

# Otterton Parish Council

A **Meeting** of Otterton Parish Council was held on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 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: Cllrs John Hiles, Sharon Young, John Lister, Tony Farrington, Sam Walker.

Cllrs Paul Jarvis, Claire Wright and 10 members of the public

## Minutes

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Pride sent apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** A declaration of pecuniary interests was registered by Cllr Sam Walker in item 7 on the agenda - Brandy Head Observation post and by Cllr John Hiles regarding an item on item 6 Chairman's business.
3. **Confidential Items of Business:** It was agreed that no items needed to be dealt with in confidence.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June were signed as a correct record of the meeting. To consider any matters arising from the minutes, not elsewhere on the agenda:
  - Confirm booking for 106 funding village meeting (20.9.19@ 2.00 pm)
  - Confirm details of 'Rowse Tree Services' quote of trees on Green - 5.2 metre rule not applicable.
  - Confirm positioning of 'Tony's bench'. Now in place at Litch gate at St Michael's Church.
  - Progress purchase of picnic bench for Jubilee Play Park. To be discussed under item 12v. Agreed to spend £400 on bench for jubilee Play Park.
5. **Public Questions and Comments: *Items for Discussion and Decision***

Parking in the village continues to be a problem.  
Number of cars in the village has increased; tankers coming into the village are a problem, need to explore the need for a car park, Cllr Hiles to meet with CDE to discuss.  
Brick cross a difficulty with markings on the road being confusing and misplaced.  
Suggestion for a **no entry sign** for the junction at Brick Cross. **Letter to highways copied to EBPC and CW.**  
Request for a footpath from Sleep cottage to railway bridge.  
**Letter to CDE with this suggestion.**  
Residents parking scheme – many of the caveats for this are not reached.

## **Chairman's Business:** Otterton PC Chair report 1st July 2019

Since the last meeting the tree stump on Bracken Lane has been removed by Cllr Sam Walker.

The work to the trees in the play park has been carried out.

I have also spoken to the Land agent for the Church and they have their trees inspected every 3 years.

Iain Ure is making the order list for the replacement sign posts.

Ownership of the triangle on the green has been established and the deeds are available as supporting documents to this meeting.

Village plan is now available for the Parish to feed back on and this is greatly encouraged.

Tony's bench is now in place at the Litch gate of the Church.

Pot Hole on Bell Street filled but still sinking. Pot holes on Ladram road filled.

Wall on Park lane CDE are dealing with.

Open gardens was a great success raising £ 6100 for local charities.

Ottertton watch caught a hawker who barged into a house he has now gone to court.

The following Meetings are scheduled or have taken place:- Stantyway 4 July 10am Air ambulance , 11am Mast, CDE Thursday 7 July 2pm about ONP

### **VE Day 2020.**

In response to the wishes of the Parish in the ONP, I am planning a whole community event which I hope will be free to everyone if all our great local businesses will support with sponsorship. Devon Dubs LLP (of which the Chair of OPC is a partner) has already donated the deposit for the band which is a 1940's close harmony group singing war time songs. I hope the Parish council will adopt this occasion as an OPC event. As stated in the ONP community events is the second biggest request after a skateboard park (page 68)

**Vote: Unanimously agreed to adopt as OPC event**

As this is now an adopted OPC event I would request this to be held at the football pitch.

**Vote: Unanimously agreed to hold OPC event at Stantyway Recreation Field.**

### **6. Planning Matters:**

#### **Brandy Head Observation Point**

##### **The following points were raised at the meeting-**

Acknowledgement that it is a special building, in special place, objective to improve experience for birds, soils, structures, current misuse of structure is damaging, there is a need to preserve building.

Reflective plan to improve climate and culture and preserve the historic nature of the building.

Abandoned building would invite problems, planning application from Cllr Sam Walker, not from Clinton. Completed building should improve the landscape.

Profit a concern but currently wildlife preservation is costing money. Number of walkers on cliffpark has increased and nature path is sought. Preference to let building go rather than have it developed.

White block front not appropriate, stone, tiles in keeping with other buildings.

Pleased that there is no road, no services or utilities planned.

Cllr Sharon Young spoke about the need for objective comments in response to planning applications.

Neighbourhood plan seeks:

No changes to landscape – undoubtedly this planning application makes a change.

Biodiversity – need to ensure that vehicles' are not able to access.

Noted that this is not a new development, nature of village estate will be unchanged

Opportunity to inform & educate – yes, Changes to development of village – n/a

No security lighting/other lighting which may damage the environment.

Support small business and small scale tourism.

Increase in traffic – n/a (parking to be a Stantyway/water treatment works currently part of tenancy).

Preserve green spaces, enjoyment of landscape.

Design principles – retention/enhancement of green spaces around the village, should not affect the skyline. Should take account of existing structures. Architectural design should enhance settlement.

Further concerns:- What about erosion?

**Paul Jarvis** – Need to consider the planning objectives.

**Claire Wright** – Will look at planning but needs to see where this sits in the terms of AONB

**The vote:-** The Council agreed to the planning application with a vote of 3 – 1.

- Discuss plans for a Combined Sewer on Green – **Condition of permission that £5 monthly charge at cemetery is waived.**
- **19/1242/LBC Milson Cottage** – LBC no objectives as the Listed Building Conditions have been observed.

7. **Agree and accept 'Death of a public figure protocol' as sent by EDDC.** Book of condolence ordered and proposal that it will be kept in the shop when necessary. Expenditure of £20 agreed. Adopted unanimously.
8. **Pathways and PROW: Trees** – Mr Iain Ure Foot paths message from Iain Ure: As previously discussed I will not be submitting a June footpath report as I am away most of the month. However, the Parish Council may like to know that Bicton bridge replacement is currently additionally delayed - " DCC are now restricted as a bird is nesting under the bridge and therefore they can not move the bridge. They are also restricted due to fish breeding. I understand they are eager to complete as soon as those restrictions are lifted." I have learnt this from CDE.
9. **Ladram Bay: Regarding** retrospective planning applications the following have been agreed:-  
 Splash zone and loading bay.  
 The wooden structure on the beach is currently not agreed and further plans may need to be submitted or the structure demolished.
10. **Review funding applications to enhance 106 funding and adoption of OPC safeguarding policy.**  
 Safeguarding policy circulated for adoption. Many funding applications call for a Safeguarding policy to be in place. Agenda item for next meeting.
11. **Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities & reports on village amenities and Bodies**
- (i) The Village Green & Community Shop – Cllr Pride NTR
  - (ii) The War Memorial – Cllr Hiles NTR
  - (iii) Stantyway Recreation Ground – Cllr Walker. Memorial match 13<sup>th</sup> July, arrange grass cutting in readiness.
  - (iv) Football Club– Cllr Farrington NTR
  - (v) The Jubilee Playground – Cllr Farrington (Concern re tunnel, could possibly be refurbished)
  - (vi) The Cemetery – Cllr Lister. Need to schedule cutting of the hedge back and front in both Cemetery & Jubilee playpark. 6foot/5 foot – clerk to obtain quote
  - (vii) The Raleigh Federation – Cllr Hiles NTR
  - (viii) The Village Hall – Cllr Young NTR
  - (ix) Contracts & Finance – Cllr Hiles NTR
12. **County Council Report:** To receive a report from County Councillor Claire Wright  
 Spotlight on unpaid carers now picking up. Themes that carers are not sufficiently supported or receiving respite care. Speed restriction assessment ongoing with trial limit reduction taking place in Newton Abbot. (20splenty.org.)
13. **District Council Report:** To receive a report from District Councillor Mr Paul Jarvis  
 No police presence/fire stations under threat.
14. **Correspondence:** Letter from Otterton Village Hall regarding Film Club. It was noted that this letter was from Otterton Village Hall in connection with equipment to be used by the Film Club and the wider community. It was unanimously agreed to donate £500.  
 Letter from Pam Chidley regarding weeding of Brick Cross – Working party to address and letter of thanks to Pam.

**Email from Cliff Cogger** (re: community watch). Otterton Community Watch is setup to provide an early warning network for the Village and surrounding remote farms and homes in the area.

Our aim is to build a network of members that can be contacted to pass on relevant information by word of mouth or social networking of incidents or problems that may affect other local community residents. We are looking to get some funding to help raise the profile as well as let possible outsiders that we are alert to any goings on in and around our area.

As you are aware we have had a positive result due to the network that is awaiting to go to court.

Website: <https://www.otterton-community-watch.co.uk/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/OttertonCommunityWatch/>

Scheme for Security screen to be fitted into homes of elderly residents who would benefit from one. Cost of £40 per camera which could be funded/Community watch signs and stickers to be used to increase profile of Community watch.

15. **Financial Matters:** To receive a note of payments and receipts for June 2019.

Agree a fund for decorative planting on public areas in the village. (item for next agenda)

Opening Balance		£13129.42
1555 BHIB	Council insurance	£310.06
1556 Sidmouth print	Printing of NP	£682.90
1557 NDC	Clerks wages	£698.19
1558 Halcyon Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£282.50
1559 Glasdon UK Ltd	Bench	£1197.08
1560 Rhino Play	Equipment in Jubilee play park	£1929.00
		<b>£8029.69</b>

16. **Items for the Next Agenda:** safeguarding policy, quotes for hedge cutting, emergency plan, fund for decorative planting.

17. **Date of Next Meeting:** To agree that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 5th August 2019**

Official opening of Tony's bench before the meeting at 7.00 p.m

Fran Mills Clerk to the Parish Council 1.7.19

Meeting closed at 21.53