

Otterton Parish Council

A **Meeting** of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 10th September 2018** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall. All members of Otterton Parish Council were summoned to attend the meeting. Members of the public and the press were also made welcome.

Minutes

In attendance:- Cllr Fudge in the Chair, Cllr Hiles as Vice Chair, Cllr Pride, Cllr Farrington, Cllr Simpson, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Young, Cllr Lister, Cllr Wright arrived at 8.00 p.m. Fran Mills was present as Clerk.

1. **Apologies for Absence:-** Dcllr Geoff Jung.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** None.
3. **Confidential Items of Business:** One item of confidential business was proposed.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2018 were agreed and it was resolved that they be signed as a correct record of the meeting.

The following matters were arising from the minutes, and where not elsewhere on the agenda:

- Safety aids on River Otter reported in Public questions.
- Smelly water dispensed on the way to LB – nothing on the Ladram Bay site. Already reported to SWW.
- Smell near turn off to Stantyway around man hole? It was reported that there has been a smell for many years - clerk to speak to SWW

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

Water leak in Leigh Road, has been reported and SWW has investigated. Household will be contacted to rectify.

Storm water drain has sunk.

Could soil in churchyard be used to fill in holes on the green?

Appeal for Hawkern house. Garage has not been converted although planning permission was given for holiday accommodation using the building. Annex in existence which could be used for permanent use therefore using the same as holiday accommodation would not affect traffic, 950 metres from village so a walkable distance which would not add to traffic. Family have been in village for 15 years and hopeful to provide accommodation for personnel use.

Life saving rings – CDE not able to provide but happy to authorise if someone else would, RNLI (Mr Blythe) would not support.

6. **Chairman's Business:**

Ladram Bay Deliveries

The Chairman has e-mailed parish councillors regarding a large delivery destined to Ladram Bay which became stuck outside of the Kings Arms on Tuesday of last week.

Cllr John Hiles and the Chairman have had a meeting with Will Tottle (Assistant General Manager) to explore possible ways in which this situation may be alleviated in the future.

4 steps were agreed subject to the approval by Otterton Parish Council.

- 1) To continue to inform the village in advance of any abnormal load via the village web site.
- 2) To place a warning, in advance, on the village notice board at Cross Trees and possibly on the Parish Council notice board outside of The Kings Arms.
- 3) To place sign (an A frame) at a strategic point in the village. Either outside of the Kings Arms or, on The Village Green. This to be removed shortly after the load has passed.
- 4) to re visit the placing of blue cones?
- 5) The Parish Council will place a small article in the parish news to inform parishioners of these actions.

SWAS Defibrillator Training

Defibrillator training has been arranged with SWAS to take place in the village hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th October. To be publicised in The Parish News.

Annual Parish Walk

The Annual Parish Walk will take place on Saturday 10th November starting at The Village Green at 9.30 am.

Cllr Laura Wilson Resigns

Cllr Laura Wilson has sent me an e-mail saying that she has sold her home in Otterton and will be moving out of the parish. She has therefore resigned from The Parish Council. The Chairman thanked her for her input and wished her well for the future.

Fuel Poverty

The Chairman understands that 1 in 10 of the population of East Devon suffer from 'fuel poverty'. We have a parish charity called 'Relief In Need Charity' and the Chairman has contacted Mike Dickinson, one of the trustees, to see if anyone who suffers from fuel poverty in our village would qualify for help. He said that they most certainly would and to contact him if there is anyone in that predicament.

LORP Report

The Environmental Agency have issued a statement saying that they are committed to the LORP while applications for funding are made.

After public consultation the preferred option will be to restore the Big and Little Marsh floodplains.

The Kings Arms

The Chairman has contacted Adrian Pitts who is the Estate Surveyor for Clinton and Devon asking who is responsible for the repair to the bank outside of The Kings Arms. He thought that the tenant was responsible but was not sure! Someone has carried out a drystone repair but this may not be robust enough when the winter rains arrive.

Surface Water Flooding

Streetscene' have e-mailed The Clerk asking if we need additional sandbags.

Philip Greenhow holds the sandbag filling machine and has a supply of sandbags and the Chairman has a few reserves in my garage.

Anti Social Behaviour in The Jubilee Playground

A resident has e-mailed saying that she has confronted a pair of youths for smashing glass inside the tunnel at the Jubilee Playground. The Chair will visit the park to ensure all glass has been removed.

Tony Bennet – Grass Strimming

The Chairman thanked Tony Bennett who has strimmed the roadside bank on the outskirts of the village at North Star.

Also a thank you to Valerie Pride who continues to tend the plants on The Green.

Thanks also to residents who helped with clearing verges.

7. **DPO** – Consider further the requirements of GDPR in progress.

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.
 - The Clerk reported that she had had a conversation with the skate board manufacturer who had supplied facilities in both Axminster and Topsham. They advise that any facility is located on the outskirts of the residential area as inevitably it will attract youths who could make noise and cause additional traffic, for this reason it would seem that the only suitable location would be within the grounds of the Stantyway recreation Field. No further action can be considered until cost illustrations are available. It was noted that planning for this type of facility has been previously rejected on the grounds of cost. However keeping in view the feedback in the Neighbourhood Plan consideration will be given once costs are received.
9. **Ladram Bay**: Consider any further developments regarding retrospective planning application. See report from Geoff Jung detailed in item 18.

10. Planning: Ladram Bay

18/2015/FUL Installation of LPG storage tanks and associated works Ladram Bay Holiday Park Ladram Bay Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BX.

This application for siting large storage tanks in the field between the new Storage Yard and the water tank. This is the AONB and visible from the World Heritage Coast.

The request for Planning permission for the Service Yard and the road to the water tank has not been determined yet.

Objection to planning Reasons:- Extension into AONB and infringement on Jurassic coast, undeveloped site and therefore a development in the country. **Unanimous objection,**

Discussion re possibility of mains gas as an alternative to support the village. It was agreed that this was unlikely to happen in the immediate future.

Hawkern House Appeal

Appeal to planning application which was turned down. Annex is subject to appeal not the current garage. Additional accommodation within area of AONB. However existing building with some permission, 950 yards from village no additional impact on traffic. Agreement to visit the site on Tuesday 11th September to consider previous objection.

Delegated authority to make planning decision unanimously agreed and Cllr Pride, Cllr Bennett and Cllr Fudge will attend.

11. Cemetery Guidelines: It was agreed that as the current Cemetery guidelines have not been updated since 2005 that this should be given attention. Clerk to send Diocese of Exeter guidelines for the Management of Cemeteries to all Councillors for discussion at the next meeting. It was also reported to the Council that other local Councils have ceased the practice of selling rights to plots to aid the management of the cemetery. It was also agreed to consider this at the next meeting of the OPC.

12. Stantyway Recreation Field

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

Agree actions regarding the planting of memorial trees. Consider quotes obtained for oak tree, seat surround and ground clearance.

Procedure in place for 11.11.2018. Tim Gorman, Grandson of person featured on the war memorial to plant tree. Tree to be blessed in small service at Stantyway by Rev'd Ian Pusey, introduction by Chair of Parish Council, details of those remembered, as researched by Jane Bennett, to be read out by Cllr Bennett.

Tree to be planted, on 11.11.2018 and ground to be prepared and grass to be cut in advance. Area to be planted with wild flowers. Tree guard from the green to be used to protect the oak.

Circular bench to be supplied at cost of £1k Football club charged with tidying site before the 11.11.18

Budget of £1.5k unanimously agreed.

Football Club. Dug outs nearly completed. Painting completed, shed has been broken into but nothing of value kept.

Bylaw in place and it is recommended that this remains. Lease to be put in place with conditions.

Continue with present rent with reviews.

13. Pathways and PROW: See report attached.

14. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Simpson
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett power wash at beginning of November
- (iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge. Glass on equipment and seek quote for cutting of hedge.
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister requested a quote for cutting of hedge.

15. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

- (i) Trees – Cllrs Simpson
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge
- (iv) Football Club – Cllr Farrington
- (v) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles
- (vi) Twinning – Cllr Bennett
- (vii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge
- (viii) Community Shop – Cllr Pride

16. **Police Report:** A police report was not available.

17. **County Council Report:** To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright
20 MPH zone 8.3. Traffic survey (1 hour 180 av speed 20.4)
3.9.18 second survey carried out 30 minute 102 in one hour 24.00. Low speed recorded which would help cause for 20 MPZ. Justification should include, vulnerable use, school and support in wider community. It is the opinion of Cllr Wright that all boxes are ticked.

18. **District Council Report:** Report from District Councillor Mr Geoff Jung attached.

Update on Planning Issues

I list the planning issues that are still outstanding. With regards to applications that you are to determine I have made a few points, but I will await your comments before I submit my own.

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The Service Yard and the road to the water tank has not been determined yet.

18/1624/LBC Remove cement render on front, side and rear elevations and replace with lime-based render and replace/repair 3no. windows on front elevation Thimble Cottage 6 Ottery Street Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7HW.

I normally do not comment on listed buildings and leave the decision to the expert on historic buildings

18/1517/FUL Retrospective application for a new 'splash' zone adjacent to the indoor swimming pool, extension to viewing deck at junction of beach and slipway; relocation and re-orientation of bases and addition of static caravan Ladram Bay Holiday Park Ladram Bay Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BX

The Jurassic Coast Trust objects, The Parish Council and 10 other individuals have objected. The Planning department are awaiting further comments from the AONB and Natural England

17/2976/FUL Change of use to self-contained residential dwelling (Use Class C3) Hawkern Ladram Road Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7HT

This application was refused as it was against Local Plan policy. However, the applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. All the correspondence and documents related to this application including the Parish Councils comments have been sent to the Inspector.

The Parish Council can choose to comment or not on the documents filed by the applicant if you feel that would be appropriate.

The Inspector will take into account your previous comments

17/2984/LBC and 17/2983/FUL Removal and replacement of 'lean to', enlargement of rear garden room and internal alterations. Houstern Farmhouse Fore Street Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7HB

This application for an historic listed building is being considered still

17/2647/RES Construction of dwelling and double garage and formation of new vehicular access (approval of all matters reserved pursuant to outline permission 14/2122/OUT) Hayes House Behind Hayes Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7JQ

I am in discussion with the planning department regarding the compliance to a number of conditions

17/1584/FUL Revisions to planning permission 16/1709/FUL (Construction of new service yard and building) to incorporate repositioned and widened vehicular access from Ladram Road, creation of additional vehicular access off Bay Road, formation of private access road to water purification tanks, provision of footpath (including gateway to field), construction of retaining wall around service yard,

enlarged storage building and new parking area and associated details Land North West Of Ladram Bay Holiday Park Ladram Bay Otterton Budleigh Salterton EX9 7BX.

Following comments from the AONB and Natural England this application is being held up for further landscaping proposals from the applicant before it can be finally being determined.

Once the landscaping proposals are submitted there will be a further short consultation period for you to consider if the application should be supported or not.

106 payments and Community Infrastructure Levy.

I understand the frustration of Parish Councils with trying to obtain information for 106 payments and CIL money owed to them but there is good news around the corner.

Shortly I'm told by Mid October we will have all the records on a new database, which will provide up to the minute figures for every Parish from both the 106 and CIL.

The process of inputting all the historic legal agreement charges to properties when they were built has been a mammoth task as every legal 106 agreement had specific varying information which had to be checked and verified by an experienced officer prior to adding it to the data base.

Shortly we will all have this vital information for your Parish Projects at the touch of a button!

19. Correspondence:

Ladram Deliveries, Reindeer Run request, Invitation to the Installation of Rev'd Karen Young, NALC Spring Conference, Snow Warden Scheme.

20. Financial Matters: See attached I & E for August

21. Items for the Next Agenda

Quotes for grass cutting, hedge cutting cemetery & jubilee, oak tree, planning Request for salt.

22. Date of Next Meeting: To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 1st October 2018**

Fran Mills Clerk to the Parish Council 16.9.18

Footpath and Rights of Way Report for August 2018

General

1. A meeting to discuss a range of queries was held with Richard Spurway (DCC Public Rights of Way Warden) and Roy Young (Otterton Parish Council). See below.
2. Emails were exchanged with Dave Palmer (EDDC Countryside Ranger) in connection with the Coast Path.
3. All Rights of Way were visited and vegetation cleared around signs & gates.

4. Most footpaths and rights of way are in a reasonable condition, but as expected at this time of year nettles and brambles are growing fast.

Meeting with Richard Spurway

5. A list of some 30 items was discussed. Some queries were answered at the meeting, and Richard will respond to others in due course.
6. The condition of sign posts was the most significant subject. Richard to action repairs.
7. Should finger post signs need replacing then these will be the modern green and white metal signs rather than the traditional wooden arms.
8. DCC budget is restricted so replacement signs will be only as strictly necessary.
9. Most of the wooden signs were placed at the same time and are quickly becoming past their best.
10. Some improvements to Clamour Bridge access to be ordered.

Issues

11. Most rights of way are sufficiently clear of vegetation to get through (except Holestone Lane)
12. There is a balance between leaving vegetation for wildlife to thrive and for pedestrian access.
13. I have cleared the odd nettles and brambles along our paths. However, Chockenhole Lane (305) east of Little Chockenhole Lane (306) needs some work by DCC / Landowner. There is a fallen tree along this section which prevents horse riders moving along the Lane. Richard is aware. The footpath behind the pub (14) needs a bit of work over a short section.
14. Permissive Footpath between Passaford Lane and Mutter's Moor has two trees across the path. CDE will remove them soon. In the meantime they prevent illegal motorbikes.
15. The Coast Path is generally in good condition but the steps down from Peak Hill have suffered from some erosion and this is on Dave Palmer's to do list. I have cleared the two erosion control drainage grips (one between High Peak plantation and Ladram, the other near Crab Ledge)

Other

16. Fallen Trees in River Otter. CDE are currently planning to remove fallen trees above Colaton Raleigh and will be sweeping through the lower reach. Trees that are lodged and close in along a bank are often left to silt in and reinforce the bank and some in river debris is useful cover for fish and other wildlife, particularly on the Lower Otter where dogs in the river are a problem.

Proposal

17. Subject to cost, it is proposed that a programme of wooden finger post sign replacements be compiled. A strategy of priorities should be developed to inform the programme. The Parish Council have not spent much of the money allocated for footpaths over the recent few years so funding is available.

Iain Ure 30 August 2018