

Otterton Parish Council

A **Meeting** of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 7th January 2019** 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.

Present: Cllr Fudge, in the Chair, Cllr Hiles Deputy Chair, Cllr Farrington, Cllr Pride, Cllr Lister, Cllr Geoff Jung
3 members of the public.

MINUTES

- 1. Apologies for Absence:-** Cllr Bennett, Cllr Young, Cllr Claire Wright
- 2. Declarations of Interests:** There were no declarations of personal and pecuniary interests from Councillors relating to items of business on the agenda. (Geoff Young read a statement from FWS Carter). Cllr Fudge also declared an interest in the comments from a member of the public relating to the development at North Star.
- 3. Confidential Items of Business:** It was agreed there was one item of business to be dealt with in confidence.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018 were signed as a correct record of the meeting. In considering any matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda the clerk reported:
Traffic Forum: The PC had been advised that due to the boundary changes it would inappropriate for to join with Budleigh Salterton as they are in a different boundary.
Hedge cutting: A request will be made to Halcyon Landscapes to re-trim the hedge back and front later in the year. The PC were reminded that when considering the bid from Halcyon Landscapes it was seen as a positive addition that they would be able to take on extra work in a timely fashion and had the workforce and expertise to work to a high standard, which was verified by reference to other PCs
- 5. Public Questions and Comments: *Items for Discussion and Decision***
Traffic 20 MPH, the proposals for a 20 MPH limit were challenged as they are unenforceable and the cost of installation is high. It was agreed that this subject would form part of the annual meeting of the PC and Public.
North Star planning application: A member of the public sought clarification about progress made on the site. See Report from Councillor Geoff Jung.
- 6. Chairman's Business:** Chairman's report
South West Water
South West Water have contacted The Chairman regarding the smell which we reported coming from the drains in Ladram Bay Road.
They apologised that progress has been slow but confirmed that they have visited the site. They feel that the 'wet well' needs cleaning and have inspected the 6 inch rising main in Lower Ladram Lane. They informed me that Clear Flow have visited the site.
Lower Ladram Road a PROW but is partly situated on land owned by Ladram Bay Holiday Park. There is therefore a question as to who is responsible? According to the Government website The Highways

Authority have the responsibility to keep PROW's open and maintained. However, there is no mention of pipework under PROW's only the PROW's themselves.

Finally, a meeting has been arranged for The Environmental Agency to visit the site on 2nd April but this visit is mostly to do with sea water quality. This situation is ongoing.

7. **DPO** – The clerk has researched the documents used by other local PCs and found a model set of documents for adaptation for use which covers the statutory needs of the PC. It was agreed that a personalised set would be circulated to the members of the PC with the aim of them being adopted at the next meeting of the OPC.

8. Items from Previous Meetings

- To consider further the use of Section 106 funding to provide recreation facilities. (Sports £6346.46)
The clerk was instructed to look into the cost of a multi disciplinary all weather surface for the football area in the Jubilee playpark which could be paid for by the 106 funding. Consideration would need to be given to planning requirements and noise implications.
- Consider replacement equipment for Jubilee playpark. ONGOING.

9. **Ladram Bay:** Consider any further developments regarding retrospective planning application. Update on further/outstanding planning applications. 18/2015/FUL received 4th January minor changes but full details not yet available. Exceptional meeting may need to be called to consider application if response changes. Clerk to update planning update in response to Councillors decision.

10. **Resilience Forum Feedback & review of emergency plan.** To be subject for Annual meeting. Emergency plan to be updated with new names and details. Air ambulance landing place could be considered at Ladram to be progressed.

11. Stantyway Recreation Field

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

Currently EB have a similar policy which Cllr Fudge is reviewing to see if this could fulfil the need of OPC and will report at the next parish meeting.

12. **Pathways and PROW: See report attached** -To consider content of report and any expenditure needed on maintenance and upkeep. Cllr Geoff Jung has been working with EDDC to see if the dormant Parishes Together application can be rewritten to allow the funds to be used for the renewal of sign posts as detailed in the report by Iain Ure PROW Warden. Clerk to receive instruction to progress.

13. **Agree budget and Precept for 2019:-** Budget agreed at £12,500 with annual precept claim of £10500 thus using £2000 of PC reserves. Clerk to send relevant documentation to EDDC. (sent Wednesday 9th January 2019)

14. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Val pride has agreed to take on this area of responsibility. It was reported that the tree guard has been taken to Stantyway to surround the memorial tree and the dead tree has been removed..
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett. Nothing to report.

- (iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Simpson Tony Farrington has agreed to take on this area of responsibility. Thanks to Sam Walker the farmer at Stantyway for cutting the hedge surrounding the recreation field. A gift is to be taken as thanks which Cllr Val pride will arrange. Budget £25.00
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge (Consider safety of Slide) Ongoing
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister Notice board. Ongoing

15. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

- (i) Trees – Mr Iain Ure has agreed to add this area of responsibility to those of the warden for Pathways & PROW.
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young & Iain Ure See report from Iain Ure.
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge. Nothing to report
- (iv) Football Club – Cllr Farrington Thanks to Football club for tidiness of field and stopping users from parking.
- (v) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles - Report to come.
- (vi) Twinning – Cllr Bennett Nothing to report.
- (vii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge. Nothing to report.
- (viii) Community Shop – Cllr Pride Seeking to do more advertising and promoting shop in community awareness.

16. Police Report: To receive the online Police Report. Currently the report runs 2 months behind so is not very helpful.

17. 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN OTTERTON (written by Cllr John Fudge)

Councillor Claire Wright has spent a great deal of time and effort lobbying Highways Department for the implementation of a 20 mph speed limit in Otterton. There were 2 main reasons for this.

Firstly, at a public meeting held in The Village Hall on 9th January of last year it was clear that the majority of the audience wanted a reduced speed limit. Secondly, 92 per cent of respondents to The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires also wanted the implementation of a 20mph speed limit.

The current situation is that Highways have agreed to start the procedure needed to implement the reduced speed limit and The Chairman's understanding is that this could take as long as 12 months. There will be a cost involved and Councillor Wright has suggested that she is willing to pay one third of the cost from her budget if The Parish Council pay the other third. She has also written to Ladram Bay Holiday Park suggesting they may like to pay the remaining third. The Chairman has received an e mail from a parishioner which shows that one of Councillor Wrights 'blogs' stated that she was happy to fund this from her locality budget. Although it did not clarify if she would fund all of it?

The Chairman has also received several e mails showing reports in The Sun and The Daily Telegraph newspapers stating that - "Councils are wasting millions of taxpayers cash on safe 20 mph zones which could be causing more deaths". Safety experts at the AA branded the targeted schemes as a waste of money. A 2016 report revealed that the ratio of people killed or seriously injured went up in 7 out of 13 zones where speed limits were cut. One reason could be that pedestrians are not taking as much care in crossing the roads as they think that the reduced speed limit will make the road safer.

The Chairman has suggested the Parish Council need to discuss this issue at a future meeting.

18. County Council Report: To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright - Not available.

19. District Council Report: To receive a report from District Councillor Mr Geoff Jung including 'Parishes Together' funding update. Letter from FWS Carter to GJ saying he has trespassed on property.

Northstar planning development 2011 (March 2013 original application, Nov 2015 final application agreed. Date required to start 13/11 which is now overdue. Many conditions to fulfil within application. Condition number 10 not yet signed off or completed. Developers maintain work has been started but preconditions not yet fulfilled. Justification for 10 affordable houses within plan but this is now old information.

Attenuation tank needs to be installed as site not suitable for soakaways. This will bring maintenance charges as will the up keep of the site. This may impinge on affordability of housing.

2 issues flooding and maintenance will ensure much discussion before work commences.

20. Correspondence: As sent with agenda – nothing more to report. Discussion regarding dumping at borehole. Cllr Fudge will take this up with CDE as land owners it was reported that burning takes place on this site for which there should be a waste license.

21. Financial Matters: To receive a note of payments and receipts for December 2018

Invoices to be paid following meeting 3rd December 2018:-

Outgoings		Opening Balance £15399.16
SWW Paid monthly by d/d	Water for cemetery monthly Fee	£5
1530 OVH	Meetings NHP	£30.00
1531 OVH	Meeting OPC	£112.00
1535 Smith of Derby	Service of Church Clock	£283.20
1533 Halcyon Landscapes	Invoice 1233 & 1293 grass cutting	£1002.88
1534 RBL	Donation	£100.00
1536 Jane Bennett	Payment of locality budget donation from Cllr C Wright	£550.00
Incomings		£13316.08
Cllr C Wright	Locality Budget donation for Mrs J Bennett for remembrance book	£550.00
		Closing balance £13866.08

It was agreed that all cheques detailed were to be paid.

22. Items for the next agenda: 20MPH speed limit, planning Ladram & Northstar, Playpark equipment, Use of 106 Funding, Village improvement fund.

23. Agree dates for meetings in 2019. Consider date of Annual meeting clerk to investigate requirements and report to next meeting of the OPC.

Dates for 2019 as follows:

7th Jan, 4th Feb, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 9th September, 2nd October, 4th November, 2nd December.

24. Date of Next Meeting: To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 4th February 2019**
Fran Mills Clerk to the Parish Council 13th January 2019.