditure needed on maintenance and upkeep. See rseparate report from Iain Ure.

14. **Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities**

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Simpson. *No parking sign not appropriate for green but could be used on Ottery Street to stop people blocking the road for the bus. Cllr Simpson to re-oil benches.*
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett – Nothing to report.

- (iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson. Contractor to cut the grass up to the hedge clerk to obtain quote.
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge Nothing to report.
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister Nothing to report.

**15. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies**

- (i) Trees – Cllrs Simpson. Nothing to report.
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young. Nothing to report.
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge Nothing to report.
- (iv) Football Club – Cllr Farrington Nothing to report.
- (v) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles - Kingfisher award won also an award for work on Allotment. Outstanding rating achieved for SIAMS.
- (vi) Twinning – Cllr Bennett Nothing to report.
- (vii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge Nothing to report.
- (viii) Community Shop – Cllr Pride – Nothing to report

**16. Police Report:** No Police Report was available.

**17. County Council Report:** To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright:-

DCC to repeat traffic survey to be 24hour report.

Care at home service being made more robust. Witness reports are concerning.

Motion on Community hospital buildings, support by scrutiny committee to retain hospital buildings.

Support Group for help with DWP. Citizens Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.00 in Ottery St Mary.

**18. District Council Report:** To receive a report from District Councillor Mr Geoff Jung:-

Northstar development – exception site 60% affordable housing. Thought to be unlikely that more than 14 houses will be built but make up of homes may change.

Review of advertising to take place soon.

Geoff Jung taking up with Highways the development at behind Hayes.

Regarding Ladram Bay – the holiday camp will stay and dialogue essential to ensure working relationship between village and site. LORP – 2019 target date.

**19. Correspondence:** As reported on meeting Agenda.

**20. Financial Matters: Payments agreed and signed as per schedule copy to be placed on notice board:-**

**21. Annual Audit:** Documentation agreed and signed, letter handed to Chair and recommendations noted.

It was noted by the Council that the Auditor recommended reduction of balances on OPC accounts.

**22. Items for the Next Agenda:-** Planting of memorial tree, consideration of quotes for grass cutting to facilitate planting of tree and of memorial bench.

106 Funding progression of plans for facilities for young people in the village. Progress with Neighbourhood Plan

**23. Date of Next Meeting:** To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 10th September 2018**

## Footpath and Rights of Way Report for July

### General

1. As this is the first month of acting as Volunteer Footpath Warden there has been information gathering taking place.
2. Some historical information was gratefully received from Briony Sharp.
3. Base maps were received from Roy Young and Richard Spurway (DCC Public Rights of Way Warden).
4. All Rights of Way were visited and a spreadsheet compiled of all signs, gates and other footpath furniture. Further work is needed to refine and make user friendly
5. 197 Photos of all above were taken. Further work on cataloguing into the spreadsheet is ongoing.
6. Most footpaths and rights of way are in a reasonable condition, but brambles etc are growing fast.
7. The condition of many signs is poor, with a significant number either collapsed or about to fall over.
8. Once the draft spreadsheet is completed it will be sent to Richard Spurway and issues raised.

### Issues

9. Unsurfaced County Road 302 (Halse's Lane) is padlocked and warning sign (Bull) erected. This track is a dead end.
10. Permissive Footpath between Passaford Lane and Mutter's Moor has two trees across the path. I will liaise with CDE to arrange for them to be removed.
11. The following sign posts are in need of urgent attention;
  - a. Finger post at Passaford Lane(301) / Farm Junction is leaning badly, held up by vegetation.
  - b. Finger post at Brendon Lane (311) / Ottery Road looks fine but the post is rotten at the base and will collapse soon.
  - c. Finger Post along Bar's Lane by Sea View - arm pointing to Otterton is in poor state and needs replacing.
  - d. Post at Bar's Lane (308)/ Radway Lane (307) has collapsed and was found in undergrowth.
  - e. Post at Little Chockenhole Lane (306) / Radway Lane (307) is loose
  - f. Post at Otter Brook (East) / Radway (307) is in good condition but flat on ground
12. The approaches to Clamour Bridge (5) will need some work in near future – to some steps, rails and post.
13. It is understood that the Rickety Bridge is to be replaced in August.
14. The Coast Path is generally in good condition but the steps down from Peak Hill have suffered from some erosion and will need attention in the future.

Iain Ure