

Otterton Parish Council

A **Meeting** of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 11th February 2019** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of Otterton Village Hall. All members of Otterton Parish Council were summoned to attend the meeting. 18 Members of the public and the press were also made welcome.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Tony Bennett, Cllr John Lister, Cllr John Hiles, in the Chair Cllr John Fudge, Fran Mills as Clerk.

1. **Apologies for Absence:-** Cllr Tony Farrington, Cllr Geoff Jung, Cllr Roy Young
2. **Declarations of Interests:** There were no declarations of personal and pecuniary interests from Councillors relating to items of business on the agenda.
3. **Confidential Items of Business:** There was one item of business to be dealt with in confidence.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2019 were signed as a correct record of the meeting. To consider any matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda: None
5. **Public Questions and Comments: *Items for Discussion and Decision***
The proposal for a 20MPH speed limit was of interest to many of the attendees.
An addition in Police precept was agreed recently to improve policing resources in East Devon (Additional £24 per household in East Devon). See notes under item 16
6. **Chairman's Business:** The following report was received from the Chairman
Ladram Bay Meeting – 21st January
The Chairman and Vice Chairman met with the General and Assistant General Manager of Ladram Bay. These are regular meetings which discuss local issues.
We agreed that we would continue to work together to mitigate traffic problems encountered by the delivery of large loads through the village. These measures include the placing of an "A" frame outside the Kings Arms prior to a delivery being made and a mail shot to residents where there is a perseved problem which will inform them of the measures being taken.
Ladram Bay have 2 new planning applications which were discussed at the meeting.
18/2912/FUL: the erection of 2 new safari lodges. This application will be discussed later this evening.
19/0070/FUL: the erection roof-mounted solar panels on the roofs of the swimming pool, pub and supermarket. This planning application has not yet come before the Parish Council. This installation will produce up to 150mw.
Borehole Number 4 – Park Lane
A number of parishioners have complained about rubbish being dumped adjacent to borehole number 4 which is situated at the northern end of Park Lane. The concern is that there is a potential for contamination of the borehole!
The land belongs to Clinton & Devon and the Chairman has contacted the Estates Surveyor who said he will have a word with the tenant.
Budleigh Salterton Street Party 2019
Budleigh Salterton Chambers of Trade are planning a street party in the summer and the Chairman has indicated that The Parish Council will support this through 'Parishes Together' funding provided businesses in Otterton are represented.

7. **DPO** – The clerk asked the PC to adopt the policies however a member of the public mentioned several errors contained within them. The clerk was asked to revisit the policies in readiness for the next meeting.

8. Items from Previous Meetings

- To consider further the use of Section 106 funding to provide recreation facilities. (Sports £6346.46). A member of the public reminded the parish Council of the feedback from the neighbourhood plan and asked for this to be considered before installation of equipment.
- Consider replacement equipment for Jubilee playpark. Ongoing

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

Update on further/outstanding planning applications 18/2912/FUL. **Agreed**

Replacement of touring sites with glamping 3 approved/ 1 abstention.

Retrospective planning application needs to be reconsidered.

10. **Agree agenda for Annual meeting:-** Proposed - Resilience Forum Feedback & review of emergency plan including landing place for Air Ambulance. Need to provide a flood light to enable helicopter to land. Agreed that the annual meeting will take place in the last week of April, the date depending on the availability of the hall.

11. Stantway Recreation Field

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

Consider draft documents sent by Cllr John Fudge – carry over to next meeting.

12. **Pathways and PROW:** Consider plan for expenditure for maintenance and use of Parishes Together funding. Agreement to use ring fenced amount to complete priority replacements and maintenance.

The Parish Council agreed to the replacement programme submitted by Mr I Ure and Cllr John Fudge.

Payment will be made from 'Parishes Together' funding, if agreed, or ring fenced maintenance budget.

13. Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities

- (i) The Village Green – Cllr Val Pride None available
- (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Bennett In good order
- (iii) Stantway Recreation Ground – Cllr Farrington In good order.
- (iv) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Fudge (Consider safety of Slide) ongoing
- (v) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister Notice board continues to be a work in

14. Reports on Village Amenities and Bodies

- (i) Trees – See report Mr Iain Ure
- (ii) Footpaths – Cllr Young (report from Mr Iain Ure)
- (iii) Contracts and Finance – Cllr Fudge. Nothing to report
- (iv) Football Club – Cllr Farrington. Nothing to report.
- (v) Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles See report below.
- (vi) Twinning – Cllr Bennett Nothing to report
- (vii) Village Hall – Cllr Fudge, film club event took place, new chairs.
- (viii) Community Shop – Cllr Pride Not available.

- 15. Police Report:** To receive the online. Police Reports will no longer be available. **No longer to be an agenda item.**
- 16. Consider plans for 20mph traffic calming.**
Government Department change of Policy to make the introduction of 20 MPH zones easier.
Cllr John Fudge asked for the views of the Councillors present:-
Cllr John Lister supports 20 MPH speed limit in preference to traffic calming.
Cllr John Hiles proposed that a third of the cost of the 20MPH speed limit £1700.00 could be covered by the OPC on that basis he supported the proposition.
Cllr Tony Bennett stated that whatever the size of the bill, the Council would have to pick up the balance after deducting any donations eg from Cllr Wright or Ladram.
Cllr John Fudge states his support for scheme.
A member of the public stated that many roads in East Devon have speeding restrictions which whilst not enforceable has the effect of slowing the traffic. It is a physiological deterrent which has no down side but is unenforceable.
A member of the public thought that 106 funding could be used to fund this project but unfortunately this is not correct.
The Parish Council were reminded that this is a shared space for parishioners and public and those in cars, there is a need to address the thought process of drivers.
Atkins Research shows positive effect/Public support and this should be supported by Gov. Needs of older residents, children, women should be taken into account.
Cllr Claire Wright has offered to support 50% of cost.
Ladram Bay has offered to support cost if DCC is also supportive.
A member of public also mentioned that road markings add to the danger on some junctions.
The proposal to introduce a 20MPH speed limit through Otterton was unanimously agreed by the members of Otterton Parish Council present..
- 17. To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright**
Unpaid carers continues to present a challenge for the NHS. This in turns increases number of cases going to A & E. Full report to come before scrutiny committee.
RD & E continues to have a difficulty discharging people in a timely and responsible manner.
Unallocated packages of care for use at home is also challenging as insufficient number of carers for elderly
- 18. District Council Report:** To receive a report from District Councillor Mr Geoff Jung including 'Parishes Together' funding update. See report from Geoff Jung
- 19. Correspondence:** A member of the public asked the PC to consider placing a dog poo bin in the bush turning area of Ottery Street. This was widely thought to be a good idea. Cllr T Wright offered to find out how this could be achieved and what protocols would need to be observed.
- 20. Financial Matters:** To receive a note of payments and receipts for January 2018. The parish Council agreed to the payment of all items listed and a copy of the I & E for January was duly signed.
Disappointingly the Clerk has received communication from David Hincliffe who has audited the books for the last 2 years stating that he intends to retire and will no longer be available. A new auditor is sought.

Invoices to be paid following meeting 7th January 2019:-

Outgoings		Opening Balance £14023.44
SWW Paid monthly by d/d	Water for cemetery monthly Fee	£5
1538 & 15390 OVH	Meetings OPC & NHP	£24.00
1537 Ro Smith	Re Otterton Website.	£62.45
1540 Val Pride	Plants for tubs on Village green	£23.10
Incomings		
		Closing balance £13908.89

21. Items for the next agenda: Plans for 106 funding, 20 MPH speed limit, Dog Bins, Tree planting, Tenancy agreement.

22. Confirm date for annual meeting 2019 in the last week of April.

23. Date of Next Meeting: To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 4th March 2019**
Fran Mills Clerk to the Parish Council 18.2.19

Report from the Raleigh Federation.

Half term is almost upon us with a huge amount of learning happening this half term. The children in Otters class have had Birds of Prey visit their class as well as a trip to Living Coasts as part of their topic. They learnt about the different types of penguins and also about beach cleaning and the different types of plastics found on our beaches. I have had a Parents Forum which was very positive. Lots of people had some very good ideas about how to promote the good things happening in both schools and how we can attract more pupils to our great schools. Watch this space for things happening next half term towards these things.

Any questions or comments please feel free to contact me through the school office –
admin@raleighfederation.org.uk

Otterton Report 01/01/2019 Report from District Councillor Geoff Jung

Greater Exeter Strategic Plan

At a recent EDDC Strategic Planning Meeting regarding the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) and its relationship with the approved East Devon Local Plan and the Villages Plan the Head of Planning at East Devon stated that

“...given changing circumstances and other factors, specifically that a “light touch” review of the currently adopted local plan is unlikely to be a practical option”

So rather than the GESP plan dovetailing into the 3-year-old approved East Devon Local Plan and 1-year-old Villages Plan these will be jettisoned for a New Local Plan to dovetail into the strategies of the GESP plan!

Although the GESP plan has been in preparation for over 2 years, no formal discussion or meeting has been held at any Council Chamber at any of the four Councils involved.

Many meetings have taken place to consider the 700 plus sites throughout the Greater Exeter area submitted for assessment by developers to the “Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) Panel”.

This Panel is made up of “key stakeholders”, with a recognised interest in the development of land for housing and employment, and housing and economic development sector, including housebuilders, social landlords, local property agents and other related professionals together with local community representatives and other agencies. The membership of these meetings has been confidential and there has been no publication of their deliberations or recommendations.

The joint meetings of the two lead councillors from each Authority, plus officers have also been kept under lock and key – with none of the meetings been reported or minuted.

It has been stated that substantial extra Commercial and Housing development is required which should help provide the extra funding for the recognised needed improvements in infrastructure and transport systems such as new roads, park and rides and extra train services to help the Greater Exeter Growth point further expand.

Where will this extra development be built is only known to a handful of Councillors within the 4 participating Authorities but, given that the East Devon Local Plan needs a total re-write it suggests that the GESP Consultation Document majors extra developments in East Devon.

Planning Enforcement

Following many comments from residents on persistent offenders of breaching Planning Regulations and retrospective buildings applications.

It would seem different Councils have varying approaches, such as some Councils immediately issue Enforcement notices and other Councils such Exeter CC who do not employ Enforcement officers at all and therefore enforcement is virtually none -existent!!

East Devon acknowledge they do not always get it right, especially with persistent offenders, but they choose to take a middle approach of seeking remedial action to correct an innocent mistake. Discussions on a clearer consistent approach and a more formal Enforcement Policy being in the form of a public document, detailing East Devon’s approach will be forthcoming shortly so offenders and complainants can fully understand the procedure.

Otterton Planning Applications

Listed Buildings. Because the historic nature of many of Otterton Buildings they are protected by what is known as “listed building consent”, to basically protect their historic character. We do need to improve the buildings for 21st century living by protecting the historic nature of the existing fabric. This needs careful and knowledgeable consideration by Conservation officers. Unfortunately, this sometimes takes drawn out negotiations and compromises, to preserve these historic buildings for our future generations.

Ladram Bay

18/2912/FUL Variation of Condition 3 (use restriction) of planning permission 10/1192/FUL (reshaping of touring and tenting field, etc.) to allow use of part of the field for safari tents. This application needs to be considered on its location in the AONB and its proximity to the Jurassic Coast.

19/0070/FUL the installation of roof-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays on the roofs of the pub, supermarket and swimming pool buildings at Ladram Bay Holiday Park. Any form of reducing carbon omissions should generally be supported but as this is in the AONB and close to a World Heritage Jurassic Coast, I would like more details as I do not totally understand how this will be visually seen from the Coastal Path and from other locations.

The following applications will be going to the Planning meeting in early March to be considered by the Planning Committee.

18/2015/FUL Installation of LPG storage tanks and associated works.

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

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.

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